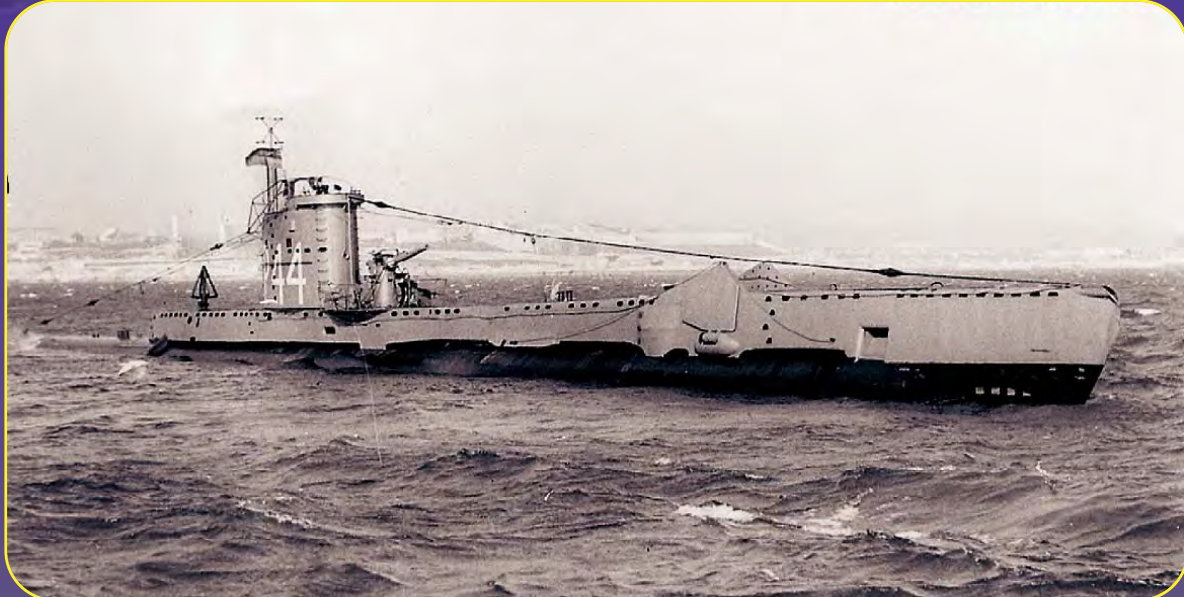


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# newsletter

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HMS United



## The March Word

Sorry I missed last month; I was away on leave and forgot to pen something before I left. I had a good leave but of course I am glad to be back. OK it's only a white lie. The standard drink on the cruise ship was anything you wanted "on the rocks".

A couple of days before I left I was one of the fortunate ones to get a seat at the Forum to see Alan Hoskins presentation on the attempt to carry out a rescue on the Kursk. It was excellent

and I am so pleased that Alan has agreed to give a repeat performance after our next meeting.

The committee have been evaluating all the work that Jan Mead has done towards the 50th Anniversary. I was about to declare what we are going to do when there was a last minute hiccup. Hopefully I will be able to tell you at the meeting but if not it will definitely be in the next newsletter.

There have been some good suggestions, one is that we should hold our 50th Anniversary meeting at the same venue



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the same venue and on the same date as the founding meeting. That would be 14th May at the Bay Horse.

Watch this space to see if it is viable.

Another was to try and contact as many relatives of the founder members as we can to join us in our celebrations. Peter Lorking was a founder member so hopefully his health will allow him to attend.

The fundraising is coming along nicely thanks to Jan Mead's initiatives and he has some more ideas in the pipeline. The more we raise the less that you the member will need to fork out so it is in your best interests to support the fund raising.

I know I sound like a stuck record but we are only one month away from our branch AGM and no has come forward yet to take from Barrie when he steps down as secretary. Choice is quite simple really, no secretary, no branch. Think about it. Other than that there is not a lot to discuss at the AGM which means either you are all happy with the way your committee is going about their business or apathy rules OK. I like to think it is the former.

Mick Mailey has been burning the midnight oil getting the membership subscription sorted out. You will very shortly be receiving your membership card. If it doesn't arrive it means that as far as Mick can ascertain you are overdue with your subs. If this is you then contact Mick without delay otherwise you will be in danger of being lapsed. With about 40% of the branch subs outstanding we just cannot afford to carry passengers.

Well that's all for now, see you at the meeting.

Dave Barlow

Chairman

## Social Secretary March 2012



First of all my apologies for missing the February meeting at which I was going to put on a quiz. The week previous I was on holiday in Tenerife and was due back on the Sunday, unfortunately we were unavoidably detained due to theft of our entire luggage and we didn't make it back until Tuesday night. Due to the wonders of modern technology!! Barrie didn't receive the e mail that I sent him forewarning him of my absence so that alternative arrangements could have been made. The quiz will be arranged for another meeting in the near future.

On to Social matters, Our next social event is the Annual Branch dinner which is being held at the Lisdoonie Hotel on Saturday 21st April 19:00 for 19:30 Cost per head is £28:00; for this you will have a three course meal with red or white wine, entertainment and of course the company of your fellow members and friends. Rig of the day for this event is branch Blazers or lounge suits. I have attached a ticket request sheet to this newsletter, maximum tables of ten. Please forward to me by the 13th April which will be the cut off date for applying.

I hope to re arrange the aborted visit to the Morecambe branch, the earliest I can see my shift pattern lining up with the dates that they hold their meetings this won't be until July, I will drive the transport but need to confirm this with the Morecambe branch.

On a personal note, at the end of June I will be attempting to do the 3 Peaks Challenge, which for those who don't know is climbing the three highest peaks in Scotland, Wales and England, the real challenge is to do this in 24 hours, but I will be doing it with an old school mate over three days, It is to support two Charities, one is Parmitters

School and the other is the Children's Cancer Trust, if you would like to sponsor me for this however small please see me at the meetings. Motto is Never volunteer for things when you've had a few scoops!!!

Colin Hutchinson

Social Secretary

### Slightly Senior Moments

If you remember the 60 you were'nt really there.

Fifty is the ultimate F-Word.

I am not 50 -- I am 18 with 32 years experience.

Your only young once but you can be immature for ever.

### The Well Turned Phrase

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

Diplomacy: The art of telling someone to go to hell in such a way that they look forward to the trip.

Those drinking to foreget please pay in advance.

Speak softly and wear a loud shirt.

Remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

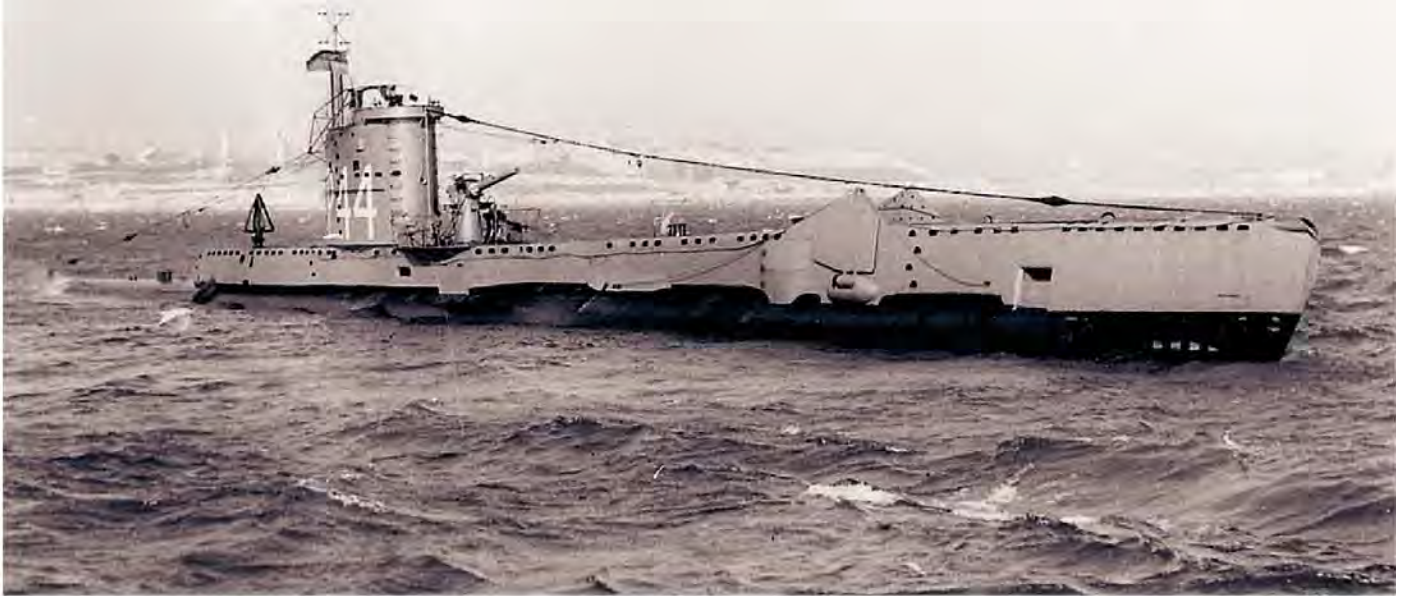






# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 40

## HMS United



**SURVIVOR:** *HMS United* served in the Second World War

**T**HE Barrow submarine *HMS United* (P44) was a U-class boat – and so far has been the only ship of the Royal Navy to bear that name.

In 1942 the boat completed work-up in the Clyde area before heading for service in the Mediterranean on April 29.

While in the Atlantic on May 7 she carried out an attack on a submarine which missed.

In June she carried out a patrol south east of Sardinia during Operation Harpoon, the transit of a Malta relief convoy through the western Mediterranean.

*United* spent most of the war in the Mediterranean, where she sank the small Italian merchant *Rostro*, the Italian auxiliary submarine chaser V 39/*Giovanna*, the Italian destroyer *Bombardiere*, the French merchant *Ste Marguerite* and the Italian merchant ship *Olbia*.

During the Allied invasion of Sicily, *United* spotted the Italian transport submarine *Remo* on the surface and sank it with a torpedo.

Another ship to come out second best to *United* was the Italian transport ship *Rosolino Pilo*, which sank after already being damaged by motor torpedo boats.

In 1944 the submarine was deployed for anti-submarine training, at first for Western Approaches escorts and then at St John's in Newfoundland, after passage via Bermuda.



**SUCCESSFUL CAREER:** *HMS United* at sea

This duty lasted from September 1944 until 26th June 1945.

The submarine then carried out visits to US ports before returning to the United Kingdom, via Bermuda, on September 9.

*United* was paid-off at Londonderry on October 14 in 1945 and placed in Reserve at Lisahally, Ulster.

Having survived the war, *United* was delivered to Troon for scrapping in February 1946.

### STATS:

- Laid down: February 25, 1941
- Launched: December 18, 1941
- Commissioned: April 2, 1942
- Displacement: 630 tons on the surface with a full load
- Length: 191ft
- Beam: 16ft
- Speed: 11.25knots on the surface and 10 knots submerged
- Armament: four bow internal 21 inch torpedo tubes.





## Barrie Downer Secretary

Thirty three Members attended the February Branch Meeting making it along to Holker Street. Several Members had brought their ladies along as it had been intended to have a Quiz after the Meeting. In the end there was no Quiz as Colin Hutchinson had, unfortunately been delayed for three days on his holiday (having had his passports stolen) and didn't arrive back in time. Unfortunately his E Mail advising this was not received so I was not able to make alternative arrangements in time. I can only apologise for this and hope members were not too inconvenienced.

There were no new Members this time. The evening seemed to go well so thanks to all Members to all who made it along. The raffle was, as us well supported and boosted our 50th Anniversary fund by another £61.00 - so thanks very much to all those who contributed.

Members are reminded that, at the March Meeting on 6th March Branch Member Alan Hoskins will give his talk on the events surrounding the unsuccessful rescue attempts for the crew of the Russian Submarine KURSK. Alan previously gave this talk at Forum 28 in January but it was so oversubscribed that the doors had to be closed for safety reasons – excluding many people. In order to get all the Branch business covered and allow Members to hear Alan's talk the Meeting will be starting an hour earlier at 1900 with the talk starting at 2000 or as soon possible after the Meeting finishes.

In January we had a reminder of the dangers of the sea when the Cruise Liner 'Costa Concordia' hit the rocks, flooded and foundered off Italy.

This month we have another reminder as another Cruise Ship the 'Costa Allegra' from the same company had a fire whilst in the Indian Ocean, lost power and was adrift for many hours. Luckily there were no casualties this time! I'm not planning to go on any cruises in the near future!

At the February Committee Meeting Mick Mailey reported that Branch membership was nominally 180 Members and the corrected list of Members is being produced and will be used to determine what we are due to pay as our National Subscription for 2012.

We are still sorting out the problem resulting from subscriptions getting somewhat confused owing to the change from £10.00 to £15.00 arising from the last NCC decisions and the subsequent reduction to £12.50 agreed at the Extraordinary NMC Meeting at the Mixed Reunion.

As reported previously some Members are outstanding their Subs for 2011 (at £10.00), some have paid £15.00 (for 2012), some have paid £12.50 (for 2012), some have paid twice at different amounts. Some Standing Orders are paid via the National Treasurer and some directly to the Branch and are still coming in at £10.00, £12.50 and at £15.00. Some Members are now underpaid and some are now overpaid the latter being due a small refund. Mick Mailey has spent many hours getting to the bottom of this with the assistance of the National Membership Secretary and the National Treasurer. The up dated listing is nearly ready and we will be contacting Members individually to make sure all are paid up at the right amounts.

Your revised Subs of £12.50 for 2012 became due on 1st January 2012 so if you are not paying by Branch Standing Order and have not yet paid your 2012 Subs please bring you cheque books and purses along to the March Branch Meeting on 6th March 2012. Mick Mailey has got your 2012 Membership Cards and your 2011 Card as well if you are outstanding the 2011 payment!

No items were raised by Branch Members for discussion at the 2012 National Council Conference in Solihull before the cut off date so we guess you are all content with the way the National Committee has been doing things?

The Agenda and supporting documentation for the National Council Conference has been received and circulated to Members.

The post of National Chairman (currently Dave Barlow) is up for election the two candidates for this post are Jim McMaster (West of Scotland) and currently National Secretary and Ted Hogben (Medway Branch) and late National Vice Chairman. The two National Committee Member positions which were available have been filled by Ian (Mad Dog) McKenzie and Colin Jones – these were the only volunteers therefore no election was required.

There are two Recommendations from the National Committee one is that the regular review of Association Rules and Constitution should be carried out three annually rather than five annually as at present. The other is that, in future from 2013, the Secretary's honorarium should be set at £350 per annum and be reviewed by the National Committee every three years. Currently it is increased annually in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but this has become unsustainable. These matters were discussed at the February Committee Meeting and will be brought before the Branch for decisions at the March Branch Meeting.

Don't forget that if you have any items for the Branch Annual General Meeting in April 2012 let the Committee know as soon as possible. Only one suggestion has been received to date and that is that the widows of former Branch Members should be remembered at Christmas.

As I advised previously we need a new Branch Secretary from April 2012 as I will be standing down after completing the final year of Ron Hiseman's last term of office followed by two full three year Terms of Office. Remember that Association Rules mean that every Branch must have a Secretary!

We also need a new Vice Chairman this year as this post has been vacant for the last year. Have a think about it and decide whether you want to take on a challenge.

You can always put yourself forward for a Secretary position, a Committee post or to help out on the Welfare or Social Teams volunteers (and help) are always welcome.



Don't forget that the Northern Ireland Branch is holding another Magennis Dinner in 2012. The dinner will be at the Wellington Park Hotel on Saturday 26th May 2012. Details were in the January Newsletter and you will need to make your own bookings and travel and accommodation arrangements. I understand that a good number of Branch Members and partners are planning to go!

Well as usual I think that's about enough from me! Remember 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. Also 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 or are going into hospital 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 or arrange visits!

Don't forget the March Branch Meeting on Tuesday 6th March starts earlier it's in the RBL Concert Room at 1900!

See you all there don't be late!

Barrie

## PENSIONS

The e-petition 'Public & Private Pension Increases change from RPI to CPI' signed by you recently reached 109,392 signatures and a response has been made to it.

This e-petition has reached 100,000 signatures. The Government has notified the Backbench Business Committee in the House of Commons who will consider its suitability for debate when Parliament returns in September. This e-petition will remain live, and people will be able to continue adding their

signatures. The Backbench Business Committee have announced that a debate relating to this e-petition will take place on Thursday 1 March 2012 in the Chamber of the House of Commons. Further information about the debate, and on the workings of the Backbench Business Committee, can be found on the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.uk/bbcm> The Government will post a further response to this petition following the debate.

View the response to the e-petition

Thanks,

HM Government e-petitions  
<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/>

## LADA CLASS

Russia has cancelled the construction of its Lada class diesel-electric submarines. Lada was the 1990s successor to the Kilo class and it was determined that there was not enough difference between the Lada and the improved Kilos being built. So Lada is no more. One Lada was built and another is under construction (and may be completed).

The Ladass have six 533mm torpedo tubes, with 18 torpedoes and/or missiles carried. The Lada has a surface displacement of 1,750 tons, are 71 meters (220 feet) long and carry a crew of 38. Each crewmember has their own cabin (very small for the junior crew, but still, a big morale boost). When submerged the submarine can cruise at a top speed of about 39 kilometers an hour (half that on the surface) and can dive to about 250 meters (800 feet). The Lada can stay at sea for as long as 50 days and can travel as much as 10,000 kilometers using its diesel engine (underwater, via the snorkel). Submerged, using battery power alone, the Lada can travel about 450 kilometers. There is also an electronic periscope (which goes to the surface via a cable) that includes a night vision capability and a

laser range finder. The Lada was designed to accept an AIP (air

independent propulsion) system. Russia was long a pioneer in AIP design but in the last decade Western European nations have taken the lead. Russia expects to have its own AIP in production within three years.

Construction on the first Lada began in 1997, but money shortages delayed work for years. The first Lada boat was finally completed in 2005. A less complex version, called the Amur, was offered for export. There were no takers.

The Ladass are designed to be fast attack and scouting boats. They are intended for anti-surface and anti-submarine operations as well as naval reconnaissance. These boats are said to be eight times quieter than the Kilos. This was accomplished by using anechoic (sound absorbing) tile coatings on the exterior and a very quiet (skewed) propeller. All interior machinery was designed with silence in mind. The sensors include active and passive sonars, including towed passive sonar. Russian submarine designers apparently believe they can install most of these quieting features into improved Kilos, along with many other Lada features.

Late last year, Russia began construction of its second "Improved Kilo" submarine. These are mostly for the export market, although the Russian Navy is buying a few more of this improved model as well. The Kilos weigh 2,300 tons (surface displacement), have six torpedo tubes, and a crew of 57.







## HMCS Corner Brook

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The Kilo class boats entered service in the early 1980s. Russia only bought 24 of them but exported over 30. It was considered a successful design, especially with export customers. But just before the Cold War ended in 1991, the Soviet Navy began work on the Lada. This project was stalled during most of the 1990s by a lack of money but was revived in the last decade.

Russia has 17 Kilos in service (and six in reserve) and six Improved Kilos on order. More than that is on order from foreign customers



The damage done to HMCS Corner Brook last summer when it hit the ocean floor was more extensive than first reported, CBC News has learned by obtaining exclusive pictures of the submarine.

The Canadian navy admitted that the submarine crashed off British Columbia in June, but it never described the amount of damage or released a photograph.

"I was gobsmacked. I had no idea that this level of damage had occurred," said Senator Colin Kenny, the former head of the Senate defence committee. "That may explain why the navy took it out of the water at night."

The submarine's damage was "horrific," Kenny said, and he worries about the state of Canada's submarine fleet and about the 60 sailors who were aboard.

"I think the psychological impact of what can be described as a near-death experience would have a profound effect on some of these individuals. I hope they are getting the care and support that they need," he added.

The submarine hit the bottom when it was 45 metres below the surface. The navy's official board of inquiry blamed

Lt.Cmdr. Paul Sutherland, the sub's captain, for the collision.

The navy released a one-page summary of the board's report on the accident. When asked about the pictures CBC News acquired, officials would only say the damage is being assessed.

Kenny said the navy's response was not good enough. The damage done to the HMCS Corner Brook was in the area in which sailors are quartered. (Obtained by CBC)

Canada bought four used British subs more than a decade ago and so far, it has spent an estimated \$3 billion on the fleet.

HMCS Chicoutimi was struck by a deadly fire just hours into its first voyage under a Canadian flag.

HMCS Victoria has a dented hull and is restricted from diving deep.

HMCS Windsor has been dismantled in Halifax, with its refit years behind schedule and millions of dollars over budget.

Not one submarine is capable of firing a torpedo.

Rear-Admiral Mark Norman, deputy commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, talked to





CBC's Power and Politics on Monday.

"When you're looking at your damaged car in the intersection, and you can drive it home, you don't really know how badly damaged it is," Norman told CBC's Evan Solomon. "It is similar to a fender bender, yes. It just happens to be a very expensive piece of equipment."

Norman also said the navy's removal of the vessel at night was purely an operational move. He said HMCS Corner Brook was pulled out of the water at 4 a.m. for two reasons.

"The height of tide. This vessel here, which you can't really see, she's in a dry dock there, a sinking dry dock, so we had to get her on top of that at sea. So it had to be done when the depth of water was the right depth so this was done safely," he said.

"The other issue was we wanted to make sure there was no major traffic in the area. Any small movement could have been serious as you're lifting 3,500 tonnes of submarine."

Some familiar with the submarine say the sub's pressure hull, the area in which the sailors are housed, may be heavily damaged and that would mean the sub will never go to sea again.

"Canada needs a submarine fleet, and to have this boat not be available would be tragic," Kenny said

**Commander**

**Graham Charles Boulderson  
Rogers RN**

Commander Graham Charles Boulderson Rogers RN on 21st February aged 78 after a long illness. Graham joined submarines in 1955 and served in HMS Sanguine, Trenchant, Turpin, Teredo, COQC July 1962, then CO of HMS Truncheon, then DNI followed by Polaris training and XO of HMS Renown (Port) in 1966. He commanded HMS Dreadnought in 1971.

A service in his memory will be

held at St. Mary's, Newton Valence on Tuesday 6th March at 2.30 pm. Parking will be in the field close by. Elizabeth has requested that attendees wear a Naval Tie where appropriate, and not too much black! She has also requested that those proposing to attend let her know so that she has a rough idea of numbers. Her address and telephone no are as follows:-

Mrs GCB Rogers  
Sledgehanger  
Newton Valence  
Alton  
Hants  
Tel No. 01420 588281



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Leicestershire & Rutland  
Branch**

**February 2012**

**D B (Bert) Fenwick**

**Petty Officer (ME)**

**P/KX 772352**

**Aged 83**

**Submarine Service 1947-1962**

**Alliance, Alaric, Teredo,  
Sturdy, Sleuth, Aeneas, Thule  
Tactician**

**West of Scotland Branch**

**February 2012**

**W (Bill) Morrison) OBE, VRD**

**Lieutenant Commander RNR**

**Aged 88**

**Submarine Service 1943-1945**

**X-3, X16, X-25 & X-11**

**Non Member**

**February 2012**

**M (Mike) O'Hara**

**OEM1**

**aged 67**

**Submarine Service  
Osiris, Olympus & Tiptoe**

**Non Member**

**February 2012**

**Simon Ponsonby**

**Lieutenant**

**Submarine Service 1980's  
including Warspite & Tireless**

**Non Member  
February 2012**

**John Peter Angell MBE, DSC  
Lieutenant Commander  
Submarine Service 1940-1946  
Torbay, Trident, H43, Seawolf,  
H34, (CO) SeaRover (CO),  
Tuna (CO), U-3041 (CO)  
U-1105 (CO)**

**Gatwick Branch**

**February 2012**

**Keith Nethercoate-Bryant  
Stoker 1st Class  
PKX 780620**

**Aged 84**

**Submarine Service  
Springer, Sportsman, Selene,  
Solent, Affray, Artemis,  
Scotsman & Tireless**

**Welsh Branch**

**February 2012**

**D M (Morris) Williams  
Telegraphist (T/O)  
D/JX 360869**

**Aged 87**

**Submarine Service 1943-1946  
Telemachus, Solent & H28**

*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.*

**Simon Ponsonby**

The funeral took place of Simon Ponsonby at Salisbury Cathedral 2nd March. Over 300 attended the service. Iain Whitehorn, Legs Dymond and I attended. Mike Hawthorne, a later member of Tireless also attended.

**From the Order of Service:**

"Simon's busy life was deeply enriched by Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. The singing of the choir within the liturgy gave him enormous spiritual strength to face each day"

As there were no flowers at the family request, donations can be made to the Salisbury Cathedral Choral Foundation.

Regards,  
Budgie Burgess





Lt Cdr A A (Al) Reay, MBE RN 'Crossed the Bar' on Friday 24th Feb 2012 at home in Helensburgh. He served as Assistant Polaris Systems Officer in RESOLUTION in the early 1970's and later became involved in the Trident Weapons System implementation programme at Faslane for which he was awarded the MBE.

## Astute Back in UK

THE most advanced submarine Britain has ever sent to sea today returned home to the Clyde after a 142-day deployment to North America for her most important series of sea trials to date.

It was also a voyage of discovery for the hunter-killer boat which was tried and tested as never before and she came through with flying colours.

She spent 77 days at sea, 65 alongside, and was inspected by 18 stars worth of American and British naval authority including the First Sea Lord and America's naval equivalent, the Chief of Naval Operations.

She 'battled' against USS New Mexico, America's newest and best Virginia-class hunter attack submarine. She deep dived, fired her Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles... and over the course of the deployment she sailed 16,400 miles.

Her Commanding Officer, Glasgow-born Cdr Iain Breckenridge, 45, was met in the Clyde by his wife, Steph and she sailed with him the last few miles to the Coulport side of HM Naval Base Clyde.

He said: "We are looking forward now to a bright future this is a submarine of tremendous capability."

Astute will never need refuelling. Her sonar can track ships 3,000 miles away and her missiles have a target range of 1,200 miles with accuracy measured in metres.

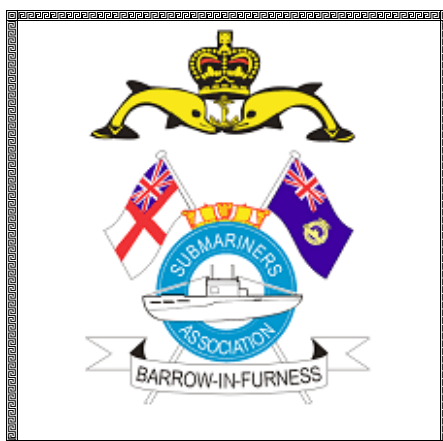
Cdr Breckenridge said: "She is one awesome piece of kit and I am very proud of the fellowship that has formed in a very fine crew."

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

March 2012	
Members Birthdays	
F. Bowen	01/03
C. Keepin	02/03
T. Henshaw	05/03
A. Hustwayte	06/03
A. Arthur	07/03
I. Wylie	13/03
C. Oswald	14/03
D. Craven	15/03
M. Cundell	15/03
H. Short	17/03
H. Weaver	23/03
R. Mead	28/03
A. Hoskins	31/03

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## News Letter

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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month ie last week of March for the April 2012 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 2012

### March

**Tue 6th Branch Meeting**  
**1900 RBL and Kursk**  
**Talk 2000**

**Tues 20th Branch Committee meeting RBL 1930**  
**W/E 30th National Conference & Members only Reunion**  
**St Johns Hotel Solihull**

### April

**Tue 3rd Annual General Meeting RBL 1930**  
**Tue 17th Branch Committee Meeting RBL 1930**  
**Sat 21st Annual Dinner Dance Lisdoonie 1900**  
**Sun 22nd St Georges day parade**





# Solve the submarine wordsquare

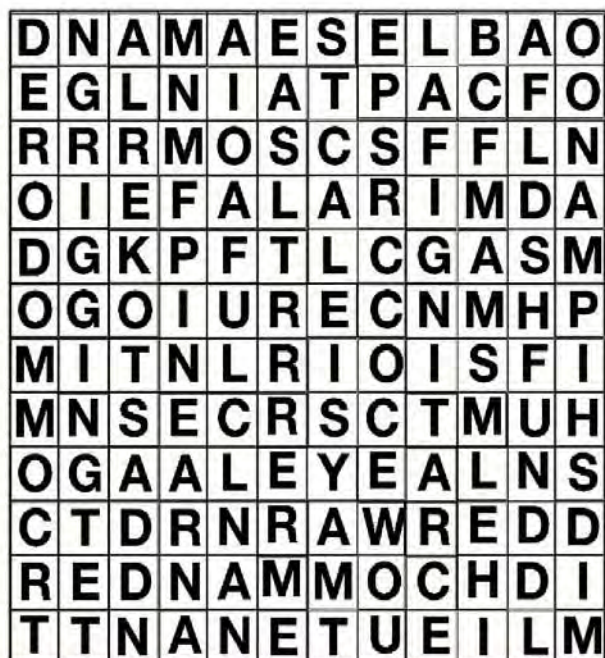
We hope you enjoyed last month's wordsquare. If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page.

This month's wordsquare is based on a dozen naval jobs and titles. See if you can find all 12.

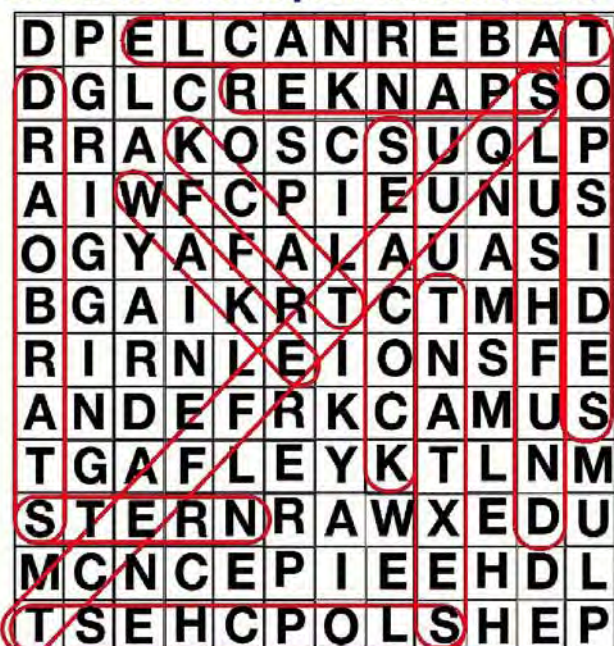
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## CLUES

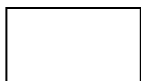
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| 2. CAPTAIN     | 8. COMMANDER      |
| 3. RATING      | 9. MIDSHIPMAN     |
| 4. ABLE SEAMAN | 10. OFFICER CADET |
| 5. STOKER      | 11. MATE          |
| 6. COMMODORE   | 12. PURSER        |



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



CLUES: Sir Alan West, First Sea Lord, performing the Keel Laying Ceremony for the third of the new Astute Class nuclear-powered submarines at BAE Systems shipyard in Barrow last year. Can you find the rank of Admiral in our wordsquare?



**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION –**  
**BARROW BRANCH**



**For:**

***ANNUAL DINNER DANCE***

**Date:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012

**Venue:** LISDOONIE HOTEL - Dress Lounge suits / Branch Blazers

**Cost:** £28 per person – Welcoming drink, 3 course meal, wine, live band and of course excellent company.

Please help by completing this form to fill a round table of 10 people if possible.  
If you do not mind who you are seated with just add your name to any form with vacant seats.

<i>Name:</i>	<i>No:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Beef (B) Turkey(T) Salmon (S)</i>	<i>WINE (R) or(W)</i>
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**Branch Annual Dinner Lisdoonie Hotel 2012**

**Menu**

To start choice of:

***Soup***  
***Fruit Juice***

Main Course choice of:

***Roast Beef with all accompaniments***

***Poached Salmon fillet with Creamy Prawn and  
Tomato Sauce***

***Full choice of Sweets***

***Cheese and Biscuits***

***Tea or Coffee with Mints***

***Choice of Red or White wine***