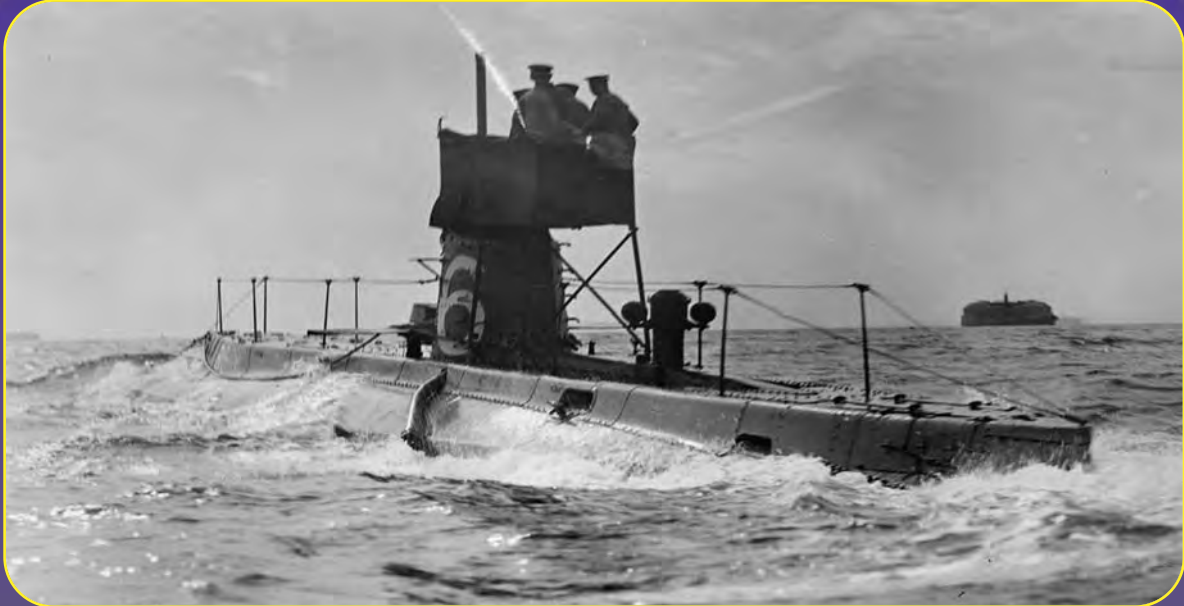


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# newsletter

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HMS B6



## The April Word

As you read this I will have stood down as the National Chairman but as I penned this prior to the conference I do not know who the lucky chap is who is taking over. What it does mean though is that I will be able to devote more time to the branch activities and responsibilities as your Chairman.

My first year as the Barrow Branch Chairman comes to a close, so how did I find it. I must say that in the main I have enjoyed this year and look forward to continuing.

Not all roses of course but that comes with the position. I have changed a couple of small things and have speeded up the meetings a bit. I think it is important that we should try to socialise as much as possible and keep the formalities to a minimum. To that end it is not uncommon for the committee meetings to go on for 1½ to 2 hours but if it means keeping the main monthly meetings shorter then so be it. By the way anybody is welcome to attend a committee meeting to see what goes on.

A couple of meetings ago we discussed the problem of some of our members not being able to attend meetings due to the lack



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of suitable public transport or going out on the streets on a dark night. I have a couple of volunteers who are willing to fetch and return members to their home afterwards who wishes to attend but can't. Please let us know and I will arrange for someone to come and collect you.

The major activity during the last year has been getting the 50th Anniversary planning off the ground and thanks mainly to Jan Mead we are now well on the way.

The original Plan A to have our main function in the Town Hall has had to be shelved due to the limitations on numbers, the poor cooking facilities and the additional costs associated with opening the Town Hall on a weekend. Our prime Anniversary Function will be a Black Tie Ball to be held in the Forum on Saturday 18th May 2013. I attended the Mayors Charity Ball there last Saturday and it was very good.

The ambience was good, the food good, cost of drinks was reasonable so I believe we have made a good choice and it is somewhere different.

We were very conscious that we are the Barrow Branch so we should have our main event in Barrow and not go beyond the boundary even though there were some attractive options. There will of course be other activities going on during the year and I will let you know as they come to fruition. In the meantime we are busy fund raising to ensure that the cost is kept to acceptable levels for our members.

We have already raised circa £2800 with more to come. Please support us in this as at the end of the day it is you, our members, who will benefit. If you have any ideas on how we can celebrate our 50th year it is not too late to come forward and tell us.

Last Christmas I initiated an idea to do more for our widows and was very pleased with the

response and support I received from you all.

This allowed us to provide a Christmas Hamper and every one of the ladies has written thanking us for our kindness. I hope that with your support we can continue to help our widows each year in some small way.

The April Annual General Meeting will be the last at which Barrie Downer will act as our secretary. I would like it put on record the branches gratitude for all that he has done for the us since he took over seven years ago. Barrie has ensured that we are always kept up to date in what is going on and he has made my job that much easier. He has now retired from the Shipyard and will be going up north to live in Scotland once he gets his current house sold and a new one bought.

Thanks Barrie, and all the best for whatever the future holds for you and Margaret. I must also thank Margaret as without her support Barrie would not have been able to devote the time in ensuring the branch functions as smoothly as it has done.

Whilst I don't wish to duplicate anything that our Treasurer Mick Mailey will say at the AGM, he has had rather a torrid time recently trying to manage the increase in subscriptions and collect the same from the members.

This has not been helped by many of you still in arrears for last year never mind this, along with standing orders not being amended to reflect the subscription increases at the national level. If you are in arrears or even if you think you just might be give Mick a ring or email and he will be able to advise.

So, what's on the horizon?

The Voce evening in January was such a success that we have decided to repeat it.

There will be a slight difference in that there will be a female singer to entertain us in addition to the main Voce group.

We hope to keep the cost of tickets at the same ridiculously low price as the first time at just £5. Go to see them anywhere else and you will be paying double that. Put Friday July 27th in your diary and we will let you know as soon as we start to sell tickets.

This in part is a summer event as there will not be a BBQ social this year.

Regards

Dave Barlow

Chairman

## Question

*Has anyone ever swam the solent from Portsmouth to the Isle of white.*



Gus Britton (1922-1997) was a Royal Navy swimming champion at 100 yds and 200 yds and a leading signalman in Submarines who completed 17 war patrols.

On leaving the Navy he was a Butlins redcoat swimming instructor, then became a physical training instructor in France with a ladies convent.

Eventually he returned home to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum where he became respected as a researcher and museum archivist.

At the age of 65 he swam from Stokes bay across to the Isle of White and back to raise money for the Submarine old Comrades Association. Five years later he performed a parachute jump into the Solent for the Submarine memorial fund.

Gus recieved his MBE from the Queen in 1995. Sadly not long afterwards, he died aged 74.

Info sent in by Cid Madin





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 41

## HMS B6



**AT SEA:** *HMS B6* served in the First World War

**T**HE Barrow-built submarine *HMS B6* was completed for the Royal Navy in 1906 as part of the B-class.

*B6* was deployed to the Mediterranean soon after the outbreak of the First World War.

Due to a shortage of spare parts this group of submarines was not used until after September 1915.

In 1917 the Italian Navy converted *B6* into to surface patrol boat *S6* to serve in the Adriatic.

The *B6* was sold in 1921 to the firm of Francotosti, based in Malta.

This submarine started its short career with diving planes only fitted at the stern.

Other boats in the class had extra planes mounted on the conning tower which improved depth-keeping, surfacing and diving abilities compared to the A-class boats.

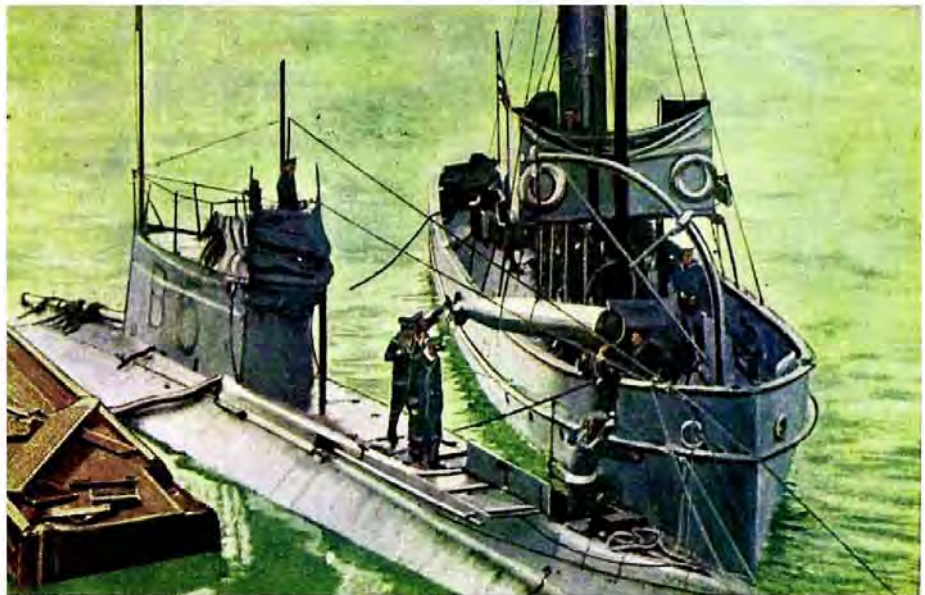
These were later exchanged for bow planes; the last boat to receive them being *B6* in January 1916.

The B-class submarines lacked any internal bulkheads which exposed the crew to the petrol engine's exhaust fumes.

Mice were used to detect any concentrations of carbon monoxide inside the hull.

Ventilation was provided for the batteries, but not for the crew's living area.

Crew were only expected to be spend four days on patrol during the summer and three days in winter.



**CASH AND CARRY:** *HMS B6* taking on torpedoes from a supply ship

The submarine hulls were tested to a nominal depth of 100ft (30.5m) but the maximum operational depth was considered to be 50ft (15.2m).

The B-class submarines had a single 16-cylinder petrol engine designed to produce 600hp through a single propeller.

Submerged, the submarine used an electric motor powered by battery cells which only kept the boat at full speed for three hours and 45 minutes.

This was increased as more powerful batteries were fitted.

### STATS:

- Speed: 12kn (22km/h; 14mph) surfaced and 6.5kn (12km/h; 7.5mph) submerged
- Displacement: 287 tons surfaced and 316 tons submerged
- Length: 135ft (41m)
- Range: 1,300nm (2,400 km) at 8 kn (15 km/h) surfaced
- Armament: A pair of 18in (460mm) bow torpedo tubes
- Beam: 12ft 7in (3.8m)
- Test depth: 100ft (30.5m)
- Complement: 15





## Barrie Downer Secretary

Well here we are in April the clocks have gone forward Spring appears to have arrived and this is my last (84th) Secretary's Dit for the News letter as I am standing down as your Branch Secretary from this year's Annual General Meeting. I know that you will continue to support my successor as you have all supported me for which my thanks to everyone.

Seven years is about enough for anyone and it's time for someone else to have a go.

So what have been the highlights over those seven years? Well, nationally, there were the Reunions at Canary Wharf, Coventry, Nottingham and Blackpool! I never did get to a Liverpool Reunion Conferences at Derby, Belfast, Barrow and Blackpool. National Draws at the Submarine Museum and the Vickerstown Institute not to mention various National Management Committee meetings at the Union Jack Club and other places.

There was also the Magennis Dinner in Belfast Town Hall where we were well looked after by the Northern Ireland Branch.

Locally there have been all those Dinner Dances and Ladies Nights at the Lisdoonie and now the Abbey House, Barbeques (sadly no longer in our programme nor is the Vickerstown Institute!), Christmas Socials (at the Roose Cons and RBL), Branch Visits to Morecambe Bay, Blackpool, Leyland and Faslane plus the K13 weekends.

So what changes have there been in the Branch?

Various Branch Officers have changed, Membership has increased significantly and some despite fluctuations now averages about 170. Partly the result of the increased Membership the Branch now meets at the RBL in Holker Street and, sadly The Harbour closed soon after we moved and remains shut although more to do with the brewery than us moving on. Branch funds remain healthy and should be more than

sufficient to meet the costs of the Branch 50th Anniversary in 2013 especially with several more fund raising events planned for this year.

What else? Well we managed to complete the Heritage Paintings Collection finishing the task started by Bill Cole, Dave Tull and the others back in 2000.

As I write this the documentation for a formal loan of the Paintings Collection to the Council is being finalised with Sabine Skea at the Dock Museum.

We have managed to include all those paintings into the Big Book 'Dive! Dive! Dive! Barrow Built Submarines the Best!'

To date the initial buy of 400 books have been sold more than covering the initial outlay and almost half of the second buy of 100 have also been sold and will benefit Branch funds.

The Branch History has been researched, written and included in the History Booklet written to record 'The First Fifty Years of the Submarine Old Comrades Association/Submariners Association' and Branch Members contributed a number of poems which were included in the 'Anthology of Submarine Poetry' produced for the Submariners Association.

Two plans which have not come to fruition despite considerable effort by a large number of Branch Members and other volunteers have been the establishment of the Submarine Heritage Centre and inclusion of HMS ONYX as its centrepiece. The former may yet succeed with good will by all parties but the latter is probably now a lost cause.

At the next Branch Meeting which as you all know is the 49th Annual General Meeting we will vote for the New Secretary, a replacement for John Houlding as Vice Chairman and to confirm in post the volunteers for the Committee.

We will also be getting a round up of events over the last year from the Branch Officers. Mick Dack will give us an update on events at the National Council Conference and advise us who is to be the new National Secretary in place of Dave Barlow who is

standing down from that role after three full terms mind you Dave will be fully occupied as your Branch Chairman and in the arrangements for the 50th Anniversary.

Meanwhile I will take a backseat and take what I think is a well earned rest!

Best wishes  
Barrie

## HMS Tally Ho



An amateur antiques collector was shocked to discover a Second World War relic he snapped up for £90 at a car boot sale is worth at least £10,000.

Retired police officer Philip McKeiver, 67, couldn't believe his luck after stumbling across the name plate from a submarine at a village fair near Knutsford.

The HMS Tally Ho was named by Winston Churchill in 1942 and became famous for sinking scores of Japanese and German battleships.

It was decommissioned in 1967 and later sold for scrap but the brass name plate laid un discovered for more than 40 years.

Philip said: "I normally collect medals. But just in the last 12 months or so I've started collecting antiques as well.

"I was at a fair in a small village near Knutsford.

"I was at a stall and this woman said I've not got any medals but I've got this old submarine badge. Instinct just told me to buy it."

Philip, of Royle Green Road, Northenden, bought the badge for just £90 but has since had it valued by auctioneers Sotheby's in London who estimated it to be worth at least £10,000. He is now waiting for it to be authenticated by the Portsmouth Submariners Association and will then decide whether to sell the



item or donate it to a museum.

Philip said: "I was pretty excited when I found out how much it was worth. It's quite an impressive looking piece of equipment.

"I've had lots of interest from museums and collectors. It's just a bit of luck really – it could have gone missing for another 40 years or never been found at all."

The Tally Ho spent most of WW2 hunting down enemy battleships and submarines.

Ref Manchester Evening News  
26th march

## Social Secretary April 2012



My apologies for not being at the April AGM, due to being on Nightshift!

Once again it's that time of year to report on the social events of the last year and to let you know what you can expect socially in the coming year, it also gives me the chance to thank all those that have supported the branch and helped during the social events.

A brief summary of social events in 2011:

We began our 2011 social programme with a first footing visit to our good friends at the Morecambe branch on the 7th January, where the usual suspects attended, as usual a good time was had by all and our thanks go to John Houlding for again being the volunteer driver.

The K13 memorial took place on the weekend of 28th – 30th of January, and a number of our members attended.

Our February meeting on the 1st was an invite to the Ladies to join us and Ian Walsh kindly organized and run the Quiz in my absence.

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 Barlow's speech was entertaining and Shindig were excellent as usual, with members and guests dancing the night away long after the band had finished. In June there was a good turn out from the Ladies who after the meeting participated in the quiz which was gratefully organized by Ian Walsh..... who would give Bamber Gasgoine a good run for his money!!

On July 23rd Jan Mead and his helpers organised a Rock and Roll night at the RBL to raise funds for our 50th Anniversary celebrations, it was very well supported and went some way to assisting Jans fund raising efforts for our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

I thought the band were excellent, although a disproportionate number of raffle prizes went to the Chairman's table!!!

Our Ladies night dinner dance saw a change of venue this year by request from branch members to the Abbey House Hotel. It was very well received by most members, the meal was different to what we normally have and although I received some negative comments from some I believe the majority of folk had a very enjoyable evening. It will be held at the Abbey House again this year and I will ensure that any problems that we had will be ironed out. The entertainment was provided by Denis Horan which was refreshing and different to what we normally have.

December saw our annual Christmas social evening with a good attendance and plenty of food and raffle prizes, although this year I thought the atmosphere was a little subdued compared to other years.

On January 20th Jan organized

a very successful evening at the RBL where "Voce" performed, this was put on by Jan as part of our fundraising for the 50th Anniversary, tickets were a very reasonable £5 per head and was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all who attended and of course brought valuable funds into the branch.

This years events:

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.

There will be a summer event sometime in the summer and this will be a fundraising event towards next year.

November 9th is the Ladies night Black tie Dinner and dance which is being held at the Abbey House Hotel.

Through out this year there will be events being run to raise funds to help celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2013. Please support Jan Mead and the organizing team in these events because it will help subsidise the costs of our celebrations next year.

I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to myself and the organized social events. Your support for the raffles is as always fantastic and





this helps to keep the costs of social events down.

I said last year that I would be standing down as Social Secretary at the end of 2011, but was persuaded to carry on as no volunteer was forthcoming to step into the breach, I will be standing down at the end of this year as I believe that a fresh face and approach is needed and I am finding it hard to combine my work and personal life to give what you deserve from a Social Secretary at this time. I will however continue to work with the 50th Anniversary committee to help organise events for next year. So if you feel you can take on the role of organizing our Social events please put your name forward to the committee.

Don't forget if you have suggestions for social events please don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the committee.

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary

## Argentina submarine claim 'baseless', says Nick Clegg

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg has said "insinuations" by Argentina that the UK sent a nuclear-armed submarine to the South Atlantic are "baseless".

Tensions have been rising in recent months between the two countries over the future of the Falkland Islands.

Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman reportedly told a summit that an "extra-regional power" had sent the submarine to the area.

Mr Clegg said Argentina seemed "keen to rattle cages in any way they can".

It is the latest development in an ongoing argument between the UK and Argentina as the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War approaches.

Mr Clegg and Mr Timerman are both attending the international nuclear security summit in the South Korean capital, Seoul.

### Treaty

It was reported last month that the UK had deployed a nuclear-powered but conventionally armed Trafalgar class submarine to the ocean around the Falklands something the Ministry of Defence has refused to confirm or deny.

However, Mr Timerman subsequently told the United Nations that Britain had, in fact, sent a nuclear-armed Vanguard class submarine in violation of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which guarantees Latin America as a nuclear weapons-free zone.

British officials said Mr Timerman had repeated the allegation at the meeting in Seoul, referring to an "extra-regional power" which had deployed a submarine "capable of carrying nuclear weapons" in the South Atlantic.

In his address to the conference, Mr Clegg said he was "duty-bound to respond to the insinuations made by the Argentinean delegation of militarisation of the South Atlantic by the British government".

"These are unfounded, baseless insinuations," he said.

"As I'm sure our colleague from Argentina knows, the United Kingdom ratified the protocols to the treaty in 1969... which guarantees a nuclear weapons-free zone covering Latin America and the Caribbean.

"We have respected those obligations since 1969 and we will continue to do so."

The status of the Falklands, known in Argentina as the Malvinas, is still a highly sensitive issue for Buenos Aires.

It has called on the UK to enter into negotiations over the islands' future something Britain has refused to do.

## Escape Equipment



The Survitec Group of Britain reports the Canadian navy has issued a single-source tender for its MK11 Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment.

"We are extremely proud to supply our Submarine Escape and Immersion Equipment to the (Canadian navy)," said Chris Pugh-Bevan, Submarine Escape and Survival manager at Survitec Group.

We will continue to focus our research and design efforts into SEIE to ensure we maintain our status as world leaders."

The SEIE MK 11 escape suits are an upgrade to the RFD Beaufort MK10 equipment now in use. It allows free ascent from a stricken submarine and provides protection from hypothermia for the submariner on the surface. Components of the suit include an internal thermal liner and gas-inflated single-seat life raft.

With the suit, a sailor can travel toward the surface at a safe rate of about 6-9 feet a second from a depth of about 600 feet.

Survitec said that it is also supplying the Canadian navy with training suits.





## Boomers Put Down

Russia has again changed its mind about retiring its Akula ("Typhoon" in the West) SSBNs (nuclear powered ballistic missile subs). Two years ago Russia announced that at least two of the Akulas would be returned to service. But now that the Bulava SLBM (Sea Launched Ballistic Missile) has entered service and the new Borei SSBN has passed its sea trials, the risk of being with too few SSBN has passed. The Akulas are no longer needed and the remaining three will be disposed of. Six of these 24,000 ton "boomers" (missile subs) were built in the 1980s, and three have already been scrapped. The others were to be retired because they were so expensive to operate. Two were retired, and these were the ones to be brought back into service. But in the last two years this was delayed as navy officials struggled with the huge costs.

These boats were the largest submarines ever built and each carried twenty of the huge (16 meters long and 2.4 meters in diameter, 90 ton) R-39 SLBNs. These missiles have all been retired from service. One of the Akulas had some of its missile silos converted to test fire the new Bulava SLBM, to be used on the new Borei SSBNs. The other two Akulas were to be taken out of retirement, with their silos converted to fire the smaller (12.1 meters long and two meters in diameter) Bulava SLBM. These refurbished Akulas were to remain in service at least until 2019.

The Akulas were built to complement, not replace, the existing Delta IVs and both classes are now to be replaced by new Boreis (which are closer in design to the Delta IVs). The Boreis are 170 meters (558 feet) long and 13 meters (42 feet) in diameter. Surface displacement is 15,000 tons and 16 Bulava SLBMs are carried.

## Cost Cutting in a Mess

THE officers' mess, that military sanctuary where senior personnel can unwind with comrades, is to be sacrificed as part of a navy cost-cutting plan.

Chief of Navy Vice-Admiral Ray Griggs has adopted the recommendations of a review into the price of feeding personnel on naval bases.

Traditionally officers and other ranks have dined in separate facilities and have been served alcohol in segregated bars.

Twenty years ago the mess was the heart and soul of the military because most people lived on base but rental allowances have enabled sailors to live nearby, meaning they often go home rather than using military facilities.

Messes are being targeted across the three services in a fresh wave of cost cutting - the army and the RAAF will follow suit.

"The focus of the review has been to ensure that future defence hospitality and catering arrangements remain effective, consistent with contemporary standards, and affordable without impacting upon capability delivery," Admiral Griggs said.

Admiral Griggs also said that Defence spends about \$130 million each year on internal catering and hospitality to provide subsidised meals and refreshments at dozens of military bases.

"On the issue of bar hour opening and closing times, which was also identified as an under-utilised service, further analysis is under way and I expect to make an announcement in relation to navy reforms in this area later in 2012," he said. The first base to be affected will be HMAS Penguin at Balmoral followed by HMAS Kuttabul at Garden Island, HMAS Stirling in WA, HMAS Albatross at Nowra, HMAS Cairns in Queensland and HMAS Harman in Canberra.



## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Southampton Branch**  
March 2012

**R (Ray) Comiash**  
LM(E)

**Submarine Service in Thule,  
Tactician, Artful, Tiptoe,  
Thermopylae**

**Scottish Branch**  
9th March 2012

**Henry Carty (Paddy) Gowan**  
MID, OBE  
Commander  
Aged 97

**Submarine Service 1939-1965**  
Sealion, Rover, Trusty,  
H44 (CO), Untiring (CO),  
Ultor (CO), Sidon (CO),  
Statesman (CO), Amphion  
(CO). Tireless (CO) & SM6

**Non Member**  
21st Feb

**David Terence Whitbread**  
Petty Officer TI  
Submarine Service in Onyx  
Otter

**Gosport Branch**  
23rd March 2012  
**R (Bob) Ramson**  
Leading Signalman  
P/JX 371360

**Aged 85**  
**Submarine Service 1948-1965**  
Aurochs, Selene, Teredo  
Tiptoe & Upstart

**John (Ken) Chapman**  
31st January 2012  
PO Mech  
Aged 95

**Submarine Service 1935-1947**  
Trident, Osiris & Thule

**Sidney Harrison (Cook)**  
February 2012

**Aged 66**

**Submarine Service 1962-1985**  
Tabbard, Opossum, Onyx,  
Warspite & Conqueror

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



## The Editor

With Barrie Downer stepping down from the secretary's position it remains for me to say he has made an exceptional contribution to our monthly news letter in a number of ways, by far the biggest was the monthly secretary's dit along with other dits used in conjunction with indepth.

It should not be foregotten that Barrie also took over the editorship of this newsletter when I stood down for a 6 month period.

Barrie dits kept us all very well informed, he will be a hard act to follow.

Regards

Ben

2012 National Council  
Conference

'At the 2012 National Council Conference and Reunion in Solihull Jim McMaster was elected National Chairman to replace Dave Barlow who has now stood down. Jim McMaster will also remain in post as National Secretary until a replacement can be identified and voted in.

Dave Barlow was appointed an Honorary Vice President of the Submariners Association and was also awarded a Patron's Commendation by Admiral Lord Boyce in recognition of Daves long and valuable service as firstly, National Vice Chairman and then secondly, as National Chairman of the Submariners association for three 'three year' terms.'


### Got Attitude

Those of you that thing you know it all are very annoying to those of us that do know it all.

I don't suffer from stress I am a carrier.

To many freaks, not enough circuses.

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



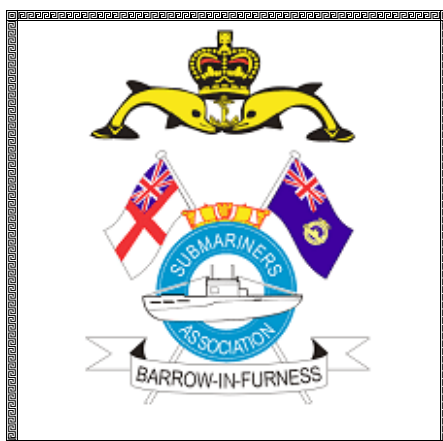
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## Members Birthdays

J. Dalton	01/04
T. Rawbone	02/04
A. hookway	02/04
W. Lorking	03/04
S. Taylor	08/05
R. Anderson	10/04
R. Hiseman	12/04
T. Nimmo	14/04
A. Pitts	15/04
J. Hart	18/04
S. May	18/04
D. dunford	19/04
D. baker	23/04
G. Buxton	24/04
I. Winstanley	28/04
J. Houlding	29/04
M. Freeman	30/04

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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 April for the May 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

### 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**

### May

**Tue 1st Monthly Meeting 2000 RBL**  
**Tue 15th Branch Committee meeting 1930 RBL**  
**w/e 26th Magennis memorial dinner**  
**Belfast NI Branch**





# 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 recent Defence Secretaries. See if you can find all 12 who have served since 1986.

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@cnmedia.co.uk](mailto:bill.myers@cnmedia.co.uk)

## CLUES

1. BROWNE

2. REID

3. FOX

4. RIFKIND

5. AINSWORTH

6. HUTTON

7. HAMMOND

8. HOON

9. KING

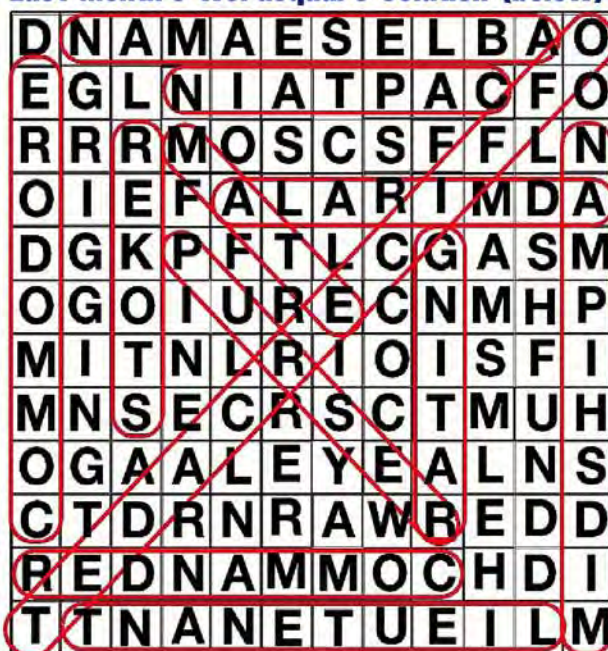
10. PORTILLO

11. ROBERTSON

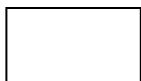
12. YOUNGER



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



CLUES: Martin Arter, left, from BAE Systems with Michael Portillo MP after he joined the shipyard board as a non executive director. Mr Portillo was shown around *Albion* on a flying visit to Barrow. Michael Portillo is one of the 12 names of Defence Secretaries hidden in the 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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**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***