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newsletter

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HMS M1



The June Word

Phew, what weather we are having. It's definitely BBQ weather. Just as well as I am taking the family on a canal cruise for a week and if it stays like this it will be heaven. Right hand on the tiller, left with a glass of cider or wine – what could be better? What this means is that I will miss the June meeting so please accept my apologies. Fortunately we elected a Vice Chairman (Ken Collins) at the recent AGM so you will be in good hands. Earlier in May the Ambush CO (Cdr Peter Green) cleared lower deck for

their regular communication meeting. I was invited and given the opportunity to address the crew and give a short presentation on the Submariners Association. Hopefully this will result in a few more members but as the submarine will be leaving Barrow in the not too distant future I expect that any new recruits will join other more appropriate branches. I also took the opportunity to present the XO, Lt Cdr Peter Noblett with a cheque for £100. This was a donation for him completing the London Marathon and the money will go to the Alliance Appeal.



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I had to go down to Portsmouth last week for a meeting to discuss how the various Naval Associations can work more closely together whilst retaining their tribal identity. It was a very good meeting and dispelled the fears that it was an attempt by the RNA to takeover the various associations of which there are many.

The outcome was that a smaller working group was set up which included the SA to debate the various issues raised and propose ways on how we can work more closely to our combined benefits. It was interesting that many of the Associations, even some smaller than us, have charitable status and we did seek out the Naval Solicitor for advice in this area as we are not currently a charity. It is early days and there are many questions to be answered before we could contemplate being a charity and at the moment I am not sure that it would be to our benefit. Let's wait and see shall we?

Whilst down there I popped across to the Submarine Museum to get some slops for Alan West. If you need a blazer badge or miniature Dolphin tie tack then see Alan.

Work on the Alliance 'refit' has obviously started as there were cranes and bulldozers scuttling about and it looked just like

your proverbial dockyard. Just looking from the outside it seems that it is years overdue as she really is a mess, so if we want to retain our primary heritage artefact then we will still need to dig deep and ensure that it gets the full monty so that it lasts for many years to come.

Talking of which, some of the Ambush boys are attempting the daunting three peaks challenge all in aid of the Alliance Appeal. Hopefully there will be a further article in this newsletter explaining exactly how to donate. Best of luck lads.

Finally don't forget that we are having another evening of song with Voce on Friday 27th July at the RBL.

We have kept the tickets at £5 so come along and enjoy a fabulous group and help us raise funds for the 50th Anniversary.

See you next month.

Dave

Slightly Senior Moments

Forget Food health I need all the preservatives I can get.

My Idea of house work is to sweep the floor with a glance.

Social Secretary June 2012



I hope you are all well and enjoying the fine weather we are having at the moment. Its very quiet on the social front at the moment with nothing to report on at the moment although work is going on in the background with organizing events for next years 50th anniversary celebrations which I am sure either Jan or the Chairman will update you with shortly.

Next month I hope to put on a quiz at the July monthly meeting with of course an invite to the Ladies.

Future events include a Summer event with VOCE in July and of course the Ladies night dinner at the Abbey House hotel on November 9th.

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

Iranian Subs

Iran's state TV (29th May) is reporting the country's navy relaunched one of its Russian made submarines after repairing its systems with locally-made replacement parts.

Iran has tried to build a self sufficient military program since 1992.

The Tuesday report says that navy personnel overhauled the Taregh, one of its three Kilo class submarines, replacing 18,000 components including radar-evading cover, engine parts, propellers and radars.

State TV showed video of the relaunch from a dry dock in an Iranian port.

Iran added the three Kilo class submarines to its underwater fleet in early 1990s soon after it founded its submarine unit. Several smaller Iranian built submarines have also been deployed by its navy.



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 23

HMS M1



BIZARRE DESIGN: The Barrow-built *HMS M1* had to surface to reload its huge deck gun

LORD Jackie Fisher submitted a proposal in August of 1915 to mount a 60-ton 12-inch gun from a battleship in front of the conning tower on a submarine.

It would search for a target at periscope depth of 30 feet and fire with about six feet of the gun barrel above the surface.

The idea was eventually approved with orders placed for four of them in 1916, two at Vickers and two with Armstrong Whitworth using the keels of *K18*, *K19*, *K20* and *K21*.

The first to be ready was the Barrow-built *M1* in April 1918.

Having survived the First World War, *M1* sank with the loss of her entire crew in 1925.

The vessels were originally intended as coastal bombardment vessels but their purpose changed before detailed design began.

M1 was eventually fitted with a 12-inch (305mm) gun which was intended for use against surface ships in preference to torpedoes.

The gun had a effective range of 15,000 yards (14km) but the gunners had to sink or disable the target with the first shot, because the gun could only be loaded on the surface.

In 1923, water leaking into the barrel of the gun resulted in extensive damage to the muzzle when it was fired.

She sank with all 69 hands on 12 November 1925 while on an exercise in the English Channel.

A Swedish ship, called *SS Vidar*, struck the submerged *M1* and sank her in 70m of water.



TRIBUTE: A scale model showing the inside of the gun turret on *HMS M1*

The collision tore the gun from the hull and water flooded the interior through the open loading hole.

The crew members appear to have tried to escape by flooding the interior and opening the escape hatch, but their bodies were never found.

Her wreck was discovered by a diving team led by Innes McCartney in 1999 at a depth of 73m.

Later that year, the wreck was visited again by Richard Larn and a BBC TV documentary crew, and the resulting film was broadcast in March 2000.

The wreck is designated as a

protected place under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986.

STATS:

- Length: 295ft 9in (90.14m)
- Displacement: 1,950 long tons (1,980t) submerged
- Operational base: Portsmouth
- Launched: July 9 in 1917
- Propulsion: A pair of 12-cylinder Vickers diesel engines of 1,200bhp each and four electric motors of 400bhp
- Speed: 15 knots on the surface or nine knots submerged
- Range: 2,500 miles on the surface at 16 knots or 10 miles submerged.



Ron Hiseman Secretary



I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine we have been having for the past week or so. It really does make a change.

Since taking over from Barrie I have had some e-mails returned from those listed below. I have asked Ben to send a one off hard copy of the Newsletter to them this month to allow them to e-mail me at this Address ronhiseman@tiscali.co.uk so we get in contact again.

Dave Duncombe
Adam Hookway
Ben Rodgers

Unfortunately the Branch attended two funerals one after the other early in the month, the first an ex-submariner but not a Branch member John Frater. This was followed by one of our widows Christine Breeze. Christine had a good send off with the Crem absolutely packed and Alan Jones conducting the service.

On another matter the Branch has been able to help out HMS Turbulent. We had a request to source some photographs of the launch and commissioning for the de-commissioning brochure. As this was before the digital age they were having difficulty getting their hands on some. Thanks to the Branch and BAE SYSTEMS they have been supplied with some photo's and order of service and other memorabilia. Well done to all who helped. I have asked if we can have a copy for Branch records.

The application forms for the Mixed Reunion 2012 are out and most of you will have received them via e-mail. If anyone hasn't received them and would like a copy please contact me. The Reunion will be held at The St Johns Hotel Solihull on Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September 2012. Please send applications direct to Dave Barlow.

The Armed Forces day is on Saturday 30th June. Prior to this there is a Flag raising ceremony in the Town Hall on Monday 25th. Alan Jones is

liaising with the Town Hall. A good turn out from the Branch is requested.

Due to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations happening on Tuesday the Branch committee took the decision to shift the June meeting to **Wednesday 6th June**. Please do not turn up on the Tuesday.

Continue to enjoy the weather and I hope to see you on the Wednesday

HMS ALLIANCE

As submariners we have an inherent link to HMS ALLIANCE, as at some point in our careers we have all visited the Submarine Museum and been taken on the worlds quickest part 3 walk round.

At present HMS ALLIANCE is in dire need of a major refit and is the top priority of the First Sea Lord for heritage fund raising. Funds are needed to enable this refit to happen and also to create a new dock to show off the world's most accessible historic submarine.

You have to remember that HMS ALLIANCE was a Barrow built submarine.

HMS AMBUSH is entering two teams of five to take part in this year BAE 3 Peaks Challenge, to complete the orientation of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowden in 24 hours to help raise money for the Alliance Appeal.

We have set up a fund raising site on www.justgiving.com which is linked into the Alliance Appeals main fund raising site. Please give what you can to enable the next generation of Submariners to enjoy what the Submarine Museum does best, by showing off our unique history in the best way possible. Please pass onto as many people as you can.

MANY THANKS

<http://www.justgiving.com/HMS-AMBUSH-3-Peaks-challenge>

Allan Grover
HMS AMBUSH-POCA
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Submarines

HMS ASTUTE SUBMARINE GROUNDING WAS CAUSED BE NAVIGATION AND PLANNING ERRORS

Telegraph, 23 April 2012

An official inquiry into the grounding of the nuclear powered attack submarine HMS Astute has blamed the incident on poor navigation and lax adherence to procedure, as well as several equipment deficiencies. Astute became stuck to a submerged bank near the Isle of Skye in October 2010 while completing sea trials, and was damaged further in a collision with a tug that was sent to assist the submarine.

The report filed by the board of inquiry claimed that the grounding was the result of 'non-adherence to correct procedures for the planning and execution of the navigation combined with a significant lack of appreciation by the Officer of the Watch (OOW) of the proximity of danger,' though media reports included few further details.

The commanding officer of the boat was relieved of command as a result of the incident.

The well turned Phrase

Things are more like they are today than they ever were before.

Every thing should be made as simple as possible, but no simple.

If something goes without saying let it.





Israel 'fitting nuclear arms on subs'



Israel is arming submarines supplied and largely financed by Germany with nuclear-tipped cruise missiles, influential German news weekly *Der Spiegel* reports in its issue to be published Monday.

The magazine said in a cover story likely to touch off a debate in Germany that Berlin had until now denied any knowledge that German submarines were being used as part of an Israeli atomic arsenal.

Israel is the Middle East's sole if undeclared nuclear-armed power.

However, former high-ranking officials of the German defence ministry told the magazine that the government always assumed that Israel was putting nuclear warheads on the Dolphin-class vessels.

The article, based on a months-long probe, cited files from the foreign ministry in Berlin indicating that the West German state was aware of the practice as early as 1961.

Germany has already supplied Israel with three of the submarines in question, footing most of the bill, and another three are to be delivered by 2017 under a recently signed contract.

Meanwhile Israel is weighing whether to order three more, according to the report.

"The Germans can be proud to have ensured the existence of the state of Israel for several years to come," Israeli Defence

Minister Ehud Barak was quoted by *Der Spiegel* as saying.

The report said that Germany hoped to see Israeli concessions on settlements and approval for the completion of a sewage treatment plant in the Gaza Strip in exchange for the assistance.

Israel sees its existence under threat if its arch-foe Iran goes nuclear. Like the United States, it has refused to rule out bombing Iranian nuclear sites.

Germany, bearing the historical guilt of the Holocaust, is Israel's closest ally in Europe. But it has sharply criticised Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pro-settlement policies in the West Bank and East Jerusalem as undermining peace efforts with the Palestinians.

Tensions between Germany and Israel flared in April when Nobel prize-winning German author Gunter Grass published an inflammatory poem in which he warned that a nuclear-armed Israel "could wipe out the Iranian people (with a) first strike."

Next generation Deterrent

UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) has awarded contracts worth £350 million to UK companies to design the next generation of nuclear deterrent submarines.

The first Successor submarine to be delivered in 2028 will replace the Vanguard Class submarines which currently carry the UK's nuclear deterrent Trident.

According to a UK MoD news report, the ministry has awarded contracts to BAE Systems, Babcock and Rolls-Royce. Engineers at the companies will work with the MoD on the design of the new submarines which will use a new nuclear propulsion system.

"The contracts announced with BAE Systems, Babcock and

Rolls-Royce symbolise an important step towards renewing our nation's nuclear deterrent into the 2060s," Defence Secretary Philip Hammond said in the statement.

The largest contract, worth £328 million, has been awarded to BAE Systems Maritime Submarines, which will work on the overall submarine design. Babcock has been awarded £15 million and will focus on designing parts of the in service support. More than £4 million has been paid to Rolls-Royce, which will be responsible for the integration of the reactor design.

In May 2011, the UK MoD announced approval for the design phase, costing £3 billion. The latest contracts announced are part of that investment. These are contracts for the design of the Successor submarines, not the missiles that they will carry, the report added.

Spanish S-80 Subs

Spanish Navy personnel have begun training for their new S-80 class conventional submarines being constructed by the country's shipbuilder Navantia.

The Spanish Navy has contracted Navantia to build four S-80 class submarines which are slated to be commissioned by 2014.

The new class of submarine will feature an advanced air independent propulsion system (AIP) and will have a maximum displacement of 2,400 tonnes. The sub will have a length of 71.05 m and will cruise at a maximum speed of 19 kn (35 km/h) in submerged condition.

The primary missions for the submarines will be anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, amphibious forces protection, intelligence gathering, and naval power projection.

The domes for the Spanish Submarines are supplied by BAE at Barrow utilising the 2,500 ton press bought from Motherwell Bridge.



US Sub Secret update



April 21, 2012: The American SSN (nuclear attack sub) USS Seawolf has returned to service after a 31 month, \$280 million refurbishment. The Seawolf entered service in 1997, and SSNs typically undergo a major maintenance and upgrades after about 20 years. The Seawolf went in for this kind of work early, and the refurbishment was more extensive (and expensive) than usual for regular Depot Modernization Period work. This may have to do with the fact that the Seawolf was the first of its class. This might indicate the installation of some special equipment for intelligence missions. A sister ship, the USS Carter, was extensively outfitted as an intelligence and special operations submarine. The navy admitted what the Carter was rebuilt for but for even more sensitive missions you would want to withhold all details.

The twenty-nine 9,000 ton Seawolf-class SSNs were supposed to replace the Cold War era Los Angeles boats but Seawolf proved too expensive. Only three were built. The Seawolf was designed for the Cold War, carrying fifty weapons (torpedoes, cruise missiles, or Harpoon anti-ship missiles) for its eight 26-inch (660-millimeter) torpedo tubes. Seawolf was fast (top speed of over 60 kilometers an hour) and much quieter than the Los Angeles boats. To replace the un-built Seawolfs the 7,800 ton Virginia-class was designed. Think of it as a Los Angeles size hull with a lot of Seawolf technology

installed. The Virginia-class boats ended up costing about half as much as the Seawolfs. But that was largely possible because the Virginias used a lot of the new technology developed for Seawolf.

The U.S. currently has three classes of SSN. Most are the 6,900 ton Los Angeles-class SSNs. Sixty-two of these submarines were built, and 43 are still in service. Armed with four 21-inch (533-millimeter) torpedo tubes, they carry twenty-six weapons for those tubes (either the Mk 48 torpedoes or BGM-109 Tomahawk cruise missiles). The last 31 Los Angeles-class SSNs added the Mk 45 vertical-launch system (VLS), which carries another twelve Tomahawks. If built today these late model Los Angeles class boats would cost about \$1.5 billion each. There are eight Virginias in service and another 24 planned.

Sub Open to Divers

Australia will open up to divers the wreck of a Japanese mini submarine that famously attacked Sydney harbour during World War II, after winning support from Tokyo, according to authorities.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the event which sparked public hysteria in the city New South Wales Environment Minister Robyn Parker said controlled diving would be allowed.

"Diver access will be on a trial basis and the move is strongly supported by both the Commonwealth and the Japanese governments," she said in a statement.

The lethal assault came in 1942 after a Japanese reconnaissance flight reported Allied warships were anchored in Sydney harbour.

The commanding officer of a flotilla of five large submarines

cruising off the city decided to attack with three midget submarines, each with a two-man crew.

They avoided the partially constructed Sydney harbour anti-submarine boom net and attempted to sink the warships but were detected and attacked, with two of the crews scuttling their boats and committing suicide.

The third submarine tried to torpedo the heavy cruiser USS Chicago, but instead sank the converted Australian ferry HMAS Kuttabul, killing 21 sailors.

The scuttled vessels were recovered by the Allies, but the third one slipped out of the harbour and its fate was unknown until 2006 when scuba divers discovered it off Sydney's northern beaches. It will now be opened to divers.

The craft is believed to contain the remains of the two crew and personal items such as samurai swords, good luck charms and board games, as well as unexploded demolition charges buried safely under sand.

An exclusion zone, monitored by long-range cameras, is currently in place around the submarine. Parker said anyone caught damaging or removing part of the wreck would face penalties of up to A\$1.1 million (US\$1 million).



**HMS Turbulent****HMS Turbulent Commissioning day 28th April 1984**

The Barrow-built submarine that saw action in the Iraq war and the uprising in Libya will be decommissioned at the end of next month.

HMS Turbulent is due to be decommissioned at the end of June, according to its owners, the Ministry of Defence.

The submarine was the first vessel to return from the Iraq invasion and reach Plymouth on April 16.

HMS Turbulent was also the unlikely star of celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal's Heston's Mission Impossible, a TV programme which saw the chef reinvent the vessel's hearty menu with a healthier alternative.

The submarine also starred in the Channel 5 documentary Submarine Mission in 2011 following its deployment to the Gulf of Sidra, where she went on to become involved in the Libya intervention.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "HMS Turbulent was due to be decommissioned in December last year but her service was extended for six months for operational reasons.

"She will now be decommissioned at the end of June after almost 30 years service with the Royal Navy.

"The Trafalgar Class submarines will be replaced by seven Astute Class boats, the most powerful attack submarines to be developed for the Navy."

Picture & Story supplied by the Evening Mail

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

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Senechal & Alliance

Sunderland Branch
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AB(UW2)
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Aged 74
Submarine Service
Tresspasser, Artful & Tally Ho

Middlesex Branch
9th May 2012
Edmond "Eddie" Howes
LTO
Aged 87
Submarine service
P555, Unsparing, Universal
U502

Dolphin Branch
10th May 2012
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Lt Cdr
Aged 80
Submarine Service
Sturdy, Telemachus, Seraph,
Ambush, Token, Tabard
Porpoise

Burton Branch
2nd May
Peter Flower
Submarine Service
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Sturdy, Teredo, Sentinel,
Token

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14th May 2012
Sharon Anne (Shaz)
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Served The Association as
First Aider

*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.*



HMS Sceptre Reunion

For the attention of all Ex HMS Sceptre Ships Company. The 2nd Annual Reunion is being held at the Royal Hotel in Crewe on the 17th - 19th August 2012.

US Sub Fire



Six people were reported injured as fire crews continued to battle a blaze on a nuclear-powered submarine at a US Navy shipyard in Maine late Wednesday 23rd May.

Emergency services were called at 5:41pm local time to a fire on board the USS Miami, which is currently in dry dock at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, located near the town of Kittery, officials said.

In a statement released about 11:00pm local time, officials said fire crews were still fighting the blaze but the situation was improving.

The fire broke out in the forward part of the submarine, which primarily contains living areas and command and control spaces. The vessel's reactor was not operating at the time and remains in safe and stable condition. No weapons are on board. All personnel have been accounted for and six people have been reported injured, the statement added.

The injured have either been treated at the scene or transported to a local medical clinic. They include one firefighter who was evacuated due to heat exhaustion. The submarine has been at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard since early March for an overhaul. The cause of the fire was not currently known and a full investigation will be conducted, the statement said.

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June 2012	
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
J. Brown	25/06
A. Griffiths	29/06
D. Pallister	29/06
R. McEwan	29/06
D. Johns	30/06

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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 June for the July 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

June

Wednesday 6th Monthly Meeting 2000 RBL

Tue 19th Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL

July

Tuesday 3rd Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Bingo 2000 RBL

Tuesday 17th Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL





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 the names of French submarines. See if you can find all 12.

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

CLUES

1. PERLE

2. RUBIS

3. SAPHIR

4. TEMERAIRE

5. TRIOMPHANT

6. ASTREE

7. ARGONAUTE

8. CREOLE

9. LAUBIE

10. ESPADON

11. AFRICAINE

12. BLAISON

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P	C	N	L	I	A	A	E	A	E	L	U
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Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

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H	H	K	Y	N	C	S	T	G	S	S	L
S	F	N	F	O	W	A	E	N	E	L	I
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F	R	L	R	T	X	S	C	I	H	U	O
W	O	T	N	D	E	L	E	W	I	N	E
P	H	U	R	N	R	R	W	R	G	D	S
R	O	S	W	A	L	D	M	A	H	D	O
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GOING PLACES: The French nuclear submarine *Temeraire* is one of the boats whose name is hidden in the wordsquare. See if you can find all 12

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MIXED REUNION 2012

VENUE: The St Johns Hotel Solihull
651 Warwick Road
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DATE: Friday 14th September – Sunday 16th September

I am sure most of you know by now that the Mixed Reunion will be held at the St John's Hotel Solihull over the weekend of 14th – 16th September with optional additional nights on the Thursday and/or Sunday. Those of you who attended the Full Members reunion will know how nice the hotel is, how friendly the staff are with the whole experience being to our expectations.

There is ample parking and there will be no charge levied for us.

I have secured the same package deal as for the Full Members reunion and have been able to keep the same ticket cost even though there will be entertainment provided on both the Friday and Saturday evenings after your meal. We will rely on the draw and other fundraising gimmicks to cover the cost.

The Friday night meal will be a hot buffet dinner on similar lines as the Full Members Reunion.

I have also secured for the very first time an applicant's choice for the Reunion Dinner. The application will include a choice of 3 starters, 3 main courses and 3 desserts. Other dietary requirements will of course be met providing I know in advance. Your reunion ticket will include your menu choice so memory loss can be mitigated. The ticket price includes a tot of rum, ½ bottle of wine per person and port on the Saturday dinner only.

The hotel has also agreed to hold the bar prices to those we enjoyed at the Full Members Reunion.

It is the intention to run a bus to the National Arboretum at Alrewas on Saturday Morning subject to there being enough take up. Apparently it is only about ½ hour away. The cost will be £8 per person for a 50 seat coach. The plan is to leave after the Laying up of the Colours and return mid afternoon.

Solihull Town Centre is only a few minutes stroll away with plenty of shops if that is your scene and there are frequent buses and trains into Birmingham City Centre.

Due to the complexity and the additional choices being made for you the application form has been split into two forms, one for the accommodation and the other for the Saturday Reunion Dinner choices. Please ensure that both form are completed and submitted.

So what are the costs?

The room rates are:

Note that ALL rates are per person

Friday & Saturday Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN or DOUBLE)	£120.00
Friday & Saturday Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£140.00
Friday Night Only Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN or DOUBLE)	£ 70.00
Friday Night Only Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£ 80.00
Saturday Night Only Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN or DOUBLE)	£ 95.00
Saturday Night Only Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£105.00
Additional Night Thursday B&B (SHARING TWIN or DOUBLE)	£ 35.00
Additional Night Thursday B&B (SINGLE)	£ 60.00
Additional Night Sunday B&B (SHARING TWIN or DOUBLE)	£ 35.00
Additional Night Sunday B&B (SINGLE)	£ 60.00
Non Resident Reunion Dinner Friday	£ 28.00
Non Resident Reunion Dinner Saturday	£ 35.00
Entry Only - Includes Tot	£ 3.00

Saturday Evening Reunion Dinner Choices

Starters

Roast tomato and basil (V)
Chicken liver pate with toasted brioche, red onion marmalade
Ham-hock terrine with crisp rocket and a light caper and red onion dressing

Main Course

St John's steak and ale pie topped with a puff pastry lid
Pan seared chicken breast, white wine and herb cream sauce
Caviar of aubergine with a light tomato fondue (V)

Desserts

Deep filled lemon tart with a rich mango coulis
Fresh fruit platter
Apple crumble with custard

Red or White Wine (1/2 bottle per person)

Due to the delay in getting this circular and application out to you I need your applications returned to me as soon as possible to the address at the bottom of this letter. I can accept email applications as long as there is a cheque following in the post. I have to release all rooms not required by the end of July and pay the hotel for the whole package at that time. The deadline for applications is therefore Saturday 28th July. I need the full payment by then too. As I had to chase quite a number for payment at the last reunion **I am asking that you include the Full payment with your application.** Please make your cheques payable to the "Submariners Association" and NOT me. This causes a delay while I clear the cheque through my own bank before I pay the treasurer.

Yours Sincerely

Dave

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Packages	A	£120	Frid & Sat DINNER B&B SHARING DOUBLE OR TWIN	G	£35	Additional Night Sunday B&B (SHARING DOUBLE OR TWIN)
	B	£140	Frid & Sat DINNER B&B (SINGLE)	H	£60	Additional Night Sunday B&B (SINGLE)
	C	£95	Sat Only Reunion DINNER B&B (SHARING DOUBLE OR TWIN)	I	£35	Non Resident Saturday Reunion Dinner - inc Wine & Port
	D	£105	Sat Only Reunion DINNER B&B (SINGLE)	J	£28	Non Resident Friday Dinner - no Wine or Port
	E	£35	Additional Night Thursday B&B (SHARING DOUBLE OR TWIN)	K	£3	Entry Only - Includes Tot
	F	£60	Additional Night Thursday B&B (SINGLE)	L	£8	Arboretum Bus Trip - Saturday

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All hotel cancellations must be made to Dave Barlow as soon as possible and not direct to the hotel
Add any other supporting information or requirements on a separate sheet if necessary
Submit applications to Dave Barlow, 84 Holbeck Park Ave, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. LA13 0SB
Make Cheques Payable to "Submariners Association" and NOT me please.

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SATURDAY REUNION DINNER MEAL CHOICES

Please enter your selection with a 'Y' in the appropriate boxes

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