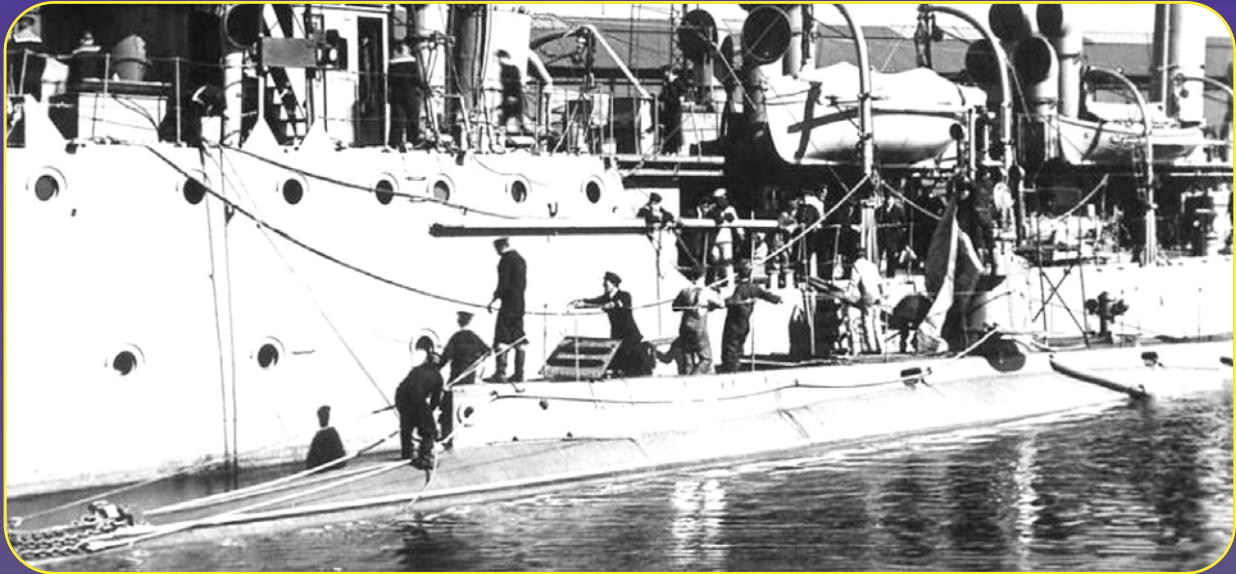


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## The November Word

This will be a fairly short dit due to the timescales between the last newsletter and this one.

Ben is hoping to get this out for the November meeting which I hope he can. It is a lot easier for those on email but for those not it takes time to print, collate, envelope up and post so yours may be a few days later.

I was very pleased to see so many members able to attend the funeral of one of our former members Keith 'Chats' Charters in Lancaster.

Ginge Cundell carried our standard with his usual aplomb and being a burial all the SA members, well over 30 I would say, marched either side of the hearse from the Cathedral to the Cathedral burial ground about 400 yards away. Quite a moving spectacle.

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I was also pleased and honoured to be able to carry the branch standard at the funeral of a founder member of the Scottish Branch, Joe Rooney up in Glasgow. Carrying the standard is not as easy as Ginge makes it look so well done to him and all standard bearers. Coming from the dip to the carry when the holster has slipped round to your right side is no mean feat.

That now makes me the last surviving founder member of the Scottish Branch of which I have retained membership.

Please note the comments made by Colin H in his 'Social Scene' regarding the Ladies Night. That only 18 members are attending is not a very good return on about 160+ members the majority of whom live fairly local. Both Colin and I have constantly asked for feedback on why you do not attend or even more so to tell us what you do want. I have had some feedback and I thank those who have and some say it is the venue. It can't be just that though because the Branch Dinner Dance in April planned for the Lisdoonie had even less support such that a Dinner Dance wasn't viable and we converted it into a Branch Dinner for those who were attending.

This was very successful. So please please tell us what you want and we will look into it.

Colin is standing down after the last of this year's social events and I can't say I am surprised or even blame him. It is very disheartening when you have put so much into a function to get the miserable response he has been getting. Do you want to go the way of some of the smaller branches by meeting once a month and that's it?

Having got that off my chest let's move on.

This coming weekend is Remembrance Sunday and this is one occasion where do we do seem to get a good turn out. Last year we had well over 30 members attending the Remem-

brance Parade in Barrow outnumbering the other organisations easily and I do know that many of you attend your own services at the outlying towns and villages. I thank you for that and hope that this year there will be even more of you turn out. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again this year. On completion of the parade we go to the Royal British Legion to mix with the other organisation and we also have our own special act of remembrance when we play a CD of the poem written by George Luck DSM of the Merseyside Branch. It is called "We Will Always Remember Them". It is a very emotional poem and when I look around the room which is always in total silence there aren't many dry eyes. Over the years this small act of remembrance by the branch has become part of the Remembrance Day folklore and long may it continue.

If you still need the metal submariners poppy badge come to the meeting or contact Mick Dack or myself. A snip at £3 and no good submariner should be seen without one.

Jan Mead has been working extremely hard on the primary 50th Anniversary event which is the Ball to be held on May 18th 2013. Yes it will be 50 years since the founder members first met in the Bay Horse pub. Unfortunately this has been written before the subcommittee meeting so I am unable to give the progress. At this meeting we will be discussing costs etc and the aim is to make the event affordable for everyone. That is why we have been having the fund raising events which again have been down to Jan.

Well done and thanks mate.

Our letter of complaint to the NMC as reported in the October minutes will have been discussed at the NMC meeting by the time you read this and it is the intention for the branch to make a proposal to amend the Rules and Constitution at the next Conference in April. All proposals have to be

submitted before the year end so if you have any other issues which should be brought up as proposals at conference then we need them quickly so that they can be discussed and agreed at the December branch meeting.

That's all for now. See you at the meeting.

## Social Secretary November 2012



Next week we have one of the Social highlights of the year, our Ladies Night Dinner dance, we have 68 attending the event, which is made up of 18 members and their guests, considering we have a membership of over 170, it is a tad disappointing that more members have not taken the opportunity to attend this event, but a good night will be had by all. Just a reminder of the times and venues are:

Abbey House Hotel Barrow.  
Friday 9th November 2012,  
19:00 for 19:30, Dress Black Tie.

Our guest is Mr Rob Cairns former head of Furness Building Society and very entertaining I have heard. Entertainment will be provided by a Duo called G-Palm who are very experienced in providing Cruise ship type entertainment with a large repertoire of music. If you can bring a raffle prize it will be very much appreciated.

Our last social event of the year and my last event that I will be organising will be the Christmas party to be held at the Legion on Saturday December 8th, which will be the usual format of bring some food, a raffle prize and £2:50 per head, entertainment will be provided by Shindig.

Colin Hutchinson

Social Secretary







# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 28

## HMS B8



**TAKING SHAPE:** The Barrow-built *HMS B8* took part in the First World War

**T**HE Barrow submarine *HMS B8* was completed for the Royal Navy in April 1906 and shortly after the outbreak of the First World War was deployed to the Mediterranean.

Due to a lack of spare parts this group of B-class submarines were used sparingly in action.

In the spring of 1916, while in the Adriatic, *B8* under the command of Eric Erskine Campbell Tufnell was fired at by a U-boat but emerged undamaged.

In 1917 the Italian Navy converted *B8* into a surface patrol boat, called *S8* to serve in the Adriatic.

The boat sold on October 31 in 1919 in Malta.

Its First World War commander was a colourful character who like to paint.

Cmdr Tufnell lived from 1888 to 1979 and served on many of the Navy's big warships before starting a six month period of instruction at the submarine depot ship, *HMS Mercury*.

His first submarine posting was in November 1909 to *HMS C7*, attached to the submarine depot ship, *HMS Thames*, at Harwich.

In February 1913 he was given command of *HMS A8* which was attached to the depot ship *HMS Forth*.

Even then, *A8* was a relic and had sank in 1905 while leaving harbour at Plymouth with the hatch open, standard practice at the time.

In October 1913 he took passage on the destroyer *HMS Rapid* to Gibraltar.

Here he took command of *B8*, which was working from the submarine depot



**LOADING UP:** *HMS B8* never strayed too far from the support of its depot ship

ship *HMS Cormorant*. In October 1915, the *B8* was transferred to *HMS Adamant* as part of the 8th Submarine Flotilla at Mudros for unspecified special duties.

*HMS Adamant*, built in 1911, must have had a special place in the affections of Cmdr Tufnell as he painted all four Royal Navy ships of that name.

His base at Mudros, was a small port on the Greek island of Lemnos, within 30 miles of the Dardanelles straits.

The Allied naval forces had failed to seize control of the Dardanelles in February 1915 and the Turkish forces contained the land assault at Gallipoli.

The land battle started in August 1915 and by October it was clear that progress was next to impossible and talk turned to the evacuation of the troops.

### STATS:

- Launched: January 23 in 1906
- Displacement: 287 tons surfaced and 316 tons submerged
- Length: 135ft (41m)
- Speed: 12kn (22km/h) surfaced or seven kn (13km/h) Submerged
- Range: 1,300nmi (2,400km) at 8kn (15km/h) surfaced
- Crew: 15 men
- Armament: A pair of 18in (460mm) bow torpedo tubes





## The Secretary Ron Hiseman



Again I have to tender apologies for missing the next meeting, business requires me in London. Also for the late distribution of last month's newsletter, Ben was on holiday so the newsletter was late and arrived after I left for my holiday. But that is in the past and hopefully normal service will be resumed.

A reminder that the busy weekend commences with the Ladies Night on the 9th November followed by the Remembrance Parade on the 11th, muster at the Town Hall for 1015.

I have received a letter from the NMC confirming receipt of our letter of complaint and that the matter will be addressed at the next NMC meeting. As soon as I receive notification of the outcome I will let Branch members know.

Regarding the NMC, if you have any changes to NMC rules at the AGM they need to be with the NMC by the end of December. That means the last chance for the Branch to discuss them is the December meeting so please let me know as soon as possible.

As I have been away for the majority of the month I have little else to add and will be back in the swing next month.

Regards

Ron Hiseman

## 2012 Mini Cruise With Dudley & Bob

Owing to the unpredictability of the weather, this year we decided it would be better if we didn't venture to far from home.

On 24th September at 0930 of the clock, Dudley and I went to harbour stations and slipped for Fleetwood. We successfully

dodged the dredger working in Walney channel and passed the South end of the Island. We were observed by a few curious seals. Since there were no other boats in Morecambe bay, we wondered if everyone else knew something we didn't!

The sail across the Bay was enjoyable and thankfully uneventful. We duly arrived in Fleetwood, and tied up in the Marina. Having made a Pigs ear of making our Lasagne, (we ate it anyway). We got scrubbed up, changed into number ones, and ordered a fast black to take us to the bright lights and flesh pots of Fleetwood.

We duly arrived at the KORBRA club where the beer is cheap and the natives friendly. We performed the age old Submariners ritual of consuming as much cheap ale as we could in the time allowed. Eventually, we moved to a pub called "The Steamer". The beer was a wee bit more expensive but still cheap by Barrow standards. We made some new friends, Dudley was talking to a local artist who had once been Chief Officer sailing with Ellerman line. A very good marine artist and had the appearance of Captain Birdseye! The entertainment proved to be excellent. The company was great, and Dudley made friends with the Landlord. This eventually was our down fall because he was reluctant to let us go. As it turned out we decided in the interests of mutual friendship, to stay the pace. However, on returning to the boat, we got stuck into some Guinness we had on board. Eventually to our surprise, it was 0300! Definitely time to turn in!

Saturday arrived somewhat late in the day! However, we scoffed a good breakfast or brunch, scrubbed up, and proceeded ashore, arriving at the KORBRA club at about 1430. The weather was very British, so we decided to have a couple of pints and grab something to eat. The couple of pints expanded to four or five! As it was still raining cats and dogs, we ran across the road to the nearest Chinky,

and got fed. We were back to the club before our beer went flat! We carried on with our game plan quite happily until the club was invaded we a whole bunch of wet muddy people. It appears that these were victims of going to the Cartmel races, which had been a complete wash out.

Eventually we repaired to the "Steamer" where there was different but excellent entertainment. Dudley got talking to a rather fetching young lady and fascinated her by explaining how to run a Nuclear Submarine. I kid you not! She was so mesmerized, she asked him for a dance! This surprised the Chief Stoker alright! Owing to Dudley's condition I had to stand in for him. All went well until the lead guitarist told her to put me down! I didn't want to be put down, but it was just as well.

We showed a wee bit more sense this time and left after last orders. We had to sail at 0700 to get out of the dock and god only knows how much ale we had put away all day.

Sunday morning early was a bit confusing until we got our senses reasonably back in focus. We duly sailed and had a somewhat hung over sail back to Walney. It again was fortunately uneventful. We were once again the only boat in the bay, apart from a couple of Ships. We arrived back in one piece if somewhat tired. It's worth mentioning, that the Chief Stoker, true to form wanted dropping off at the "Masons" in Dalton.

So ended a hectic but excellent Mini Cruise!





## Royal Australian Navy Submarine KIX



Submarine KIX was Royal Netherlands Navy Submarine which arrived in Sydney on 19th May 1942.

The Submarine (which was in a poor mechanical state) was berthed alongside the accommodation ship HMAS KUTTABUL at Garden Island in Sydney Harbour when a Japanese midget Submarine attacked the shipping in the Harbour on 31st May 1942.

A torpedo fired at the USS CHICAGO missed the ship and exploded on the sea wall close to HMAS KUTTABUL - which was sunk - and Submarine KIX was slightly damaged, exacerbating her overall material condition. The Submarine was later 'Paid off' by the Royal Netherlands Navy and the Dutch crew returned to UK to 'Commission' a new Submarine building at Barrow in Furness.

This was probably P322, originally named TALENT but transferred to the Royal Netherlands Navy as ZWAARDVISCH. On 'Commissioning' ZWAARDVISCH the Commanding Officer was H A W Goosens and his First Lieutenant was J van Dapperen. Other Officers were S van Ravesteyn (3rd Hand), T van Hattem (Navigator), T M Wilks (Royal Navy Liaison Officer), A de Vaal (Engineer) and J Paping (Additional).

One problem in Australia at that stage of the war was the lack of a submarine to provide Anti Submarine Training for the Royal Australian Navy.

The solution to this shortfall was to be provided by Submarine KIX which was transferred to the Royal Australian Navy and was 'Re-commissioned' as HMAS KIX on 22nd June 1943 for Anti-Submarine Training duties.

The Royal Australian Navy had insufficient Submarine qualified personnel to crew the Submarine and the Royal Navy was requested to provide enough qualified personnel to form a nucleus crew. Thirteen qualified Submariners were provided three Officers and ten ratings.

The Australians provided five submarine qualified Royal Australian Navy personnel and nineteen non submariners.

The Royal Netherlands Navy provided a Warrant Officer to train the new crew.

Much effort was put into making the Submarine sea worthy but generally against the odds. After a battery explosion on 22nd January 1944 whilst the Submarine was changing berths in harbour the Submarine was de-commissioned and was 'Paid Off' on 31st March 1944 having only spent thirty one days at sea during the eight months of her service with the RAN. Luckily there were no injuries amongst the crew as a result of the battery explosion. Records for Submarine KIX are contained in twenty two files in Series No MP138/1 held in Melbourne, Victoria. Few of these Records are digitized (2012).

On 7th June 1945 Submarine KIX left Sydney under tow of HMNethS ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN. The destination was Merauke in Dutch New Guinea (now Indonesia). The hulk of the Submarine was to be used there as a floating oil storage tank. On leaving Sydney Harbour a strong south easterly wind was encountered. The Submarine was being towed on a cable of some 350 feet length which was possibly too short for the purpose. The tow continued overnight but, early the following morning, the tow was found to have parted during the night and KIX was missing.

After the Submarine was reported missing a search was instituted and KIX was relocated by aircraft later in the day. By the time that HMNethS ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN reached the reported position the Submarine had run aground on a beach just south of a lighthouse at Sugarloaf Point. The

Submarine was not recovered and eventually buried itself in the sand.



The beach was later named Submarine Beach and is just south of Seal Rocks in New South Wales. During storms in 1974 and 2001 the Submarine was briefly exposed to view but it is now buried again.

The Crew of Submarine KIX when in commission with the Royal Australian Navy included:

### Officers

Lieutenant Frederick Melbourne Piggott, RNR. Commanding Officer

Temporary Lieutenant Edward Frederick Langer, RN First Lieutenant

Sub Lieutenant Peter Angus Fickling, Royal Navy. Third Hand

Acting Sub Lieutenant Bryan Louis Cleary, RANVR

### Ratings

Chief Petty Officer Gerald Lancelot Rosbrook  
Chief Petty Officer (TGM) Augustus Joseph Fisher, DSM, MID

Petty Officer (LTO) Walter Heath

Leading Seaman (HSD) William Henry Knox

Leading Seaman (LTO) George Thomas Retford

Acting Leading Seaman David Low Meldrum

Acting Leading Seaman Stanley George Dew

Able Seaman (ST) James Hogg  
Able Seaman (ST) Peter John Baxter

Able Seaman (LTO) James David Thomsett

Able Seaman (ST) Charles Henry Giles

Able Seaman (ST) John Craig

Able Seaman (ST) Frederick Daniel Francis Barnett

Able Seaman (ST) Percy Edmund Binks





Able Seaman (SD) Henry Ernest Churchill  
 Leading Telegraphist Henry John Gifford  
 Leading Signalman Old Signalman John Michael Clancy  
 Leading Cook William Harris Joiner  
 Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer James Williams  
 Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Walter Murray Johns  
 Engine Room Artificer James Cyril Wesson  
 Engine Room Artificer 5th Class William Arthur Rodda  
 Engine Room Artificer Albert William Hofst  
 Engine Room Artificer Reginald Thomas Green  
 Stoker Petty Officer William Charles Stanley Tindale  
 Stoker Petty Officer Patrick Gorman  
 Acting Leading Stoker Reginald Alan Steward Hayes  
 Leading Stoker Smith  
 Stoker 1st Class Harold William George Akerley  
 Stoker 1st Class William John Conley  
 Stoker 1st Class Horace John Boyd Cooper  
 Stoker 1st Class Brian Patrick Doherty  
 Stoker 1st Class Thomas George Woodland,



The above picture shows the remains of KIX discovered in 1974

By  
 Barrie Downer

## Tiffany Request

Hi Chaps, as this is a ready-made circulation list that has several former 'Tiffs' on it, I wondered if any of you may be able to help me out.

My Class S50 of 'Clankies' and 'Chippies' (TIFFS) have just held their 9th Reunion in

Bournemouth. During the weekend we laid out rough ideas for our "50th Anniversary of Joining" Reunion. This will be in Edinburgh in April/May 2014 and I wondered if any of you would be able to help me trace the following:

(1) 'Scouse' Wallace the only original S50 who entered HMS Caledonia in Jan 1965 who we have been unable to trace.

(2) Colin "Slinger" Woods who was our first Divi 'Bone' at Caley. He was a Chippy and Captain of the Ships Rugby and Cricket teams during our time 1965/67 at Caley. Incidentally our bash last weekend was organised by Ray "Chopper" Cox who was another Chippy S25 and our second Divi 'Bone' at Caley.

(3) Barry "Coco" Rose, Charlie Warburton and Nick Burden who all dipped back from S49 to S50.

(4) For the big event in 2014 we are also looking to contact the following who either dipped back from S50 to S51 at Figgard, or lads who joined as S50 but were accelerated to S49. 'Nick' Bird, Ian Campbell, Gordon Clifford, Keith Davies, Brian Day, Mick Hodgson, Paddy Hood, Pete Kingsnorth, Paul Lea, Alan McKenzie, Alfie McMullins, Vince Palmer, Tony Richards, Pete Watson and Mick Gent.

Any info however small would be greatly appreciated and may help track them down.

The Figgard and Caledonia Association, Navy News, Saga Magazine, Daily Mail and several avenues will be explored. However if you can add any other routes to this list, suggestions are most welcome. Pass your suggestions to :

Mark Stevens  
 Editor, RNEBS Members' Bulletin  
 contrabyte@gmail.com  
 who will pass the information on to Don Fawcett who has requested the assistance.



## International Sub News

The new Russian Borei class SSBNs (ballistic missile nuclear subs or "boomers") was supposed to enter service at the end this year. Then problems were discovered in the software that runs the missile launching and other systems on the boat. Because of that the first Borei won't enter service until next year. This boat, the Yuri Dolgoruky, was launched five years ago, after being under construction since 1996. Money shortages and technical issues slowed progress. Yuri Dolgoruky was further delayed after launch because of power plant and other equipment problems. Yuri Dolgoruky was the first new Russian SSBN since 1990 and there seemed to be no end of problems. Part of this is because the new Borei class boats makes extensive use of modern electronics. It's all digital and flat screens inside. Lots of microprocessors and modern sonar, which the navy insisted would make these boats more aware of their underwater surroundings than previous designs. The possible complications from debugging all this new tech were never mentioned.

The Boreis have a crew of 107, with half of them being officers (a common Russian practice when it comes to high tech ships like nuclear subs). Each of these boats cost at least two billion dollars. This high cost, by Russian standards.

The Boreis will replace the aging Cold War era Delta class SSBNs that are being retired because of safety and reliability issues. Nuclear submarines are one area of military spending that did not get cut back sharply after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, but there are still limits to the navy budgets and the Boreis are being built, in part, to be cheaper to operate. Two Borei boats are now completed and waiting for all these glitches to be fixed before entering service. The more recent, but massive, Typhoon SSBNs will be retired in two years, mainly because they are so expensive to operate.



## Chaplains Dit



NATURE IS AN  
INFINITE SPHERE  
OF WHICH THE  
CENTRE IS  
EVERY WHERE  
AND THE  
CIRCUMFERENCE  
IS NO WHERE  
Blaise Pascal

Having survived trick and treat, I thought it a good idea to write my November Dit around the origins of Halloween. When secular culture and many Low Church traditions associate All Saints Day (November 1), also known as All Hallows (hallows = saints) or Hallowmas (mas = Mass), with Halloween (een=evening before or eve), All Hallows Eve (October 31). As a result, many tend to reject this Holy Day because of modern associations with witches, ghouls, the macabre, and a pre-occupation with death that began to grow up around the Holy Day in the medieval period. All Souls Day began in the third century to honour martyrs of the Christian Faith. During the early medieval period in the eleventh century, November 2, came to be observed as All Souls Day to remember those who had died. This became a time to pray and intercede for these departed saints. As with a lot of other excesses of the medieval period, these two days began to accrue a lot of popular mythology and became overlaid with layers of superstition. However, much of what concerns modern Christians actually developed in Ireland and England from pagan Celtic festivals and was imported into the United States by immigrants in the middle 19th century. It was not until the late 19th century that Halloween emerged in its modern Western version, which was then exported to other countries. It is this syncretism of Christianity with pagan beliefs in Halloween that lends a bad reputation to All Saints Day in Western Protestant thinking. These days; more and more churches are returning to medieval thinking. By conducting memorial services for those have died during the past twelve

months, and not forgetting prayers for the bereaved. I would like you all to spend a few moments thinking for those people you who are making that a difficult journey.

Pat and I are off for a few days holiday in Wales and Cornwall and the BBC forecasters are saying rain and possible floods, are expected in both areas. So it looks like we shall not need our sunglasses and Factor Seven when we explore the Eden Project and the lost gardens of Heligan. There is of course always a bright side. I will be able to give a greater insight to how Noah felt when the rain fell for forty days and nights.

Regards Jonsey



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Barrow Branch**  
4th October 2012  
Alexander Hustwayte  
L/CK  
Submarine Service 1955-1957  
Springer & Solent

**Morecambe Bay Branch**  
20th October 2012  
W K (Keith) Charter  
FCMEA  
M969647C  
Aged 71  
Submarine Service in  
Repulse, Churchill  
Spartan

**East Kent Branch**  
October 2012  
J (John) Jones  
ME  
P/K934891  
Submarine Service 1957-1962  
Tactician, Cachalot, Rorqual  
Astute

**Eastern States Branch**  
20th October 2012  
B J Nobes  
Captain  
Aged 77  
Submarine Service 1957-1982  
Excalibur, Astute, Tapir  
Walrus, Olympus, Artful  
Alliance, 1st CO of Ovens  
Captain Australia Submarine  
Squadron

**Submarine Officers  
Association**  
18th October 2012  
James Neil Colquhoun  
Commander  
Aged 79  
Submarine service  
Repulse

**Beds & Herts Branch**  
18th October 2012  
George Muckle  
POME  
PK980296

**Scottish Branch**  
October 2012  
J (Joe) Rooney  
Petty Officer (UW1)  
Aged 87  
Submarine Service 1947-1952  
Telemachus, Sanguine,  
Seascout, Aurochs, Thule  
Anchorite, Astute, Amphion  
Thorough, Tactician, Tiptoe  
Alcide, Turpin, Grampus  
Thermopylae

**Non Member**  
October 2012  
I N (Dixy) Dixon  
POMEM  
Aged 63  
Submarine Service 1970-1985  
Swiftsure & Walrus

**Welsh Branch**  
October 2012  
K J (Ken) Evens  
Able Seaman (RP3)  
Aged 77  
Submarine Service 1957-1965  
Totem, Sanguine, Trenchant  
Cachalot, Tabard, Tapir  
Dreadnought

**Lincoln Branch**  
28th October 2012  
Bob Medlock  
Aged 90

**Sheffield Branch**  
3rd October 2012  
Derrick Swindell  
L/Sto  
Aged 83  
Submarine Service in  
Sturdy & Tabard

*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.*





## Letters

Please pass on our appreciation to the Barrow Branch of the SA for the excellent turn out last Monday for the funeral service and internment of Chats.

I spoke with Ann later, she said that the family were moved by the large gathering of submariners in attendance. We had shipmates from Nottingham, Blackpool, Morecambe Bay and especially the Barrow in Furness Branch.

Thanks again gentlemen to all those submariners that attended and provided support to our branch at the sad loss of our Secretary, this larger than life Character is going to be greatly missed by all of us.

Regards  
Jim

Chairman Morecambe Bay SA



## First & Last

The First Submarine disaster / fatality

On the 20th June 1774, one John Day attempted to submerge to 130ft for 12 hrs in a converted 50-ton wooden sloop, which had a converted watertight compartment, built into it, and a complicated system of ballasting. Sadly, but not surprisingly, John Day never returned to the surface. Thus earning an honourable place in history as the first person to lose his life in a submarine disaster.

The Last

The last British submarine to be lost in WW1 was G7. She was lost in the North Sea, cause unknown.

## Do You Remember

Harbour Cotters  
The Klaxon  
TOT Time

November 2012  
**Members Birthdays**

J. Brutton	02/11
G. Hockey	03/11
D. Duncombe	08/11
J. Smith	08/11
P. Schofield	09/11
T. Fry	11/11
D. Brough	13/11
S. Hutton	16/11
V. Miles	17/11
I. Clark	18/11
R. Pointer	18/11
M. Davenport	22/11
M. Lacey	22/11
N. Lambert	27/11
T. Janes	29/11
J. Wood	29/11
J. Thomas	30/11
M. Allan	30/11

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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 November for the December 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

### November

**Tuesday 6th Monthly Meeting**  
2000 RBL

**Friday 9th Ladies Night D/D**  
**Black Tie 1900 Abbey House**  
**Sunday 11th Remembrance**  
**Parade 1015 Barrow**

**Tuesday 20th Branch**  
**Committee Meeting 1930 RBL**

### December

**Tuesday 4th Monthly Meeting**  
2000 RBL

**Saturday 8th Xmas Social**

**Tuesday 18th**  
**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 words linked to 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](mailto:bill.myers@cnmedia.co.uk)

## CLUES

- 1. ACOUSTIC
- 2. PROPULSION
- 3. AFT
- 4. PATROL
- 5. DECK
- 6. RATINGS
- 7. QUARTERS
- 8. BUNK
- 9. LOCKER
- 10. GALLEY
- 11. BULKHEAD
- 12. CONTROL ROOM

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


Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

L	L	U	H	E	R	U	S	S	E	R	P
T	E	R	A	D	O	T	C	S	A	E	O
R	T	N	E	M	T	R	A	P	M	O	C
E	D	H	G	L	N	H	T	E	U	E	T
L	E	I	R	I	A	P	L	L	R	R	A
L	T	M	B	T	N	G	L	O	O	T	R
E	E	A	M	O	N	E	A	S	C	A	G
P	C	D	P	I	X	I	R	N	N	R	E
O	T	E	D	R	A	W	R	O	F	G	T
R	I	N	R	A	P	P	S	C	O	E	I
P	O	P	T	R	O	N	I	C	S	M	W
G	N	O	S	E	I	R	E	T	T	A	B



CLUES: This shows the pressure hull frames on the Barrow-built submarine *Valiant* which was launched in December 1963. See if you can find the 12 words linked to submarines we have hidden in the wordsquare

## SOUTH CUMBRIA PROGRAMME 2012-13

<p>20.09.12 <b>From Micro Electrics to Nano Systems</b> Spk: Prof. Andrew Richardson Lancaster University</p>	<p>BDAE/ PESC/ IMechE</p>	<p>17.01.13 <b>The CAD Revolution At Barrow Shipyard</b> Spk: Denis Lidstone, John Martin BAE Systems</p>	<p>BDAE</p>	<p>27.03.13 <b>Art &amp; Science of Organ Building</b> Spk: David G Wyld MD Henry Willis &amp; Sons Ltd.</p>	<p>IMechE/ PESC</p>
<p>03.10.12 <b>The U-Boat Threat to Allied Shipping in the Second World War</b> Spk: Prof. Eric Grove Salford University</p>	<p>IMechE/ PESC/ RINA/ IMarEST</p>	<p>23.01.13 <b>Fracking - Gas Recovery By Hydraulic Fracturing</b> Spk: Peter Turner Exploration Consultant Cuadrilla Resources Ltd.</p>	<p>IMechE</p>	<p>18.04.13 <b>Nuclear Institute Lecture</b> Spk: TBA</p>	<p>BDAE</p>
<p>10.10.12 <b>Threats to Earth From Asteroids and Comets-What Can We Do?</b> Spk: Dr. Robin Catchpole Research Astronomer, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge <b>Main Hall</b></p>	<p>IMechE/ IET/PESC</p>	<p>13.02.13 <b>36th CMI Celebrity Lecture How SME's Can Engineer The UK's Future Growth</b> Spk: Lucy Armstrong National Chair of UK. SME's</p>	<p>CMI/ PESC</p>	<p><b>CONTACTS</b></p> <p>IMechE/ PESC    Keith Higham    01229 831324</p> <p>IET    Ralph Hobson    01229 583762</p> <p>BDAE    Mike Kittley    01229 831534</p> <p>CMI    Ian Palmer    01229 832847</p>	
<p>18.10.12 <b>Mechanical Biological Treatment of Waste in Barrow's New Plant</b> Spk: Bob McCulloch Shanks, Plant Manager.</p>	<p>BDAE/ PESC/CMI</p>	<p>21.02.13 <b>ASDA Logistics</b> Spk: Yenna Levack-Venn Store Manager</p>	<p>BDAE/ CMI</p>	<p>BDAE    Mike Kittley    01229 831534</p> <p>CMI    Ian Palmer    01229 832847</p>	
<p>24.10.12 <b>Oil Search and Recovery</b> Spk: David Bissett/Stuart Parkinson Diamould Ltd.</p>	<p>IMechE/ IET/PESC</p>	<p>27.02.13 <b>Iron Ore Geology in Cumbria</b> Spk: David A. Kelly Former Principal of the 6th Form College, Barrow-in-Furness</p>	<p>PESC/ IMechE</p>	<p></p> <p>Follow us on twitter</p> <p>IMechE: @IMechE_SCumbria BDAE: @BDAE1908</p>	
<p>15.11.12 <b>Bursary Awards followed by Airbus</b> Spk: Garry Dalton Head of Internal Supply &amp;Support Airbus</p>	<p>BDAE</p>	<p>13.03.13 <b>The History and Future of Atomic Energy</b> Spk: Prof. Tim Abram University of Manchester</p>	<p>IMechE/ IET/PESC</p>	<p><b>All Talks are Held at Forum 28 Duke St., Barrow-in-Furness LA14 1HH.</b></p>	
<p>21.11.12 <b>The History &amp; Future of Bahamas Jubilee Class Steam Locomotive</b> Spk: Peter Skellon Collections Manager Bahamas Locomotive Society Ltd. <b>Followed by AGM</b></p>	<p>IMechE</p>	<p>21.03.13 <b>Type 26 Frigate</b> Spk: Mike Kenny BAE Scotstoun</p>	<p>BDAE</p>	<p><b>All Talks start at 19.30 are FREE and open to the public</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Details correct 2 October 2012</b></p>	