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HMS Excalibur



The December Word

Hello all. The last newsletter for 2012 and what a year it's been with the weather. Nowt but rain and then more rain. Not sure if I am going rusty or it is the remnants of last years holiday. Hopefully next year we will have some global warming instead of global raining.

Next year, of course, is a very important year for us being our 50th Anniversary. Yes, it was 50 years ago in May 1963 that the branch was formed.

I know Ben has some ideas on how the newsletter should look for our commemorative year but I know he is always open to suggestions.

November is traditionally a very busy month and this year was no exception. It started down in London where the Submariners Association and Submarine Service held the Submarine Memorial Parade on the London Embankment. This year the First Sea Lord graced us with his presence so you can see the importance this event is becoming in the Submariners Association year.

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I along with David A.J. Smith was able to represent the branch and I thank him once again for laying the branch wreath. Well not quite true because due to a hiccup our wreath was missing so he laid the one for the Australian Branch instead.

All in all a moving ceremony even if the rain was lashing down which meant the service had to be held on President. After the service the rain had relented enough for us to gather at the Memorial itself and lay the wreaths in the normal manner.

Next up was our Branch Ladies Night. Despite the lower than expected numbers it was again a terrific night. I personally thought the food was good, the band good and the company excellent which to me is what make a good night. My thanks go to Colin for once again arranging the evening which he did to his usual high standard. Thanks Mate. Those that didn't attend missed out on a good night.

What a turn out we had for the Remembrance Day parade. It seems to get bigger every year. Those that could marched from the Town Hall up to the Cenotaph in the park where we were joined by many more who had made their own way. Actually, not all made their own way.

The Co-operative Funeral Care once again provided a limousine to ferry a number of our members and their wives from their home up to the Cenotaph, and sit in the warmth of the car until the parade arrived. On completion they were taken to the Royal British Legion or back home as they wished. Sasha, the manageress, has assured me that this will continue each year. A long way ahead but if you want to attend next year but find it difficult getting there because of walking difficulties or the lack of public transport then let me know near the time. I take this opportunity of thanking the Co-operative Funeral Care for their support to the branch in this way.

As has become the tradition the branch held its own ceremony when we play a CD of the Poem "We will always Remember" written by George Luck of the Merseyside Branch on completion of which we toast "Absent Friends".

A very emotional part of the Remembrance Day for me and when I looked around me it was for many of you too.

Don't forget that I need your applications for the Annual Reunion/Conference as soon as you can.

All the details are on the circular attached.

Finally I want to thank the committee for all their hard work during the past year and none more so than Colin Hutchinson, our Social Sec, who as he has threatened for the past couple of years standing down. His last thrash will be the Christmas Social at the RBL on Saturday 15th December when Billy Daniels will entertain us. At the last meeting 'Spider' Webb has stepped into the breach and agreed to take over as Social Sec. Please give him as much support as you can as it can be very disheartening to arrange a function and apathy reigns when the attendance is not what was expected.

Well, that's all for now. See you all at the December meeting but if not have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dave



Sub Spy



A Royal Navy submariner has admitted breaching the Official Secrets Act by collecting classified coding programmes that could be useful to UK enemies. Edward Devenney, 30, originally from County Tyrone, admitted gathering details of "crypto material" programmes used to encrypt secret data.

The petty officer also admitted a charge of misconduct in a public office after he met two people he thought were Russian spies to discuss UK operations.

Devenney was charged under the Official Secrets Act for collecting information for a purpose "prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state" between 18 November 2011 and 7 March 2012.

He contacted a foreign embassy in an attempt to pass information to Russia, on the operation of HMS Trafalgar and two other nuclear submarines.

Devenney denied a second charge under the act of communicating information to another person. This will not be pursued by prosecutors as no secret information was passed on. He admitted arranging to meet the people he thought were Russian secret agents but in fact his meeting was with two British secret service agents.

Devenney will be sentenced on 12 December at the Old Bailey, when parts of the hearing will be held in secret.

The judge, Mr Justice Saunders, told Devenney he would remain in custody until his sentencing.



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HMS Excalibur



AT SEA: The Barrow-built HMS Excalibur took part in high-speed trials with peroxide fuel

THE sister boats *Excalibur* and *Explorer* finally proved that high test peroxide fuel was not the future of submarine propulsion – but a small piece from one still serves a useful function.

Excalibur's periscope ended up in the Elie golf course, Earlsferry, on the Scottish east coast when the boat was scrapped.

It continues to do useful work in enabling the club starter to see when the first green is clear for players to tee off.

The boat is the only one of this name built for the Royal Navy and the name was chosen in honour of the sword of King Arthur of the Arthurian legend.

HMS Excalibur was built at Barrow as an experimental submarine based on a captured German high test peroxide (HTP) powered U-boat.

The *U-1407* had been scuttled following the German collapse at the end of the Second World War, was salvaged and eventually commissioned into the Royal Navy as *HMS Meteorite*.

The recovery provided the impetus for a British research programme leading to the construction of *Excalibur* and *Explorer*.

Built for speed trials, they were unarmed. Their HTP engines were essentially steam turbines, with the steam being generated by the interaction of HTP with diesel oil and a catalyst.

The volatile HTP was carried in special bags outside the inner pressure hull, and were prone to exploding unexpectedly.

The engine room, which was cleared of crew members while under way, would often be the scene of flames appearing on the top of the combustion chamber.

The fuel proved to be so troublesome that the boats quickly became known as *Exploder* and *Excruciator*.

Both *Excalibur* and her sister ship were fitted with the latest underwater escape technology, including a one-man escape chamber, and equipped with up-



LAUNCH DAY: The experimental submarine *Excalibur* goes down the slipway

to-date escape breathing apparatus.

The two boats were popularly known as the 'blonde' submarines because of their hair dye hydrogen peroxide fuel.

They served a useful purpose as high-speed targets for the Royal Navy's anti-submarine forces.

Both were part of the 3rd Submarine Squadron but operated independently with the help of their own depot ship and a fuel carrier.

STATS:

Ordered: August 26 in 1947
Launched: February 25 in 1955
Completed: February 22 in 1958
Nickname: The Excruciator

Fate: Scrapped 1968
Cost: £1,142,000
Displacement: 780 tons surfaced, 1,000 tons submerged
Length: 178ft (54m)
Beam: 15ft 8in (4.78m)
Draught: 11ft (3.4m)
Propulsion: High test peroxide steam raising plant driving 15,000 shp steam turbines. Diesel-electric power on the surface
Speed: 25 knots (46.3km/h) submerged
Complement: 49
Armament: None



The Secretary Ron Hiseman



Well the year is nearly over and I have no idea where the time has gone. It seems only last month that the year began resulting in my election in April. Since becoming Secretary I have not made many meetings due to work requiring my presence in London, having just returned from Denmark and off to London day after December's monthly meeting. Having spent a week in Denmark they are just getting into the Christmas spirit with most of them decorating the town in the later part of last week. The same is happening over here with the switching on of the Town lights to Mrs H busily buying presents for the family and friends. Hopefully the weather will be conducive to the festive occasion, some members will no doubt be flying off to warmer climes and I wish them a good Christmas with a bit of jealousy.

The end of the year brings to an end the reign of Colin as our Social Secretary. Colin has devoted a lot of time and effort to the role, which has not always been returned by the members with their attendance. Alex has volunteered to step up to the plate and replace Colin and I hope the Branch will join me in thanking Colin for his efforts over the years.

I would also like to thank Ken, who has stood in for me when I have been travelling, but that is justice for roping me in to the Secretary role. Ben for his work on the Branch magazine and the updates he does in his editor's role. Please support Ben by providing dits for the magazine. I would also like to thank Merlin (Ian) for all his work on the web site. It still attracts plenty of hits and the members of the Forum keep lively debate going on a wide range of subjects.

I will finish by wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. If over the

festive period you can spare a few minutes please raise a glass to our widows and those service men and women who will not be spending their Christmas with loved ones wherever they are in the world and especially for our service brothers on the Trident on deterrent patrol.

Merry Xmas

Ron

Movember Tash

The branch sponsored Myself, Duddy and Dick for £50 during the movember moustache charity growing month. We presented it to Joanne Clayton Brown the Landlady of the Hope & Anchor through which the moneys are being raised. In the photo are also Ken Brumby and Bob Hagen. We are having a grand count up of the monies raised for mens particular cancers and the total amount will be known on Sat. 1st Dec I will let you know the amount at the meeting on Tues.

Regards

Ginge

SAA Qld Inc Project

I do not know if you have heard, but SAA Qld Inc. has been undertaking a project by the title of "Submariners Walk", which has taken about 400 metres of the Brisbane River banks and in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council has turned the area into a Remembrance Walk. In this walk we have remembered the submarines and submariners of Allied Navies that have used the Brisbane River in times of Peace and War.

The area for the walk covers the area of the Allied base used during WW2 from where South Pacific operations were controlled. Special mention has also been made of the USN Boats (of which several were lost) and the RN "X" Boats" which were based there and in fact we still have one of the officers as an SAA member who we hope will be with us for a while yet.

The project is now completed and Her Excellency, The Governor of Queensland who has been a great supporter of the project will open the walk towards the end of March 2013.





Letters

Dear Sir,

September 2013 marks the 70th anniversary of one of the most audacious and daring operations of the Second World War. 'Operation Source' was the attack by midget submarines, or X-craft, on the pride of the German battlefleet, Tirpitz. Moored in her protected lair in Alten fjord in northernmost Norway she was deemed by many to be beyond the reach of any allied forces. In the operation, two submarines successfully attacked the ship, and caused immense damage. The commanders of both X-craft received the Victoria Cross.

Lieutenant Godfrey Place VC was commander of X7, and the story of his life will be published in November 2012. Entitled 'Midget Submarine Commander, The Life of Godfrey Place, VC' it is to be published by Pen & Sword, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

<http://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Midget-Submarine-Commander/p/3663/>

Godfrey place has a strong attachment to Barrow; not only did he serve with X-craft, but he also served in 4 U-class boats with the 10th flotilla at Malta, from 1941 to 1942. These were:

OPR Sokol (ex HMS Urchin)
HMS Urge
HMS Una
HMS Unbeaten

Godfrey Place was the only naval officer who went to war in submarines, in surface ships and in airplanes—he was a Fleet Air Arm pilot in the Korean War. He was also a prisoner of war. He was the last serving member of the Royal Navy to hold the Victoria Cross, and retired in 1970. On retirement he was the Chairman of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association for over 20 years.

I would like to draw this book to the attention of you and members of your association who might find it of interest.

If you and your colleagues felt they would like to know more about the life of this remarkable naval officer, then I would be

very willing to come and talk about the book if you so wished.

With kind regards

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U Tube

If you have access to the internet and U tube Please Click on this link or cut and paste it in to your web browser for the latest from Bob, our curator on the conservation of HMS Alliance.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GR2ZIW8HgLg>

France Developing SAMs

France is now developing SAMs (surface to air missiles) systems for submerged diesel-electric submarines under attack by helicopters or fixed wing aircraft. One system uses a periscope-like device that pushes a missile launcher above the water where one or more Mistral (similar to the U.S. Stinger) missiles are fired at any nearby helicopters or low flying aircraft. A second system launches a larger Mica missile via a torpedo-like device. While Mistral has a max range of six kilometers, the Mica (normally carried by jet fighters) has a range of up to 80 kilometers.

The French are pretty confident these systems will work, as similar weapons have been developed and built (but never actually used) before. For example, four years ago Germany successfully tested IDAS (Interactive Defense and Attack system for Submarines) by launching an anti-aircraft missile from a submerged submarine (U-33, a Type 212 equipped with Air Independent Propulsion). IDAS is still in development and not expected to enter service for at least two more years.

The IDAS anti-aircraft missile is 2.45 meters (7.6 feet) long, 180mm in diameter, and weighs

118 kg (260 pounds). It has a 13.2 kg (29 pound) warhead and a range of at least 15 kilometers. The main targets will be ASW (Anti-Submarine) helicopters and low flying ASW aircraft. Two IDAS missiles fit into a metal frame that in turn fits into a torpedo tube. The IDAS missiles take about a minute to reach the surface, ignite its rocket motor, spot any target within range, and go after it. If the IDAS misses, the air bubble from the torpedo tube launch of the missile will reach the surface, indicating where the sub is. At that point the helicopter or aircraft can drop a torpedo. The sub has countermeasures for these torpedoes but these devices are not guaranteed to work every time, or against every type of torpedo (some are better at detecting, and getting around, countermeasures).

The sub commander would use IDAS if he calculated that a helicopter was likely to spot him with active sonar sonobuoys or dipping sonar. IDAS can also be aimed at a surface ship (as in the bridge or a helicopter sitting on the platform at the rear of the ship. This is done using the fiber optic link, which can be used to designate a target. Otherwise, the missile uses its heat seeking sensor.

Even when missile systems like this are available for use, it's uncertain if any navy will buy them. The concept of anti-aircraft missiles for subs is several decades old and never actually used. But it's possible, so new models keep showing up.





Jolly Roger

Jolly Roger flag flown a top a World War Two submarine has resurfaced after going missing for 40 years.

The flag was last flown on HMS Tantalus at the end of the war in 1945 and was given to the boat's youngest submariner, telegraphist Jack Brown, at the end of its service.

But the Jolly Roger went missing following Jack's death four decades ago and has only just been found again by his delighted son Gordon in his sister's attic.

He now wants to see the flag flying again. Mr Brown, 66, from Gosport, Hampshire, said: 'I was so pleased to have found it again, especially in such good condition.'

'I thought it had been lost but I'd been nagging my sister to look for it and thankfully it turned up in her attic.'

'Someone offered me my £1,000 for it but I will never sell it.'

'I want to see it flying again as it would be the first time since 1945 and then I will give it to a museum perhaps.'

The history of HMS Tantalus is told by the symbols on the flag, with four bars representing the torpedoing of four ships and two daggers denoting the submarine's two 'cloak and dagger' operations.

The eight stars in the top right corner surrounding crossed cannons represent eight times the deck gun was fired. Mr Brown's father joined HMS Tantalus, which was a T-class submarine, at the age of 18. Gordon said: 'When my dad died he gave me the flag, a life jacket and his medals.'

'I was only young at the time and I think I traded his medals for some marbles, which earned me a clip round the ear.'

'I wish I hadn't given away the medals now but at least I've still got the flag.'

The first use of a Jolly Roger on a British submarine was in 1914 after it successfully torpedoed a German cruiser ship.

The act was a humorous response to Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson's remark that submarines were 'damned un-English' and crews of enemy subs would be hanged as pirates.

During World War Two British subs were allowed to fly the Jolly Roger on the day of their return from a successful patrol.

The oldest surviving Jolly Roger flag, from First World War submarine E54, is on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Portsmouth.

The Jolly Roger dates back to the 1700s when pirates flew it to make their victims surrender readily.

HMS Tantalus was launched in February 1943 and served in the Far East for much of its wartime career.

The submarine sank a long list of other vessels during its time in service including the Malaysian tug Kampung Besar and the Pulo Salanama in April 1944 and several Japanese Army cargo ships.

The craft survived the war intact but was scrapped at Milford Haven in November 1950.

You can get a full Canadian Submarine Fleet Status Report available at:-

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/new-s-nouvelles/news-nouvelles-eng.asp?id=3979>

Editor

As we mark our 150th Edition we look forward to our Branch's 50th Anniversary and all the events to be celebrated during 2013.

The Newsletter will be supporting all events along with a layout change and updated design and graphics starting in the January Edition hoping to make it a better read for those that receive it in print and for those receiving the digital versions.

May I thank all our members and readers for there continuing contributions through out the year and wish you all a Merry Xmas

Regards
Ben





RUSSIAN HYDROGEN FUELED SUBMARINES!

The new Russian submarine is called the B-90 Sarov, which is really a test sub using a hydrogen-fueled power plant which would be similar to German submarines U-212 and U-214. The advantage to this technology is that some of Russia's traditional diesel-electric subs use batteries to supply the electric motor. When the battery needs to be recharged, the submarine must surface and start diesel engines to recharge the batteries. This makes the submarine vulnerable. With hydrogen-fuelled engines, the electric motors are supplied by hydrogen fuel cells. This new Russian engine is what is referred to as 'airindependent propulsion,' which increases the submarine's submersible time, is quieter and could compete with the German diesel submarines, some of which Israel possesses. Fuel cells are electrochemical conversion devices that combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce water, electricity and heat. They're already in use in some automotive and space applications. While slow, AIP submarines will be useful for their long-endurance and quietness. They will not become the primary form of propulsion to either diesel or nuclear power. Yet, they will be good for coastal defence and littoral regions, especially in smaller submarines. Dr. Edward C. Whitman, science editor of Undersea Warfare Magazine, sees fuel cells possibly doubling or tripling their capabilities in the next few years, which will give greater tactical flexibility due to their small size and inherent stealth nature. 'The novel operational paradigms (that) AIP submarines introduce to undersea warfare will make these new boats a dangerous threat to submariners accustomed to nuclear, or conventionally diesel-powered adversaries,' Whitman said. 'The submarine force needs to understand this threat, where it's been, where it's going, what it means, and how to counter it.'



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Merseyside Branch
4th November 2012
David Finlay
Stoker
D/KX 165823
Aged 87
Submarine Service 1943-1946
Taku, Universal & Vagabond

Poole and District Branch
3rd November 2012
Tom Garrod
CPO OEL
P983199
Aged 70
Submarine Service 1964-1975
Alaric, Alliance, Artemis,
Aeneas, Finwhale, Oberon,
Olympus & Otter

Welsh Branch
November 2012
J R (John) Huntley
Leading Seaman (LR3)
Aged 83
Submarine Service 1949-1954
Auriga & Andrew

Taunton Branch
27th November 2012
Norman I Barkaway
Commander (E)
Aged 87
Submarine Service in
Tiptoe, Totem & Truncheon

Dreadnought Association
26th November 2012
Trevor (Jan) Moulden
Leading Seaman (UW)
Submarine Service in the
1970s including Dreadnought

Gosport Branch
Vice President
28th November 2012
John Hymas
WOMEA (P)
K849686F
Aged 83
Submarine Service 1955-1984
Scotsman, Trenchant,
Thermopylae, Alaric
Grampus

Gosport Branch
Museum Guide
1st December 2012
Jim Onions
CPO(MEM)
C/KX914920
Aged 78
Submarine Service 1953-1974
Alliance, Tactician, Thorough
Thule, Andrew, Artemis
Otter, Alaric & Token

Taunton Branch
2nd November 2012
R (Bob) Anker
Able Seaman (UC3)
Aged 75
Submarine Service 1960-1963
Tiptoe, Token & Totem

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

South Kent Branch
8th November 2012
Jack Roland Casemore
CPO Coxswain
C/LDX4106
Submarine Service 1941-1946
Unbeaten, Sealion, Surf, P556,
H34, Unruly & Vigorous

**Submarine Officers
Association**
10th October 2012
Martin Parnell Seth-Smith
Commander
Submarine Service in
Thule, Aurochs, Thermopylae
Alliance (IL), Tradewind (CO),
Grampus (CO)

**Submarine Officers
Association**
6th November 2012
William Ian Morrison
Commander
Submarine Service 1952-1976
Subtle, Ambush, Amphion,
Upstart (IL), Seadevil (IL),
Sentinel (CO), Anchorite (CO)
Amphion (CO), Revenge (P)
(CO) 1st Commission

**Submarine Officers
Association**
17th November 2012
Chris McClement
Commander (MESM)
Submarine Service in
Churchill, Conqueror,
Resolution (DMEO),
Sceptre (MEO)

Non Member
22nd October 2012
Murray Brown
Lt Cdr
Aged 58
Submarine Service

*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 without 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.*



SSAFA

SSAFA is holding a Dinner Dance at the Netherwood Hotel on Saturday 19th of January. Tickets are £39.00 which includes a £10 donation to SSAFA.

The evening will start at 1900 for 1930, it is black tie.

The Netherwood are offering B&B for only £80 per room which is very good.

The star attraction is Paul Hayes, the TV antique expert, is performing with his band and he will also be conducting an auction for us.

If anyone want tickets or further information then can they please contact me on 01229588792 or abhoskins@btinternet.com

Best regards
Alan

First & Last

The First Escape

In 1851 a corporal in the Prussian Light Horse Artillery, Wilhelm Bauer, who was a carpenter by trade, built a steel sheet submarine machine. On its 2nd journey it failed to surface after diving. However the three-man crew were still alive and entombed in the machine on the seabed. Bauers rudimentary knowledge of theoretical physics suggested a solution. If the air inside the submersible equalled the pressure of the water outside the hull, the hatch could be pushed open. Which it was! Thus, Wilhelm Bauer, Wilhelm Thomsen and Freidrich Witt gained their place in history as the first men to escape from a sunken submarine.

The Last

The last British vessel to fall victim to a U-Boat in WW1 was the Battleship HMS Britannia two days before peace was declared off Cape Trafalgar

December 2012
Members Birthdays

L. Thwaites	02/12
P. Douglas	03/12
D. Rogers	04/12
G. Livingston	06/12
M. Bown	15/12
M. Dack	17/12
K. Collins	19/12
D. Taylor	23/12
M. Morrison	27/12
S. Doughty	28/12
D. Catfroll	28/12
D. Carter	29/12
C. Lee	31/12
T. Pyne	31/12

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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 December for the January 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

December

Tuesday 4th Monthly Meeting
2000 RBL

Saturday 15th Xmas Social

Tuesday 18th
Branch Committee Meeting
1930 RBL



Do You Remember

Dockyard Oysters
Yellow Peril
Dhoby Buckets



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

CLUES

- 1. BEARING
- 2. RADAR
- 3. NAVIGATION
- 4. ANTENNA
- 5. PERISCOPE
- 6. HULL
- 7. DEPTH
- 8. CHAMBER
- 9. DIVER
- 10. BRIDGE
- 11. WATCH
- 12. SNORT

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

Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

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
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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



CLUES: This shows a hull section of the Astute-class submarine *Audacious* on its way to the Devonshire Dock Hall in 2010. See if you can find the 12 words linked to submarines we have hidden in the wordsquare

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Dear Member

The Full Members Reunion and Annual National Council Conference for 2013 will be held at the Metropole Hotel in Leeds over the weekend of Friday 5th to Sunday 7th April. You will note that we have moved one week later than our traditional end of March date to keep clear of Easter. There is also the facility for additional nights on the Thursday and/or the Sunday on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

The Conference itself will be on Saturday 6th April on completion of the Laying up of the National and Branch Standards i.e. approximately 10.15.

The hotel is a beautiful grade 2 listed 4* hotel and slap bang in the middle of the City. It is literally a few minutes' walk from the mainline railway station which is the recommended travel mode. The hotel on-site parking is very limited, i.e. there is only room for a dozen cars or so. What parking there is is free and on a first come first served basis. The hotel does have an arrangement at a local car park and you are allowed to park outside the hotel to unload before driving to the car park. Leeds Bradford Airport is also just a few miles away.

For more information go to their website at www.principal-hayley.com.

The rates are:

NOTE: ALL RATES ARE PER PERSON.

Friday & Saturday	Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN)	£120.00
Friday & Saturday	Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£130.00
Friday Night only	Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN)	£ 60.00
Friday Night only	Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£ 90.00
Saturday Night Only	Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN)	£ 70.00
Saturday Night Only	Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	£ 95.00
Additional Night Thursday	B&B (SHARING TWIN)	£ 38.00
Additional Night Thursday	B&B (SINGLE)	£ 65.00
Additional Night Sunday	B&B (SHARING TWIN)	£ 38.00
Additional Night Sunday	B&B (SINGLE)	£ 65.00
Non Resident Reunion Dinner (Includes Tot)		£ 37.00
Entry Only – (Includes Tot)		£ 3.00

Also note that the Single room availability is **very limited** and will be on a strictly first come first served. I will of course prioritise any member with disabilities or other medical requirements but I must know. Note that there are no rooms on the ground floor but there is a lift to the 2nd and 3rd floors. You will also appreciate that not everybody can have a room adjacent to the lift. There are a couple of fully disabled friendly rooms.

The rates include half a bottle of wine per person at the Saturday Reunion Dinner with Port for the toasts. Those on the Friday or Saturday Packages will receive a Tot of rum which will be issued on completion of the conference i.e. about lunchtime.

As I did for the mixed reunion you will get three choices for each of the three courses for the Saturday Reunion Dinner but this has to be declared when you apply. Don't worry if you forget what you ordered as I will include it on the reverse of your reunion ticket.

The bar prices will be:

Worthington's	£2.30 per pint
Carling	£2.30 per pint
Cider – Gaymers	£2.30 per pint
Grolsh	£2.90 per pint
Guinness	£2.90 per bottle
Red & White wine	£2.50 per 175ml
House wine	£13.00 per bottle
House Spirits Gin, Rum or Vodka	£2.95 based on a 35ml measure and includes a mixer.
Branded Spirits will be at the hotel Standard Prices	
Soft Drinks (ex mixers)	
Coke & Lemonade	£1.10 per pint
J20	£1.50 per pint

Attached to this letter are two applications, one for your accommodation requirement(s) and the other for the Saturday Reunion Dinner meal choices. Whilst applications via your secretary are welcome I am happy to accept an application from individual members, indeed that is the preferred method so that I can quickly ascertain the room requirements. I do not accept phone applications but you may send it by email as long as your cheque is sent straight away. Don't forget to add your contact details including postal address so I can contact you if I need to and also to forward your ticket.

Whilst I would prefer full payment up front, I will accept a £50 deposit for packages greater than that and I do need the **FULL BALANCE** by **Saturday 2nd February 2013**. I will be away from home from mid Feb until mid March and I have to have the room requirements finalised and hotel bill paid before I depart. In my absence Jim McMaster will address any issues.

If you have any queries then don't hesitate to contact me.

Although this circular and application form will be sent to all those members on email I would ask all branch secretaries to get it out to your members as quickly as you can.

Please send your applications and cheques to me but 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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SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION FULL MEMBERS ONLY REUNION APPLICATION FRI 5th APRIL - SUN 7th APRIL 2013

BRANCH:

Packages	A	£120	Frid & Sat Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN) - PER PERSON	G	£38	Additional Nights Thursday B&B (SHARING TWIN) Per Person
	B	£130	Frid & Sat Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	H	£65	Additional Nights Thursday B&B (SINGLE)
	C	£60	Frid Night Only Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN) - PER PERSON	I	£38	Additional Nights Sunday B&B (SHARING TWIN) Per Person
	D	£90	Frid Night Only Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	J	£65	Additional Nights Sunday B&B (SINGLE)
	E	£70	Sat Night Only Dinner B&B (SHARING TWIN) - PER PERSON	K	£37	Non Resident Saturday Reunion Dinner
	F	£95	Sat Only Reunion Dinner B&B (SINGLE)	L	£3	Entry Only - Includes Tot

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SELECT PACKAGE(s)												TOTAL COST	DEPOSIT PAID	BALANCE PAID	Special requirements
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L				Disabled Please Specify.
		£120	£130	£60	£90	£70	£95	£38	£65	£38	£65	£37	£3				Use extra sheet iF required
TOTALS																	

All hotel cancellations must be made to the 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.

