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The March Word

It has fallen to me to do this month's Word as our Chairman is sunning himself in Cancun, I only got told of this requirement in the past couple of days, come on Mr Chair.....some notice palleeaasse!!! Well it seems to have been



a busy month with the Branches involvement in the AE1 and AE2 Memorial unveiling, especially the efforts of Terry Spurling, Bob Pointer, Alan Jones, our President John Hart and of course Barrie Downer who have as per usual, done a sterling job for the Australians.

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It would be nice if we could get a few volunteers from the Branch, to attend the ceremony on the afternoon of the 18th May, albeit acting as guides for the guests and of course attendance at this auspicious occasion. If anyone can go the whole nine yards and offer transport to and from the guest's accommodation all the better, I for one have volunteered to assist and if anyone can help, that would be tremendous, so if you can please give your names to John Hart, as he is coordinating our participation. Artful and the Sea Cadets will hopefully be involved with of course the families and relatives of those lost on the Boats. The Mayor, Admiral the Lord Boyce for the Submariners Association, who will be doing the unveiling and another Lord; Lord Abinger for the AE Incorporated will be in attendance along with our MP John Woodcock, John Hudson will be representing BAE.

Alex Webb seems to be well up for the challenge of our new Social secretary, he is planning the functions with military precision and I hope the Branch membership will support him in everything he organises, as you will read in the "next decade" section that I have written, a lot of problems occurred during that period with lethargic responses and attendance at what was being organised in the early 70s, so come on guys, let's give Alex our full support in his endeavours. Well done so far Alex.

Jan Mead requires names for the Anniversary dinner on the 18th May, so get your names down as he has done brilliant job of organising this event. He has gotten the branch what I consider to be the best deal I have seen for many a year, he has worked tirelessly in achieving what will be a great night, well done also to the Anniversary committee for all their efforts.

Well guys I will see y'all at the meeting on Tuesday, until then may your god go with you.

Kindest regards
Ken

Babcock Weapons Contracts

Babcock has been awarded a contract to supply its state of the art weaponhandling and launch system (WHLS) for the sixth and seventh Astute class submarines, representing optimum value to the MOD by bringing the two boat systems together under one contract. This full system contract follows one awarded last year for long-lead items, amounting to a totalvalue of circa £55m.

The Astute class WHLS is the first on a UK Royal Navy submarine to use Babcock's advancedair turbine pump (ATP) and programmable firing valve (PFV) technology, which offers anumber of valuable advantages. The ATP is an air driven

rotary pump that displaces a volume of water to launch a weapon from a torpedo tube. The programmable firing valve (PFV) is used to control the ATP firing air profile, allowing the system to match the launch requirementsprecisely to a range of variables including weapon type, boat speed and depth.

Two ATP/PFV systems are installed per boat, giving independent port and starboard operation providing operational and reliability benefits. Further, the Astute class WHLS from Babcock is capable of carrying more torpedoes and tubelaunched missiles than any previous class of RN submarine, and comprises equipment to embark, store, reposition and load weapons into the torpedo tubes. Configuration of the weapons within the Weapon Stowage Compartment (WSC) has been developed to provide the highest weapon packing density, and the weapons are protected in the WSC using a unique method of shock mounting, providing adaptable protection according to the number of weapons stored on each stowage tier. Babcock has designed and supplied the WHLS for the first five Astute class boats (Astute, Ambush, Artful, Audacious and Anson) under previous contracts. The first of the equipment for boat 6 under this latest contract is scheduled for delivery in spring 2014.

Ron Hiseman Secretary



Good news at last, at this moment in time I should make the March meeting. Ken will be taking the meeting as Dave is probably taking charge of a cruise liner somewhere ably supported by Pedlar. It may be worth watching holidays from hell next year, (only joking). I hope all enjoy themselves and have a good holiday. The March meeting is the last chance for any changes to the Branch rules to be considered at the AGM. At the AGM it is the turn of the Treasurer Mick to be re-elected and not having heard anything to the contrary I assume he intends to carry on in the role. Alex, Social Secretary, will also be confirmed in the post. Don't forget the AGM meeting in April commences at 1930 to allow all business to be completed.

For the May meeting, as it's the 50th Anniversary, the intention is to pass AGM and National AGM business to the June meeting so the May meeting will be complete in the shortest possible time. On completion it will be a social with the wives and a couple of VIP's

The 18th of May will soon be on us and planning for the 50th Anniversary is nearing completion, I believe tickets will be going on sale from the March meeting so role up and get your tickets early.

Also on the 18th May there will be an unveiling of a triplicate memorial to AE1 and 2 submariners being planned by Terry and Barrie so a busy day all round.



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 46

HMS Sceptre



LEAVING TOWN: The Barrow-built *HMS Sceptre* is commissioned on February 14 in 1978

THE Barrow-built *HMS Sceptre* was part of the Swiftsure-class of submarines and was launched in 1976.

A bottle of cider was broken against her hull to mark the event and the boat was commissioned on February 14 in 1978, by Lady Audrey White, wife of Admiral Sir Peter White.

HMS Sceptre was the 10th nuclear fleet submarine to enter service with the Royal Navy.

The boat was decommissioned in December 2010 and at that time was the oldest commissioned vessel in the Royal Navy still available for service.

In the early 1980s *HMS Sceptre* collided with a Russian submarine, probably *K-211* of the Delta-III class.

The incident was kept a secret for more than 10 years.

Sceptre was badly damaged in the collision which took place in the Arctic circle.

The boat's last patrol was in March 2010 to support the British garrison on the Falkland Islands.

An article about the boat's launch by the *Evening Mail* explained the choice of cider.

It noted: "It was christened with a bottle of Taunton champagne cider instead of the more traditional native English wine used for naval vessels."

"The story behind it all is that *Sceptre* will ultimately operate from Devonport, and, with this in mind, members of the ship's company



ON DUTY: Marine Engineer Mechanic Malcolm Kelsey was part of the *HMS Sceptre* crew at commissioning in February 1978

decided that her link with the West Country should be forged early.

Sceptre was the 316th submarine to be launched at Barrow.

The first captain was Cmdr Robert Forsyth, of Deddington, Oxfordshire.

There were several Cumbrians on the first crew.

Leading Seaman, Dave Trelore, of Longway, Barrow, was a sonar operator.

He was an ex-pupil of Alfred Barrow School and joined the Royal Navy in 1967.

Several others had made Barrow their family home while building work was completed on the boat.

They included Leading Medical Assistant, Mick Postles; Leading Steward, Alan Bates; Leading Control Electrical Mechanic, David Ward and Marine Engineer Mechanic, Phillip Potterton.

Marine Engineer Officer, Lt Bill Hanna, was from Birmingham but had settled at Sandside, Kirkby.

The vessel's second in command, Lt Cmdr Rupert Best, from Dorset, had moved with his family to the Ambleside area.

STATS:

Displacement: 4,900 tonnes dived

Length: 82.9m

Beam: 9.8m

Draught: 8.5m

Propulsion: Rolls-Royce pressurised water nuclear reactor

Speed: in excess of 25 knots dived

Complement: 116

Armament: five torpedo tubes with Spearfish torpedoes, RN Sub Harpoon missiles and Tomahawk missiles.



**BARROW BRANCH
1975 – 1981**

Well the first perusal of this era, it starts with the year 1974 missing, maybe it was a page or two missing from minutes or just misplaced.

Anyhow looking at the May 1975 attendance list it is amazing that so many members who support the present day branch were at that meeting; John Hart, , Alan West, Dave Jenkins and I believe Terry Spurling to name a few. All have been instrumental in keeping the branch on the right course and of being branch officers, John as we know as the President and Alan still providing a service to the branch running slops. Terry of course still leading from the front.

That said, the social sec at that time was Dave Jenkins and was organising the Annual DD at the Coot and believe it or not the same discussions took place then as they do now, problems with the Venue, cost and the travel involved, being out of town of course and the present financial climate with regards the country's inflation rate.

The following meeting stated that the ADD would be held at Michaelson House with final arrangements being made later. The annual Reunion at Blockhouse is mentioned throughout this period of time and was apparently well supported by the branch membership although the food was always reported to have been "terrible", I personally, do miss the Blockhouse reunions; they were great!!!!. Mr Popes Trophy evening keeps getting mentioned in this branch recording, I remember it, but do not know what happened to it.....any suggestions?. There is also mention of the Ladies Trophy, this one I have never heard of. I also noticed that regular meetings took place with the East Lancs, Bury Branch and the local RNA for some refreshments.

I believe I have found out why the 50p fund was originally started; at the monthly meetings, sandwiches were laid on for the membership however it was raised to a £1 and then cancelled at that same meeting, so I am assuming that the 50p just kept on going. Perhaps some of the aging stalwarts could extrapolate please.

1976 also saw the 75th anniversary of the Submarine service and it is quite extraordinary that the then Vickers Press office suggested that the Barrow Old Comrades would probably do something to celebrate/commemorate it without consulting the Branch. What was even worse, the build CO was approached to see if they had anything planned for the occasion and his response to the branch was, that he was hoping that we

would lead the way, as he and his crews were far too busy with his "official functions and arrangements" and if they did anything at all it would all be "very low key". What a Wally, or am I wrong!!!!!! I believe from the minutes that the Barrow branch supported the organisation of the Liverpool branch regarding the 75th anniversary and that they would purchase the anniversary mugs from them. The latter was collected by Mike Bycroft and available to the members at the January 1977 meeting.

The first Branch Standard was purchased and presented to members at the February meeting and left in safe keeping until a Standard bearer was officially elected at the AGM in the April. Lenny Malkin was elected as the Standard bearer with George Hughes as his deputy. The Standard dedication took place in July of 77 in Barrow and was well attended by numerous NW Branches.

In 78 discussions took place regarding a Branch President to replace Captain Ingram on his retirement, National was approached to obtain names and addresses of retired submarine officers. Nothing was forthcoming from National and branch members were asked to give some thought to a new President. In January of 79 it was agreed to defer this election as the attendance at the meetings did not warrant one however in April of that year Lt Cdr Jim Jones volunteered and was elected President by the AGM. This appeared to be the year that the ADD and Ladies Night went to the Lisdoonie for a change of venue, numbers however were small.

1980 the Branch decided to purchase a White Ensign however in March of that year a Mr G Walding who was a guest at the January meeting, donated one at the March ,meeting, so the Branch would appear to have had their first Ensign. The same old Branch stalwarts Alan West, John Hart, Dave Jenkins, to name but a few, were evident in the various positions held over this period, well done to these guys who have held the Branch together for so many years, well done again. John Dalton must also get a mention for his continued support at regular Branch meetings right up to the present time.

In 1981 it was the first time that the branch had been without an elected Social Secretary for a period of 12 months although Dave Jenkins did fulfil the position of "Dinner Secretary", when Dave tendered his resignation, Lenny Malkin, another old stalwart took over as the above, not Social Secretary for a period of three years. Towards the end of 81 the terminology seems to have referred back to social secret although there was nothing in the minutes to document the changeover. It will be interesting to find out when the post was finally filled by a full time SS, I look forward to the next decade for the answer.

Ken Collins



Alex Webb
Social Secretary

Hi Shipmates,

As promised an update for readers on the 'First Footing' outing. Friday 1st Feb 17 members went to Morecambe where we warmly welcomed by Jim Halliwell and his team. After witnessing their meeting and seeing how they do business, we professionally drank all their rum (having taken a bit of our own for backup). I believe it was partly due to this intake of rum that we were most accommodating in topping up their coffers, with support for their 'submarine draw' mugged with a smile. If that wasn't enough, we then went to the main bar to drink and spin dits. Here, in front of a horde of hungry 'Morecambians', we were victualled in for 2 large sausage rolls each; with sauces available at no extra charge. Jim and the members of Morecambe branch did us proud. We left with a promise of a re-union at the Prince of Wales at Foxfield - watch this space. Our journey home was helped along by some singing (use the term loosely) and a couple of tinnies. I can report I counted them all out and I counted the all back in. My wishes for the next visit are: we take so many people they don't have room to sit down at their own meeting and (like Jim Halliwell) our Chairman gives us a song on the bus.

Important dates for your diary are:

Tue 14th May - Anniversary Meeting. Will be a special meeting, starting earlier than usual and finishing with the raffle and a quiz (max of one hour), interrupted by pie and peas at half time.

A prize will be given for the winning team.

I have started a list to ascertain numbers for the quiz and requirements for pie and peas. If you have already added your name then great, if not I will be circulating the list at the next 2 meetings and submit the final numbers at the end of April. If you need to be added, but won't be at the meetings, please contact me direct - No Name No Pie.

Sat 18th May - Of course is the anniversary dinner dance at the Forum, this will be briefed in full by Jan Mead in due course.

Sat 20th July - To continue our anniversary celebrations; A Day Out at Cartmel Races - this list will open in May and close at the July meeting. Cost is looking to be around £20 per person, depending on numbers. This will include transport, entry and race card.

Sat 10th Aug - BBQ, Music & lots of fun; get those Barbie Shirts out of the loft, pressed and ready - work in progress.

Fri 9th Nov - Ladies Night - formal black tie event.

Sat 7th Dec - Annual Christmas Party.

Remember "Support the Social Secretary, he ain't got any friends of his own".
Lets have a party!!!!

Alex Webb
Social Secretary

Submariners Drink Problem

How serious is the problem of drunkenness and indiscipline within the Royal Navy's submarine service?

Figures obtained by the BBC show that there have been more than 300 disciplinary incidents in the past three years on the navy's 13 submarines, including 42 cases of misconduct or unfitness through alcohol or drugs.

The list of disciplinary offences, provided following a freedom of information request, itemises 13 instances of misconduct or unfitness due to alcohol or drugs on the four Trident submarines, which carry nuclear weapons as the nation's nuclear deterrent.

Submarines: numbers of offences

	2010	2011	2012
HMS Astute	11	14	26
HMS Ambush	0	3	3
HMS Talent	2	5	3
HMS Tireless	10	4	6
HMS Torbay	3	2	7
HMS Trafalgar	3	0	0
HMS Trenchant	4	22	11
HMS Triumph	7	4	2
HMS Turbulent	16	13	4
HMS Vanguard	14	9	9
HMS Vengeance	22	7	2
HMS Victorious	3	13	23
HMS Vigilant	3	11	10
Total	98	107	106

Total offences 2010-12 311

FIGURES BASED ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING SERVICE PERSONNEL ON SUBMARINES.



It also details eight drink or drug related incidents on HMS Astute, the submarine on which a junior rating shot dead an officer in April 2011 after binge drinking while on shore leave. All eight cases occurred after this shooting.

An inquest last month into the death of Lt Cdr Ian Molyneux focused attention on what was described as a culture of excessive drinking among the submarine's personnel.

The inquest was told that Able Seaman Ryan Donovan had drunk more than 20 pints of cider and lager over two days before the attack, in which he also shot and injured another officer while the submarine was docked in Southampton.

Police investigating the murder were so alarmed about heavy drinking by the crew while ashore that the senior officer wrote to Hampshire's Chief Constable to highlight the issue and the warning was passed to military authorities.

The coroner Keith Wiseman said a culture of drinking to excess had to stop, and recommended that a system of random alcohol testing for crew should be introduced.

The Royal Navy has tightened its rules on alcohol consumption before duty. "We take all disciplinary offences seriously," a navy spokesman said. "Although alcohol is available on board Royal Navy ships and submarines, its consumption is extremely limited and the RN's promotion of healthy living, coupled with the professionalism of modern sailors, means that fewer sailors drink at sea than ever before," he added. "This is particularly true of the submarine service due to the demands of operating the boat and the restrictions of working a continuous six-hour watch routine."

The most common form of misconduct within the submarine service is going absent without leave, which accounts for about half the incidents.

Alcohol and drug related misbehaviour is the next most frequent issue. According to the Ministry of Defence, these cases mainly involve alcohol rather than drugs.

Those involved are generally punished by a mixture of fines, restriction of privileges and stopping of shore leave.

The navy provided the BBC with details of 311 disciplinary incidents since January 2010 involving service personnel serving on submarines. This covers the 13 submarines in the service, but it can be difficult to contrast the disciplinary records of the various vessels without knowing their schedules and extent of times at sea.

HMS AMBUSH

HMS Ambush, Britain's most advanced attack submarine has officially joined the Royal Navy fleet.

The 7,400-tonne sub was commissioned during a ceremony attended by Navy chief Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope at Faslane naval base on the Clyde in Scotland.

The second Astute-class attack submarine was launched in January 2011 at BAE Systems shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.



The 97-metre Astute-class submarines are designed for coastal and deep sea tasks and are capable of destroying submarines and surface ships.

Since arriving at her home port of HM Naval Base Clyde in September last year the nuclear-powered submarine has undergone extensive sea trials.

Ambush holds around 100 personnel and travels at a speed of up to 30 knots.

HMS Ambush Commanding Officer Peter Green said: "The crew are immensely proud to mark the commissioning and to see the culmination of many months of hard work readying HMS Ambush for service with the Royal Navy. "The crew are looking forward to the challenges ahead and to exploring the full range of the submarine's capabilities before she enters full operational service later this year."

All seven of the Navy's Astute-class vessels will eventually be based on the Clyde.

HMS Astute entered service in August 2010. The others are named Artful, Audacious and Anson, and two are as yet unnamed.

Admiral Stanhope, known as First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, said: "These vessels represent the cutting edge of military technology and the future of UK submarine operations for many years to come. The Astute-class vessels will contribute significantly to our mission of protecting the UK's interests worldwide."



Alan Jones The Chaplain

Lent as we all know is a busy time in the Church Calendar and this year for me has been no exception. The number of weeks since Christmas decorations and tinsel have been taken down and stored away seems but a moment ago. Add to this the reality that two months of the Branch 50th Anniversary Year have already been eaten up, and with tempus fugit sitting on roller skates, I am having difficulty keeping up. The collage above is the draft collection put together for the Barrow Memorial Ceremony of the Australian Submarines AE1 and AE2, that takes place later this year, which the branch is heavily involved with, and I am honoured to be putting together with Barrie Downer suitable words for the event. So it's in the wee small hours that I am writing this article to meet a deadline for our newsletter before setting off south, to watch my grandson competing in the Sheffield National Schoolboy Athletics. One more note, I am looking forward to attending our National Reunion in Leeds, it is only the second I have been to since leaving the mob in 1978, then I shall really know how fast time has flown, when we all fall in for the Zimmer March Past.



Thought for the month

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." - Will Smith in the movie, Hitch



17th & 18 May there is an HMS/M Splendid reunion in The Imperial Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool please contact Mark Smith (ex-C-MEA) by email splendidreunion@hotmail.com or on 07702 032474. This event is also open to family and friends of former crew of Submarine Splendid.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Gosport Branch
20th February 2013
B.G. Philips
CPO (UC1)
Aged 78

Submarine Service in
Tradewind, Solent, Springer,
Scorcher, Aeneas,
Dreadnought, Walrus,
Grampus, Odin, Amphion
Alcide & Alliance

New Zealand Branch
22nd February 2013
Jim Hal
Leading Seaman
P/SSX 166717
Aged 100

Submarine Service in
Taku & Tantivity

Nottingham Branch
18th February 2013
Joe Morton
Stoker
Aged 87

Submarine Service in
H34, Venturer, Tudor
Thermopylae

None Member
18th February 2013
Keith Hornby Priestnall
Commander
Aged 87
Submarine Service in
X Craft

Manchester Branch
16th February 2013
Tommy Welsh
ME1
Aged 76
Submarine Service in
Seneschal, Tireless & Rorqual

Welsh Branch
12th February 2013
Harry Dilley
AB
Aged 89
Submarine Service in
Thrasher & Trenchant

Australia Branch
7th January 2013
Eric B Ellam
POTEL
Aged 85
Submarine Service in
Aurochs, Tally-Ho, Tireless
Alderney & Totem

None Member
8th February 2013
John Carrington
Aged 74

Submarine Service

Gosport Branch
7th February 2013
Ray (Badges) Duckett
WO(MEM)
C03310Y
Aged 76

Submarine Service in
Tiptoe, Seadevil, Seascout
Truncheon, Tabard, Trump
Andrew

Australia Branch
5th February 2013
Derek Pearse
L/Sea (UW)
P/J938442
Aged 73

Submarine Service in
Tireless, Tapir & Alderney

Gatwick Branch
30th January 2013
Les Thornton

ERA
Aged 86

Submarine Service in
Tactian, Thorough, Sea Scout
Auriga, Onslaught, Artful

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



The Well Turned Phrase

Indecision is the key to flexibility

Every morning is the dawn of a new error

Remember you're unique, just like everybody else

A friend in need is a pain in the ass

Diplomacy: the art of telling someone to go to hell in such away that he looks forward to the trip.

No Matter where you go , there you are

First & Last

The First Non-Manual Engine

The Reverend George William Garrett in 1879 took a giant leap forward in submersible propulsion by fitting his submarine Resurgam with a steam engine.

The First (for us)

The first two Submarines to be launched from the Barrow Yard, the 'Nordenfelts', were launched in 1886. There build was supervised by William Garrett, but financed by Thorston Nordenfelt a Swedish arms manufacturer.

One was sold to Russian owners and another to Turkey and renamed 'Abdul Hamid'. She achieved fame as the world's first submarine to fire a torpedo underwater.

The Last

HM/m Trumps target was the last ship to be sunk by any British warship in WWII.

The last two 'Boats' to come home to base after the 2nd World war, HM/m Solent & HM/m Sleuth, 22nd August 1945. Two brothers commanded the 'Boats', JD Martin & KH Martin.

March 2013	
Members Birthdays	
F. Bowen	01/03
C. Keepin	02/03
T. Henshaw	05/03
B. Arthur	07/03
R. Emmerson	11/03
I. Wylie	13/03
C. Oswald	14/03
D. Craven	15/03
M. Cundell	15/03
H. Short	17/03
H. Weaver	23/03
J. Mead	28/03
A. Hoskins	31/03

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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 February for the March 2013 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 2013

March

**Tuesday 5th Branch
Monthly Meeting
RBL2000**

**Committee Meetings
on an as Required basis**



Do You Remember

**POM
Sods Opera
Dumbarton Debs**



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 Barrow-built 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. OSIRIS
2. SERAPH
3. SUPERB
4. TRENCHANT
5. VICTORIOUS
6. TIRELESS

7. SCEPTRE
8. ASTUTE
9. SWIFTSURE
10. TIPTOE
11. UNITED
12. ANDREW



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



WHERE'S MY NAME? These picture show events in the life of the Barrow-built submarine *HMS Osiris*. See if you can find the 12 names of local boats in the wordsquare

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE MEMORIAL



2013 marks two important Anniversaries. The 100th Anniversary of the launch of the first two Australian Submarines at Barrow-in-Furness by Vickers, Sons & Maxims and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association.

Two Submarines for the Australian Navy – AE1 and AE2 - were built in Barrow in 1912/13 and, manned by joint Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy crews, left Barrow for Australia in early 1914. Both Submarines were lost early in WWI – AE1 with all hands.

The Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association was founded at an Inaugural Meeting the original 'Bay Horse' at Hawcoat on 14th May 1963 with eighteen Founder Members.



To mark these two Anniversaries the AE1 and AE2 Memorial Groups & Descendant Families, in conjunction with the Barrow Submariners, are establishing a permanent Memorial to the two Submarines and their crews in Ramsden Square in Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday 18th May 2013.

The Memorial, in black marble with white lettering, is in the form of a Triptych detailing AE1 and its Crew on the LH Panel, AE2 and its Crew on the RH Panel with general information and Spare Crew on the Centre Panel.

The Memorial will be unveiled by the Patron of the Submariners Association – Admiral the Lord Boyce KG, GCB, OBE, DL together with Lord Abinger – a descendant of the brother of Lieutenant the Hon. Leopold Scarlett – who was the Third Hand of AE1. The Unveiling Ceremony will be followed by a Black Tie Dinner in the evening in FORUM 28 in Barrow Town Centre – arranged by the Barrow Branch of the Submariners Association and celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

The AE1 and AE2 Memorial is being funded partly by AE1 Incorporated, the AE2 Descendant Families and contributions from other supporters. A Community Bank Account with Barclays Bank, Richmond Branch has been opened - donations if desired - can be made to this account - details as below and donors can transfer money direct:

Account name: AE1 and AE2 UK Memorial Fund

Account number: 43007863

Sort Code: 20 - 72 - 17

IBAN number for the account: GB44BARC20721743007863

SWIFT number: BARCGB22xxx