



50th Anniversary ■ 1963 - 2013



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The May Word



Good day to all you old and bold and even younger fellow submariners.

It is finally here. At the May meeting on Tuesday coming we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the actual founding meeting back on the 14th May 1963 in the Old Bay Horse pub in Hawcoat. We still have a founder member with us but who's health does not allow him to attend any more. I refer of

course to Peter Lorking. We wish him well and hope that one of these days he may get down to a meeting. We also have one of the widows (Dot Moody) still with us who's husband was at that founding meeting. Unfortunately Dot has had to decline our invitation to the Dinner Dance but sent me a lovely letter wishing us well.

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I am sure Alex Webb our social secretary will have given you chapter and verse on the forthcoming social scene but I will expand slightly on our regular meeting next week. We will be starting at the slightly earlier time of 19.30 so please try and make it on time. We have been fortunate in having the Association President Admiral Sir James Perowne and the new Mayor of Barrow, Councillor Colin Thomson with us. We have arranged for the Evening Mail to attend so make sure you are scrubbed up. The plan is that we will conduct a very short and abbreviated meeting and postpone most business until June. We will ask both the Mayor and Sir James to address us, close the meeting, pipe "Up Spirits" followed by the Loyal Toast and then let's party. Alex will take over from that point and will host a nice and easy quiz, a break for Pie and Peas, a raffle and then the final session of the quiz. Bring your friends along as well if you wish.

Everything is now in place for our 50th Anniversary black tie dinner dance. All those little details that you wouldn't necessarily be aware of have been addressed. All we need now is for you all to turn up in your best bib and tucker and make it a night to remember. At the last count we had 140 attending so it has the makings for a good night.

On the following morning Sunday 19th May we will be laying up our old Branch Standard in St John's Church on Barrow Island. This will take place at 11.30 and Alan Jones our sky pilot has promised it will be a short service so you will still have time to spend an afternoon in the sun and have a BBQ.

Now, for some not so good news. At our committee meeting, Mick Mailey, our treasurer has once again brought to our attention that many of our members have still not paid up for this year and in about 40 or so cases haven't paid for up to four years. About this time last year Barrie Downer and Ron Hiseman wrote individually to these members with unfortunately a very limited response. Now I do know some will have simply forgot and will wish to continue their membership and I urge them to make amends now. There may well be others who have lost interest. Whilst I ask that as a courtesy you drop a line, or a phone call to one of us to let us know I suspect that again apathy may rule. There are also many who haven't upped their standing order from the previous £10 to the current £12.50 so to these members, please take time out and update you SO. The whole effect of this is that the branch is still owed in the region of £1300 pounds which cannot go on. We agreed at the committee meeting that unless all the back payments and underpayments are made then that member will be lapsed and the National Membership secretary advised. The branch had a policy that the national would be paid their share of the subs each year on the presumption that the member would eventually pay albeit a bit late. The last thing we want to do is lose some of our members but it clearly is obvious that this cannot continue and the committee will be looking at how strict our rules should be

implemented. Hey guys, it is not as if the subs are going to break you. It is cheaper than any golf or social club you may be a member of and even cheaper than the Barrow RBL of which you get the facilities free of charge on meeting nights.

Well having got that off my chest, I wish you all well and hope to see as many of you as possible at our regular meeting on Tuesday, the dinner next Saturday and finishing off at St Johns on Sunday morning.

Dave Barlow
Chairman



Ron Hiseman
Secretary

Well the time has finally arrived and our 50th Anniversary events kick off with the anniversary meeting to be held in the RBL on Tuesday 14th May at 1930. The meeting will be a quick meeting with the majority of items being moved to the June meeting. On completion a social night will be held with some VIP's attending. Pie and peas will also be provided on the night. Saturday is a busy day with the dedication of the AE1/AE2 memorial in Ramsden Square. Terry Spurling is looking for volunteers to keep an eye on the memorial and keep it tidy. If you can spare a little time please contact Terry who will add your name to the list. Saturday night is our anniversary dinner dance at the Forum 28 so if you still need some tickets please contact Jan as soon as possible.

On another note the Branch was instrumental in providing an unexpected surprise for a serving submariner Stuart and his bride Lucy on their wedding day. The Branch was contacted by a friend of the father of the groom to see if we could arrange good wishes messages from some boats association. Although we couldn't find all of the associations the list was bolstered by messages from the Branch and the Association Chairman.

See you at the next meeting or at one of the Branch's 50th Anniversary events. Please support the events, after all as a member you deserve to enjoy our anniversary year for the support shown to the Branch.

Due to ill health and holiday my apologies for not continuing the Branch history this month but will do next instalment in June

Regards

Ron



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 48

HMS Tireless



TRIALS BEGIN: The Barrow-built *HMS Tireless* ready to leave Barrow in 1985

THE Barrow-built *HMS Tireless* is a Trafalgar-class nuclear submarine of the Royal Navy and is the third vessel of her class.

Tireless is the second submarine of the Royal Navy to bear this name.

She was launched on March 17 in 1984, sponsored by Sue Squires, wife of Admiral "Tubby" Squires, and commissioned in October 1985.

At the Barrow ceremony, the boat's first commanding officer, Cmdr Tony Poulter read the commissioning warrant.

He later accompanied guests to Barrow Town Hall to meet Mayor Irene Lucas where the commissioning cake was cut by the captain's sister Dr Jane Kingsnorth and the youngest member of the *Tireless* crew 17-year-old Nigel Hobby.

Crowds lined Ramsden Dock to see the submarine leave town on October 15 in 1985 for five weeks of sea trials.

The boat had been ordered on July 5 in 1979 and laid down on June 6 in 1981.

In May 2000, *Tireless* developed a serious leak in the nuclear reactor primary cooling circuit, although there was no leak of radioactive material.

The nuclear propulsion system was shut down and using backup diesel power *Tireless* reached Gibraltar.

The damage was found to be more extensive than first thought, and the boat remained at Gibraltar, creating



BIG DAY: The submarine *Tireless* on launch day in March 1984

diplomatic tensions between Spain and Britain, until she left on 7 May 2001, following extensive repairs.

On 13 May 2003, while on exercise in the Arctic – and travelling at a depth of 60m – *Tireless* collided with an iceberg resulting in some damage to the upper section of the boat.

In March 2007 the Evening Mail reported that two British sailors had

died on *HMS Tireless* when an oxygen generating device exploded. The submarine had been on an exercise with the US Navy in the Arctic.

From 9 July 2010 to 12 May 2011 *Tireless* spent 253 days at sea, the longest by a Royal Navy submarine in 10 years.

During this time the boat passed through the Suez Canal for the first time and provided protection for the French aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle* launching aircraft over Afghanistan.

She was also involved in a multi-nation anti-submarine exercise in the Gulf of Oman which saw the Australian frigate *HMAS Melbourne* and the French frigate *FS Dupleix* attempt to hunt *Tireless* down.

STATS:

Displacement: 4,800 tonnes, surfaced; 5,300 tonnes, dived

Length: 85.4 m (280 ft)

Beam: 9.8 m (32 ft)

Draught: 9.5 m (31 ft)

Propulsion: A Rolls Royce PWR1 nuclear reactor; two GEC steam turbines, two W.H Allen turbo generators and two Paxman diesel alternators

Armament: Five torpedo tubes of 21inch (533 mm) with stowage for up to 30 weapons. The boat carries Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles and Spearfish wire-guided heavyweight torpedoes



Alex Webb
Social Secretary

May is here, the sun is out (almost) and the socials season takes off with a 50th Anniversary bang.

Diary Check:

Tue 14th May Anniversary Meeting. After the meeting we will organise for a quiz; 6 quick rounds interrupted by pie and peas. £1 per person, teams no bigger than 6 and a prize will be given for the winning team.

Sat 18th May Anniversary dinner dance at the Forum tickets on sale from Jan Mead.

Sat 29th June we have been invited to the Coxn's Conference disco at the Legion. Kick off at 19:30. There will be a disco and raffle, but no food.

Sat 20th July To continue our anniversary celebrations; A Day Out at Cartmel Races - this list will open in May and close at the June meeting. Cost is £20 per person, limited to 35. This will include transport (depart RBL at 12 return at 19:30) and entry, given demand I am happy to cart along cheap booze for you to purchase on the coach.

Sat 10th Aug BBQ at the Crofters in Holbeck. Excellent private area, outside bar with reduced bar prices from those inside. Food is burger, hotdog, chicken, salad and associated condiments. Entertainment will be live music and disco, childrens entertainment, games, raffle etc. plus prize will be given for best outfit. Timings 2 – 9, with BBQ between 4 – 6, entertainment on at 7 and finish at 9pm. Costing will be £7:50 adult and £5:00 per child. To make this cost effective I need 100 attendees. So bring your families, grand children, and any friends you can. Tickets will go on sale from June.

Fri 9th Nov Ladies Night - formal black tie event still a work in progress; I will keep you informed.

Sat 7th Dec - Annual Christmas Party, disco, 4 piece rock and roll band and all the festive entertainment fun I can manage.

I've done my part and now it is your turn. Remember Confucius say "life is too short not to party whenever you can" - Circa 501 BC.

Lets have a party!!!!

Alex Webb
Social Secretary

Canada's plans to counter arctic incursions by ambitious neighbors are being held back by snags in the refurbishing and upgrading of the country's submarine fleet. Canada's current defense focus is shifting steadily to the arctic region amid concerns that a stronger Russian and northern European presence is undermining the country's sovereignty in the area.

Canada has announced elaborate plans to assert its claim on contiguous parts of the arctic region amid scientific predictions melting ice will open the area to navigation and mineral exploration. But the submarines meant to perform patrol duties are nowhere to be seen.

"There is more trouble for Canada's fleet of used British submarines," CBC reported after news that one of the Canadian navy submarines, HMCS Windsor, would still not perform after a \$209 million refit. "We have restricted her in range of operations and her endurance," Capt. Luc Cassivi, director of Canada's submarine force told CBC. The vessel awaits further work on one of its 16-cylinder diesel generators used to charge the batteries on board. Deeper dives and planned exercises off the U.S. coast are off the naval agenda.

The Windsor resumed sailing in April last year after a 5-year refit. It is one of four Victoria class submarines Canada bought from Britain for \$750 million, hailed as a bargain at the time.

Other submarines face more complex problems before they can be seaworthy. Further plans to refit Corner Brook, another of the four secondhand submersibles, triggered controversy after estimates the refurbishment would cost more than \$200 million.

"The unexpected repairs to the Windsor and the resulting restrictions means that the navy has only one fully operational submarine in service, the west coast-based HMCS Victoria," CBC said. That vessel too was discovered to have a large dent in its hull after Canada received it from Britain, CBC said. The Toronto Sun likened Canada's submarine troubles to "a convoluted tale of mismatched procurement meeting ill-defined strategic needs."

"Well, it would help if they were ever fully operational," Steven Staples, president of the Rideau Institute defense and foreign policy think tank in Ottawa replied.

"If they could dive without hitting the ocean floor or even remember to close hatches before submerging." Defense Industry Daily said the problems faced by the secondhand submarines are so well known that some of the vessels could never be truly operational. One of the four submarines, Corner Brook, still needs repairs from a 2011 collision with the sea bottom



SINGAPORE SUBS



A second Archer class submarine that Singapore purchased from the Swedish navy is fully operational. Singapore's Ministry of Defense said the RSS Swordsman was commissioned this week at Changi Naval Base and joins the RSS Archer, which was also purchased from Sweden.

"RSS Swordsman, her sister boat RSS Archer, and our Challenger class submarines form part of an integrated warfighting system, together with our stealth frigates, naval helicopters, missile corvettes and mine-countermeasure vessels a force that safeguards Singapore's maritime interests and protects our territorial integrity," Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Tharman Shanmugaratnam said.

The RSS Swordsman has been refurbished for operations in local conditions and features upgraded combat and sensor suites. An Air Independent Propulsion system for greater stealth, extended reach and expanded operational capabilities was also added.

Archer class diesel-electric submarines displace 1,500 tons and are 198.6 feet long. They have a surface speed of 8 knots and a submerged speed of 15 knots

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2013/05/03/Singapore-commissions-new-submarine/UPI-85351367598285/#ixzz2SoAxkKSy

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

Just a reminder that the new Memorial to the Australian Submarines AE1 and AE2 is to be unveiled by the SA Patron - Admiral the Lord Boyce and Mr Tom Tribe of AE1 incorporated in Ramsden Square on Saturday 18th May. The Ceremonies are due to take place between 1430 and 1530. VIPs attending include the Mayor, Council Officers, descendants of the AE1 & AE2 Crews and RAN Officers from the Australian High Commission. All are welcome to attend and members are requested to wear SA Blazers with Medals if they have them.

HMS AFFRAY SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

One of three surviving widows of 75 servicemen who died in a submarine tragedy has unveiled a new memorial.



Mary Henry unveiled the new monument to the crew of HMS Affray

HMS Affray was on a training exercise off Alderney in the Channel Islands when it went missing in April 1951. It was the last Royal Navy submarine to be lost at sea. It was found two months later 7.5 miles off the north west of Alderney at a depth of 280ft (85.3m).

Mary Henry, from Emsworth, whose husband Derrick Foster died, attended a ceremony in Gosport earlier. "I feel that they've been done justice at last - it's been 62 years, a long time," she said.

HMS Affray left Portsmouth on 16 April, 1951 and submerged about 30 miles south of the Isle of Wight at 21:15 BST. It failed to resurface when it was due to at 08:30. Seventy-one Royal Navy personnel and four Royal Marines were on board.

A search and rescue operation was launched, involving 26 ships and submarines along with available aircraft. It was found off Alderney two months later. No attempt was ever made to raise it to the surface.

The Royal Navy's official inquiry concluded HMS Affray sank because the snort mast, the tube through which the diesel engine "breathed" while the submarine was at periscope depth, snapped because of metal fatigue.

There had been concerns about the submarine's mechanical condition before it sailed.

Mrs Henry's said her husband had told her he thought the boat was "unseaworthy".

"That is what has always upset me so much," she said.

Another memorial to the tragedy was unveiled at Braye Harbour in Alderney last year.



Hope & Anchor By Ginge Cundell

Where good beer and navy rum is served
By an open fire throwing the heat
To a cosy corner of the "Hope & Anchor",
That's where the old submariners meet.

Thursdays, at six bell of the afternoon watch,
The rum is measured, issued and then,
Her Majesty's health is loyally toasted,
And drunk to by Duds, Ginge, Dick and Ken.

They have crossed the oceans beneath the waves,
Submariners from the Diesel boat days.
With stories and salty dits to relate.
Real old shellbacks, set in their ways.

Now the days of submarine life are long past,
In a safe harbour they have berthed secure.
To the "Hope & Anchor's" sheltered anchorage,
With barrels of good beer and rum "O" so pure.

Type 94 SSBN

Taiwanese intelligence officials recently revealed (while answering questions before parliament) that China's Type 94 SSBN (ballistic missile carrying nuclear powered boat, also called "boomers") has not yet been commissioned. This was apparently in response to reports that a Type 94 class sub was seen recently undergoing what appeared to be sea trials. Taiwanese officials also stated that the JL-2 SLBM (Sea Launched Ballistic Missiles) that the Type 94 is designed to carry is still undergoing testing.

It's no secret that China is eager to actually send one of its SSBNs out on a combat patrol. That's because, to date, China has never been able to do this. America, Russia, Britain, and France have all done so and still do. The U.S. has had SSBNs going out with nuclear armed, and ready to fire, missiles for over half a century. What is going on with China? There appears to be a combination of technical and political problems. Some of these problems are no longer state secrets but are being discussed in the state controlled media.

What is known is that China has already produced two generations of SSBNs. In the early 1980s, the Type 92 SSBN was launched but had a lot of problems and never made it into service. It only went out for training in Chinese coastal waters. Only one was built.

In the last decade the Type 94 showed up. This was believed, in the West, to be the Chinese SSBN that would go on patrol. This has never happened,

at least not yet. Turns out that the Type 94 also had technical problems, and Chinese workers have been seen working on Type 94s for years.

The Type 94 seemed like it would enter service because it is simply a variant of the Type 93 class SSN (nuclear powered attack sub), which looks a lot like the three decade old Russian Victor III class SSN design. The first Type 93 entered service in 2006.

The Type 94 SSBN looks like a Victor III with a missile compartment added. Taking a SSN design and adding extra compartments to hold the ballistic missiles is an old trick, pioneered by the United States in the 1950s to produce the first ever SSBNs. The Chinese appear to have done the same thing by taking their new Type 93 SSN and creating a larger Type 94 SSBN boat of 9,000 tons displacement. Priority was apparently given to construction of the Type 94, as having nuclear missiles able to reach the United States gives China more diplomatic clout than some new SSNs. The first Type 94 was completed two years ago. But it still has not gone to sea equipped with nuclear missiles.

This may be because after the first two new, 7,000 ton, Type 93 class SSNs went to sea, China apparently found their performance was not impressive at all. Not much more was expected from the Type 94s, except that they might be reliable enough to make a few combat patrols, just for the record. The 93s were too noisy and had a long list of more minor defects as well. It's unclear how many 93s will be built, probably no more than six (four already exist). More resources are apparently being diverted to the next SSN class, the 95, and the next SSBN, the Type 96. The first Type 95 is under construction and not expected to enter service until 2015. The Type 96 SSBN is still in the planning stages, apparently waiting to see how well (or not) the Type 95 SSN design works out.





BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC KEY COMMEMORATION EVENTS



In London:

Fly-pasts over Greenwich on 9 and 11 May at 19:00 BST Memorial service at the Merchant Navy Memorial in Trinity Square Gardens, Tower Hill, from 13:00 BST on 11 May Warships open to the public on 11 and 12 May.

The HQS Wellington, a ship permanently docked near Temple Tube station, hosts a Master Mariners Battle of the Atlantic exhibition from 12 May

In Londonderry:

The Royal Naval Association dedicates a new statue, the International Sailor, on 11 May in Ebrington Square to those who lost their lives in the battle A guard of honour and a band service in Ebrington Square on 11 May. A parade in Ebrington Square on 12 May. Laying of wreaths on the River Foyle on 12 May

In Liverpool:

Up to 25 ships from the Royal Navy and from Russia, Canada, Germany, Poland, France and Belgium to converge on the city. Some will be open to the public Charity Royal Marines Band concert at the Philharmonic Hall on 25 May.

Service of commemoration to be held at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 26 May. Parade and fly-past on 26 May

More information available on the below website.
<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/News-and-Events/Special-Events/Battle-Of-The-Atlantic>

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Basingstoke & Dolphin Branch
April 2013
John.H.Gould
Leading Seaman (RP3)
P/JX 808201
Aged 77
Submarine Service 1956-1962
Token, Talent & Taciturn

SOLMA Member
1st April 2013
Graham Robert Heath
COEA & Lieutenant Commander
Aged 64
Submarine Service including
Resolution, Renown & Otus

Welsh Branch
April 2013
Terrence Smith
Able Seaman (GL2)
P/SSX
Aged 76
Submarine Service 1966-1971
Talent, Thule, Telemachus
Andrew

Portsmouth Branch
April 2013
Malcolm Jeffery
Able Seaman (UWA)
P070893
Aged 68
Submarine 1964-1974
Opportune, Osiris, Walrus,
Amphion & Oberon

Submarine Officers Association
22nd April 2013
Antony Robert Price
Commander
Submarine Service
Completed Perisher 1970
Porpoise (CO) & Osiris (CO)

Morecambe Bay Branch
Former Branch President
22nd April 2013
Brian Brown
Lieutenant (E)
P/K965778
Aged 72
Submarine Service 1958-1983
Grampus, Explorer,
Alaric, Opportune, Revenge,
Warspite, Opportune &
Olympus as LT(E)

Scottish Branch
22nd April 2013
Bryan Thomas
P/JX 912746
Able Seaman (RP3)
Submarine Service 1954-1960
Untiring, Subtle, Thorough
Acheron & Turpin

Non Member
April 2013
Peter (Ginge) Clifford
MEA
Submarine Service Including
Conqueror

Plymouth Branch
6th April
D A (Jan) Ham
CMEM
P/KX 903231
Aged 79
Submarine Service 1954-1974
Ambush, Sturdy, Tudor,
Scythian, Alcide, Onslaught
Auriga, Aeneas & Narwhal

Non Member
April 2013
David F Stonehouse
CPO Coxswain
Aged 76
Submarine Service including
Auriga & Otus

Gatwick Branch
28th March 2013
William (Bill) Sherrington
Leading Signalman
Aged 89
Submarine Service WWII in
Seawolf, Stoic, Spiteful,
Ambush

**International Submariners
Association**
11th April 2013
Charles W Beattie
Croix De Guerre
Chief Yeoman of Signals
C/JX 163808
Submarine Service 1941-1957
Oberon, Clyde, Sybil, Upshot,
FFS Casabianca, P556,
Upshot, Tradewind & Sentinel

South Kent Branch
16th April 2013
Kenneth Budd
Able Seaman (UC3)
P/SSX 928073
Submarine Service 1959-1962
Trump, Taciturn & Finwhale

*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.*

ANZAC DAY


ANZAC Day in New Zealand, is our equivalent of your Remembrance day. At the beginning of the ceremony at NZ's premier War Memorial a special mention was made of the Submariners Association Patron, Commander Con Thode who recently turned 102 years old and still leads an active life and still attends monthly meetings, even though the NZ Branch's members numbers are becoming thin on the ground.

Con Thode was born in suburban Auckland NZ in early 1911. From his early youth he had a love of yachting and the sea. In his early twenties he joined the Royal NZ Volunteer Reserve and travelled to the UK soon after WWII began. By mid 1941 he was navigator of HMS PROTEUS in the Mediterranean and later as First Lieutenant joined the highly successful ULTOR commanded by Lt. George Hunt. Like other British submariners George moved to Australia after retirement and he and Con kept in touch until George's death in August 2011. In August 1944 Con Thode got his own command with HMS SCYTHIAN operating out of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka). Although some 200 other New Zealanders served in HM Submarines (and even commanded them) Con was the only Royal NZ Navy Volunteer Reserve officer to command an RN submarine in wartime. Detail of his Scythian experience can be found at this link: <http://www.uboot.net/allies/commanders/2445.html>

Should you want to pass on a good wish to this example of living history you can drop him a note at:

Con Thode C/O Hon Sec. Submariners Association (NZ Branch) 22 Abbotsford Terrace Devonport 1309 Auckland New Zealand..... or by email to: syb22@vodafone.co.nz

Kindest Regards
Submariners Assn. (NZ Branch)



May 2013

Members Birthdays

T. Fell	04/05
D. Smith	06/05
D. Cooper	07/05
D. Barlow	09/05
T. Evans	09/05
D. Wade	11/05
N. Hildrew	12/05
K. Brumby	17/05
P. Winsland	19/05
C. Madin	21/05
T. Spurling	22/05
T. Chittenden	25/05
I. Walsh	25/05
R. Britten	31/05
M. Jones	31/05
N. Lowden	31/05

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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 May for the June 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

May

**Tuesday 14th Branch
Monthly Meeting
RBL 1930**

**Saturday 18th May
50th Anniversary
The Forum 1830 for 1930
Dress Code Black Tie**



FIRST & LAST

**The First Submarine to enter
the Dardanelle's in WW1 was
AE2 (Australian)**

**HMs/m Porpoise the last
British Submarine sank in
WW1**



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 Brazilian submarines, some of which were launched in Barrow.

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. AMAZONAS

2. BAHIA

3. GUANABARA

4. GOIAS

5. HUMAITA

6. RIACHUELO

7. TONELERO

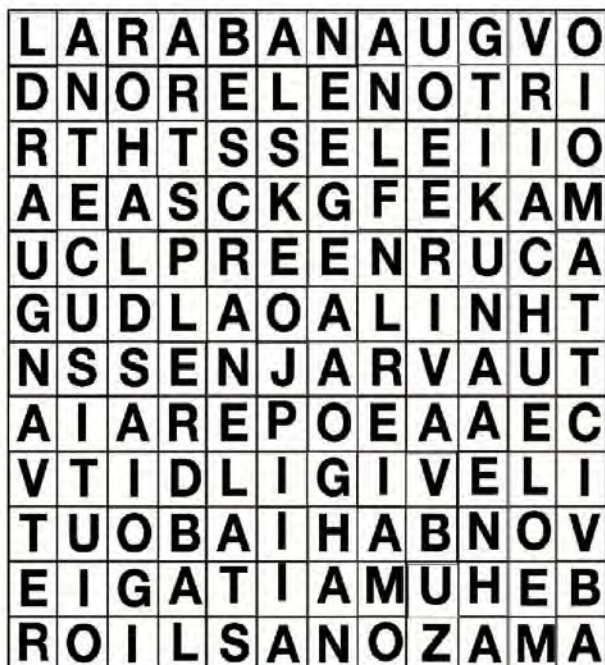
8. RIO DE JANEIRO

9. CEARA

10. TIKUNA

11. TAMOIO

12. TAPAJÓ



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



WHERE'S MY NAME? This picture shows the submarine *Humaita* being launched at Barrow on October 5 in 1971. See if you can find the 12 names of Brazilian boats in the wordsquare



RESPECTABILITY PROJECT

Are you aged 50+ and live in Barrow?

Are you looking to try out new things and make new friends?

Age UK has a NEW Project offering a wide range of social activities for you to get involved with Including:

* Bicycle & Furniture restoration * I.T courses * Tai Chi *
* Healthy eating & cookery workshops *

Model Making & Woodwork classes * Walking group* Gardening*
Arts & Crafts* Volunteering & much more! *



Most of our activities are FREE or have a small weekly charge

Open to residents of Barrow & District age 50+

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<http://barrowrespectability.wordpress.com/>

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Chaplains Dit May 2013



An opening question for our QUIZ AFICIONADO'S, what links these three Images?



I knew from the start that I had two "must do actions" for today. 1: Complete this Dit and get it sent off to our ever patient editor. 2: Shared duties with Pat minding our great grandson a lively eighteen months old whirlwind. In planning terms task two impacted on task one, thus generating an unplanned unforeseen incident. **Namely: me falling asleep when Ollie went home!!!**

Many moons ago a famous early church founding father Saint Thomas Aquinas penned these words. **"There is nothing on this earth to be prized more than true friendship"**. It is my belief that it was friendship and the camaraderie developed through seagoing submarine experiences. That threw them together to form the fifteen member strong fledgling, Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submarine Old Comrades Association. The rest is a second to none pedigree stretching fifty years.

One of the greatest honours that the branch has bestowed on me was inviting me to become their Lay Chaplain. It is a role that is very dear to me. I don't claim

to get it right, but I feel it's a place where I can represent a Christian viewpoint in an increasingly complex and confusing world.

I think it fitting will end this dit with Nelsons Prayer used on the morning of 21st October, 1805 with the combined fleets of France and Spain then in sight. If the prayer it was good enough for Nelson to take into battle. Then it most certainly good enough for us to ponder the words as we travel towards the next fifty years.

"MAY THE GREAT GOD, whom I worship, grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory: and may no misconduct, in anyone, tarnish it: and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British Fleet.

For myself Individually, I commit my life to Him who made me and may His blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my Country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend.

AMEN AMEN AMEN"

Regards Jonsey