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The October Word Just for once I away in Russia a ters and we had



has started nagging me. The fact is he is away on a holiday has nothing to do with it. First of all I would like to thank Kenny for standing in for me at the last minute at the September meeting. Fiona had just returned after 5 weeks

away in Russia at our daughters and we had a lot to catch up on. She did Captains rounds to check the house was OK, washing and ironing up to speed and a sitrep on all the jobs she left me. Retirement? I would have been better off still at work.

The only good thing is that I could watch the entire cricket I wanted without interruption.

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LAY CHAPLAIN Alan Jones 01229 463150 If you missed the Race Night organised by Alex they have to arrange drivers and a pick up plan. Webb then you missed a great night. It is a pity that not more of you turned up though. It can be a bit disheartening for Alex our new social sec when we don't have a full house after all the hard work he put into the organisation. I thoroughly enjoyed it even though I didn't back a winner, ride one or own one, but hey it was all in a good cause. Alex made a few bob to enhance his social fund whilst at the same time raising a nice tidy sum for the children's ward at the FGH. I can't say how much because at the October meeting it is our intention to propose we top it up a bit so until then I don't know how much it will be.

Talking of money for charity; at the November meeting we will be making three substantial One is to the Motor-Neurone presentations. Disease as a result of the golf outing and topped up by the branch, one is to the local RBL as a share of the profit from the sale of the submarine poppy pins and the third is as stated above to the FGH Children's ward. Hopefully we can get the Evening Mail to come along too.

This has come at a nice time as once again the K2B walk organisation has donated us some money albeit we won't know how much until the awards ceremony itself. They have asked us to set up a stall on that day (28th October) to demonstrate what we are all about, what we do and most importantly how we spend the donation they make to us. So the focus will be on our charitable work, our work in the community and obviously our heritage. anyone can spare an hour or two on the afternoon of the 28th October then please stand up and be counted.

I am sure that Alex will be explaining more in his social dit but the next really big 'do' is the Annual Ladies Night. Having been privy to the work Alex is putting in it promises to be a great night. He has a couple of things planned we have not done before certainly in my time in the branch. All we need is for you all to turn up to make it a really good night. The date is Friday the 8th November, the venue **Chequers Hotel in Dalton. For more information** see later in this newsletter. That reminds me, I still have a handful of Submariner Poppy pins left but when they are gone they are gone so don't come crying that you are the only one without one at the Remembrance Day Parade. I think Micky Dack also has a few but I expect them all to go at the next branch meeting. A snip at £3 each.

Once again the kind hearted Co-operative Funeral Care have given us two limousines for Remembrance Sunday. This is to allow any of our members including our widows who wish to attend the Ceremony at the Cenotaph in the park who otherwise would not be able to attend. The car would pick you up at your home, take you to the park for the ceremony and then either take you to the British Legion or take you back home as you wish. I can accept the first 14 who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. If you want to use the facility then contact Dave Barlow on 01229 831196. Please don't leave it until the last minute as

May I remind you all that Ben is stepping down as our Newsletter Editor at Christmas with that issue being his last. Ben has been doing the newsletter with one short break continuously for years. We do not want the newsletter to lapse so please, please if you have some editing skills or can simply help put one together then please stand up and be counted. There must be someone out there.



The third of the Astute Class submarines HMS Artful was named last week. Gone are the days when we had a dramatic slide down a slipway into Walney Channel or even a roll out from the Devonshire Dock Hall, just a naming ceremony inside the dock hall itself. The Submariners Association did not receive any invites so all those crew members from the old Artful missed out. Pity really. I note that BAE are not slow in coming forward when they want assistance from us though. I see Mr Hudson the MD has been promoted and moves on, the new MD will be Tony Johns an ex submariner so maybe, just maybe, things might change a bit.

The Pope and a Submariner both pass away on the same day, and in a mix up, the Pope goes to hell and the Submariner goes to heaven. So God calls down to hell and says, "Lucifer, I think we have a mix up here. I've got one of yours, and you've got one of mine. So why don't you just send the Pope up, and I'll send you the submariner." So the Pope begins to float up, and halfway he meets the Submariner. "How ya doin?" says the Submariner. "Glorious," says the Pope, "when I get to heaven I'm going to walk with St. Peter, talk with God, and visit the Virgin Mary." Well the submariner begins to laugh out loud. The Pope asks "what's so funny?" The submariner coolly replies, "Sir, I think you're about 3 hours too late.

Well that's all for this month.

Dave Barlow Chairman







ON PATROL: The Barrow-built Rorqual shown at sea

THE Porpoise-class submarine *HMS Rorqual* (S02) was launched at the Vickers shipyard at Barrow in December 1956.

The boat was named for both the Rorqual whale and an earlier submarine of the same name which saw service during the Second World War.

In 1958, *Rorqual* experienced a fire and in 1963 was caught in a fishing trawler's net.

An explosion in 1966 killed two crew members and injured another 20 while the submarine was off the coast of Mozambique on the way to Singapore.

In 1969, *Rorqual* rammed a moored minesweeper, the *USS Endurance*, while docking at River Point pier in Subic Bay, Philippines.

The collision punched a large hole in *Endurance's* hull but did not damage *Rorqual*.

At the time of the incident, *Rorqual* was commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Gavin Menzies.

Rorqual won the Submarine Operations Coordinating Authority Efficiency trophy in 1973.

The boat arrived at the Laira yard, near Plymouth on May 5 in 1977 to be broken up for scrap by Davies and Cann.

STATS:

Displacement: 2,080 tons surfaced and 2,450 tons submerged

Length: 290ft Beam: 26ft 7in Crew: 71

Speed: 12kn surfaced and 17kn submerged

Range: 9,000nm at 12kn

Armament: Eight torpedo tubes of 21in diameter,

six at the bow and two at the stern



GETTING WET: The Porpoise-class submarine Rorqual being launched at Barrow in December 1956



Social Secretary Alex Webb

Firstly I would like to thanks all those who came along to our race night on Friday 20th. I for one thoroughly enjoyed myself; after escaping from the clutches of the front door trying to press gang anyone passing. Although only 46 people turned out it still raised

£60 for the children's ward and gave the social fund a boost to cover part of the cost for the Christmas party. So well done, again I think this will feature in next year's social calendar so don't miss out twice in a row; the pie and peas are magnificent.

The members draw started in September and the first winner (money goes to money) was Kenny Collins; congratulations Ken. So October draw is back to £5 for some lucky person. Remember all you have to do to win it is be there and have paid your membership fees.

Diary Check:

Fri 9th Nov - Ladies Night - formal black tie event venue Chequers in Dalton, top class entertainment in the form of Denis Horan & Kristian the Magician. 4 Course Dinner, which includes reception drink, ½ bottle of wine and a port toast. There will be a top class photographer in attendance to take photos of you in all your finery. There will be a small gift for the ladies, a chocolate fountain and a raffle you can't afford to miss out on and of course the speeches and fun. Cost is £37:50 per person; a subsidised rate and very good value for the evening. Tickets are on sale NOW. This is going to be a great evening so join in and treat your ladies. Numbers are restricted to 106 so get in quick. Either phone or email me directly and I will reserve you a place and get your food order sorted. Or see me at the October meeting. Payment needs to be with me no later than 24th October.

Below is the menu, please give Alex Webb (Social Secretary) your name as you would like it on the place setting, your selection of one from each course and indicate whether you would like red or white wine with your main course.

For example: Alex Webb - A. B. A. - Red Wine.

Please ensure you make payment to either myself or the treasurer by 20th October 2013. For further details contact Alex Webb on 01229 839551.

Thank you

Sat 7th Dec End of year annual Christmas party, disco, 4 piece rock and roll band, food and all the festive entertainment fun I can muster, cost will be £2:50 or £3 on the door; again tickets are now available.

Carlsberg don't organise socials but if they didthey'd probably be like mine!! Don't miss out.

Menu Selection

Starters

- A) Freshly made Cream of Vegetable Soup, Served with a warm Granary Roll
- B) Rose of Gallia Melon served with Mixed berries drizzled with mango coulis
- C) Chef's special pate served with hot toast & a rich Cumberland sauce
- D) Chequers classic prawn cocktail served with salad garnish & a rich Marie Rose sauce & buttered brown bread

Mains

- A) Roasted Silverside of British Beef with Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes & real gravy
- B) Chequers Chicken: chicken supreme filled with asparagus & mozzarella mousse wrapped in bacon served with a creamy garlic, leek & white wine sauce
- C) Fillet of Haddock coated with a grainy mustard & bacon crumble with a creamy prawn sauce
- D) Chequers Vegetable Lattice; Fresh vegetable sautéed with garlic & herbs bound in a creamy cheese sauce wrapped in a home made pastry

Deserts

- A) Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butter scotch sauce & vanilla ice cream
- B) Gooey chocolate fudge cake served with a rich chocolate sauce
- C) Strawberry shortcake filled with fresh strawberries & whipped cream, served with strawberry coulis
- D) Trio of Ice Creams

Alex Webb

E14 - One That Got Away & Won Two VCs

Until 1908 Vickers Sons and Maxim had held undisputed sway when it came to British submarine construction. They had built the Holland's, all 13 of the A class and all 11 B's. By 1908 they had built 16 of the C class, 290 tonners and a slight improvement on the B's. Then Chatham Dockyard entered the field, and, like Barrow, Chatham has since built up an interest in and expertise on submarine construction. Yet Barrow claimed the lion's share of the contracts for the C-boats Chatham getting only six of the 30 orders for construction. The dockyard was there again to build the last two of eight D-class and those boats took the submarine to a surface displacement of about 500 tons.

HMS D4 incidentally, was the first British submarine to mount a gun and later versions received two 12-pounders to augment their three 18-inch torpedo tubes. Chatham was in work again when the Admiralty placed orders for the class that can be regarded as the true forerunner of the modern submarine the "E's", but Barrow had a singular honour in constructing the first submarines the Royal Australian Navy ever had and they happened to be "E"-class boats, named AE.1 and AE.2, both built in 1914 and both destined to have a very short career.

The demands of the 1914-18 war meant that even Barrow and Chatham could not cope with the orders for the E class and as more than 50 were built between 1914 and 1916 it is not surprising that Beardmore, Armstrong Whitworth, Palmers, Cammell Laird, Swan Hunter, Fairfield, John Brown, and Scotts of Greenock all got a small share of the cake. William Denny at Dumbarton built three but the pioneering work was done at Barrow and at Chatham.

Barrow's first of the class for the Royal Navy was the E.9 (1913), and while there may be doubt as to who takes the real credit Chatham or Vickers for developing the "E's", Barrow built two boats which between them, earned three VCs in the first World War. Like their predecessors, all the E-class submarines were of the saddle tank type. They displaced 660 tons on the surface and 800 tons submerged. They were 181 feet in length and were powered by two diesel engines driving twin/shafts. The surface speed was improved enormously to 15½ knots and as batteries and electric motors had been improved as well the "E's" had an underwater speed of 10 knots.

The 14 shipbuilders concerned in turning out the boats found themselves involved in a variety of designs. There were various combinations of

torpedo tubes and minelaying facilities and in some instances mines were carried in vertical chutes in the main ballast tanks.

E.11 had a standard fit of two 18-inch torpedo tubes in the bows, two tubes on the beam and one in the stern. She also carried one deck gun a 12-pounder similar to the 3-inch which was fitted aboard the small submarines of World War 2. E.11 had three officers and 28 men. One could claim that the boats were the 1915 equivalent of the 1945-89 T-boats for they saw service in all theatres of war. Their exploits were concentrated in the Baltic and Eastern Mediterranean and as Britain was very much involved with the Dardanelle's at the time, that part of the world and the Sea of Marmora produced some brilliant exploits.

HMS E.11 commanded by Lieut. Commander M E Dunbar Nasmith, a brilliant officer inventive and daring but never foolhardy achieved a remarkable distinction in the Sea of Marmora. On May 25, 1915, Nasmith took his boat into Constantinople Harbour and torpedoed the "Stamboul" moored alongside the Turkish arsenal.

It is said of Dunbar Nasmith that he never believed in wasting his precious torpedoes and that on one occasion when he had fired and missed he surfaced his boat, swam out to the errant torpedo, made it safe and attached a line so that it could be drawn back and reloaded through the stern tube. The incident in Constantinople was part of a patrol in which E.11 sank a large transport, became entangled with a moored mine and dragged it for five miles until clear of the Turkish shore batteries. Then E.11 surfaced stern first and "encouraged" the mine to float clear. Later the submarine torpedoed and Turkish battleship sank the Barbarosa" and the name of Nasmith was well known in the Sea of Marmora for his exploits earned him the VC.

E.14, exactly the same as E.11, was also employed in the Dardanelle's theatre of war. distinction is that she had two commanding officers, each of whom won the Victoria Cross in the same area but three years apart. On April 27, 1915 Lieutenant Commander E C Boyle took E.14 into the Sea of Marmora and was then only the second British submarine commander to have done so during the campaign. He patrolled for 22 days harassing Turkish shipping and forcing Turkish reinforcements for Gallipoli to take a long and tiring overland journey thus helping the Allied forces there. Boyle sank a heavily laden troop transport and it is on record that he claimed and received £30,000 "blood money." One can estimate that as being worth about £150,000, possibly more in today's currency.

It was tremendously difficult operating in the Sea of Marmora. Never more than 40 miles wide and less than 100 miles in length, the Sea could be entered only via the Dardanelle's passage. That meant that a marauding submarine was on her own, cut off from all help. Her position once revealed, was, as E.14 found, constantly reported. Continual changes of operational area had to be made. The skipper could never relax, nor could his crew.

The air was frequently foul and Boyle's boat was running short of drinking water by the time the patrol was ending. In all he completed 70 days in the Sea in three patrols and on his way back from the third his luck ran out. He hit the Turkish anti-submarine nets fair and square and maybe more by good luck than good judgement managed to scrape through with the hull heavily cut and scraped by the wires. E.14 was surely "the one that got away."

E.14's last commanding officer was Lieutenant G S White. He won his VC posthumously for in a gallant and desperate effort to torpedo the German battleship Goeben, mined and aground off Nagara Point one of his torpedoes exploded prematurely and damaged his own command. The severe damage forced him to surface E.14. He steered a course for shore and the enemy guns now concentrating on his boat. This gave his crew a chance to escape but White himself was killed by shellfire shortly before E.14 sank.

That was in 1918. As for E.11, she survived and was sold for scrap in 1921 when she was based at Malta

Sent in by Dave Barlow



System Upgrades

My friend is having trouble with his system. Last year he upgraded to Girlfriend 1.0 from Drinking Mates 4.2 which he'd used for years without trouble. However, apparently there are conflicts between these two systems, the only solution was to try and run Girlfriend with the sound turned off. But to make matters worse, Girlfriend 1.0 is incompatible with several other applications, such as; Lads Night Out 3.1, Golf 2 and Playboy 6.0.

Successive versions of Girlfriend proved no better, Girlfriend 3.0 has many Bugs and left a virus in his system, forcing him to shut down completely for several weeks. Eventually he tried installing Girlfriend 2.1 as well as Girlfriend 1.0 only to discover when these two systems detected each other they caused severe damage to all his hardware.

Sensing a way out, he upgraded to Fiancée 1.0 only to discover to his dismay that this system requires rapid upgrading to Wife 1.0. However, whilst Wife 1.0 uses up all available resources it does come bundled with FreeSexPlus and Cleanhouse 2008. But imagine my friends disappointment though on discovering Wife 1.0 can be unstable and costly to maintain, any mistakes he makes are automatically stored in Wife 1.0 Hardrive and cannot be deleted they then re-surface months later. Wife 1.0 also has an automatic InterDiary Explorer and E-mail Porn Filter.

Wife 1.0 also automatically runs PhotoSTROP and WINGEzip and no option on the Help menu seems to work, leaving him to try and GUESS the fault himself.

The system footprint needs updating regularly requiring Shoeshop browser Pro for new attachments and Hairstyle express needs to be reinstalled every week.

It also refused some of the new Games and attachments he wanted to try, stating they are an illegal operation. When Wife 1.0 attaches itself to Lotus Car 1.0 it often crashes or runs the system dry. Wife 1.0 also has a rather annoying pop-up called Mother-in-law, which can't be turned off.

Recently he's been tempted to try Mistress 2010 add-on, but there could be problems. If wife 1.0 detects the presence of mistress 2010, it will delete all MS Money files before un-installing itself.







WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

SAOC (East)
29th August 2013
Keith Bowden
Lieutenant Commander
RCN
Submarine Service

SAOC (West)
31st August 2013
Ernst Fredrick(Ernie) Ebner
CERA
Submarine Service
Grilse (RCN)

Derbyshire Branch
1st September 2013
Grahame Francis
Able Seaman (UC3)
D086778E
Submarine Service 1969-1973
Revenge (STBD)

SAOC (West)
1st September 2013
Fred Button
Able Seaman (ST)
RN Submarine including
Grilse & Rainbow (RCN)

SAOC (Central)
6th September 2013
Thomas Antony (Terry)
Sawyer
Chief Petty Officer (RCN)
Submarine Service
Andrew, Alcide, Aeneas &
Ojibwa (RCN)

Non Member 13th September 2013 Kevin J Riggs Petty Officer MEM(L) Submarine Service Onslaught, Osiris & Otter

Norfolk Branch
18th September 2013
John L (Nobby) Clayton
Chief Petty Officer Coxswain
J928389M
Submarine Service 1956-1978
Auriga, Artimus, Cachalot,
Opportune, Porpoise,
Grampus, Oppossum,
Swiftsure & Onyx

Leicestershire & Rutland Branch 17th September 2013 Norman Dally Petty Officer Electrical Mech PMX98714 Submarine Service 1942-1946 L26, H34, Searover Sturdy Non Member
September 2013
Peter Noakes
PO(OEM)
M908692
Submarine Service 1954-1976
Amphion, Andrew, Churchill
Courageous

Australia Branch
17th September 2013
Malcolm "Jock" Campbell
CERA (SM)
Submarine Service 1966-1969
in RN Boats and Otway (RAN)

Derek Michael John Saville
O/N P/MX 887872 (Po)
Engine Room Artificer to
Warrant Officer (Marine
Engineering Artificer (P) from
Mar 1957 to 1958 & from Jul
1960 to May 1989 in SUBTLE,
SCOTSMAN, EXCALIBUR,
DREADNOUGHT,
RESOLUTION (S) (1st
Commission Crew on 3rd Oct
1967, RENOWN & REPULSE
Died Sep 2013 aged 79

29th Sep 2013
John Groves Rear Admiral
(MESM)
Submarine Service in
TALLY HO (53), TURPIN (5354), PORPOISE (55-58) &
DREADNOUGHT (60-64)

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.

Alliance Renovation Update On Line. Please check out our latest You Tube clip to hear Ian Clark talk about the interior conservation of HMS Alliance. Directed and produced by our own curator Bob Mealings. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T HZ0r18HVeA



World War II mini sub raid to be recalled in Assynt

The anniversary of a World War II raid by Royal Navy midget submarines against a German battleship is to be marked at a loch in Assynt in Sutherland.

Six X-craft were towed from Loch Cairnbawn to the Norwegian coast for the attack on the Tirpitz and two other warships on 22 September 1943.

The Tirpitz was badly damaged. Bombers from Lossiemouth finally put it out of action in November 1944. The sub raid will be recalled in a community event on 22 September.

Assynt and Scourie community councils are helping to organise the event at a memorial to the X-craft crews near Kylesku Bridge.

Launched in 1941, 10 attempts were made by Britain and Russia to sink Tirpitz. It earned a reputation for being unsinkable and was nicknamed the Beast.

The battleship was a threat to convoys of ships that left Scotland and other locations to deliver supplies and weapons to Russia.

Sailors volunteered for the midget submarine raid. The crews trained in Loch Cairnbawn before the boats were towed by conventional submarines to Norway. Two of the X-craft were lost en route.

The crews of the remaining boats had to deal with entanglements with anti-torpedo nets and also came under fire during the raid.

Explosive charges laid by the X-craft crippled Tirpitz, leaving it vulnerable to further attacks.

On 12 November 1944, Lancasters flying out of Lossiemouth on Scotland's Moray coast bombed the battleship. About 10 minutes after the first bombs hit, the vessel turned on its side



Russian Sub Fires

September 24, 2013: In a Pacific coast shipyard a Russian Oscar class nuclear submarine recently caught fire while refurbishment. undergoing officials said Navy September 16th blaze was put out the same day and that the reactors had been shut down and weapons removed before the shipyard work began. There was no radiation leak or damage to the sub's reactor. The fire was started when a power ignited some rubber saw insulation and spread to other flammable material. The fire took five hours to put out and people. killed 14 government called for improved supervision of work submarines to prevent incidents like this. This is the fourth submarine fire since 2006. This doesn't always happen shipyards but that is where a sub is most vulnerable to such accidents. Russia has always had problems getting competent management in its shipyards and that became worse after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, and the more capable shipyard managers could find better paying jobs in the civilian sector.

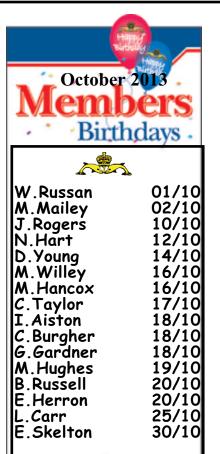
The Oscar II class boats began entering service just as the Cold War ended. Three were in commission when the Soviet Union disintegrated in 1991. Construction continued on six more and by 1997, eight were in service. Seven Oscar IIs remain in service, as the Kursk was lost in 2000 to a well-publicized accident (a torpedo exploded while the sub was underwater). The Oscar's were designed as "carrier destroyers," with long range cruise missiles that could, in theory, take out an American aircraft carrier.

Do You Remember

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Nylon Sleeping Bags

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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 October for the November 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

November

Branch Meeting
in the
RBL

Tuesday 5th at 2000

FIRST & LAST

The First British submarine to sink an enemy warship was E9, which sank the German Cruiser 'Hela' on Sept 13th 1914

Hms/m Saracen the last British Submarine sank by the Italians.



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 submarines which have been preserved.

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. OCELOT
- 2. LEMBIT
- 3. VESIKKO
- 4. ESPADON
- 5. PASOPATI
- 6. GAL

- 7. ENRICO TOTI
- 8. TONIJN
- 9. ABTAO
- 10. HAJEN
- 11. HUNLEY
- 12. ALLIANCE



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)





SURVIVOR: The Gal is one of the 12 names of preserved submarines which we have hidden in the wordsquare. See if you can find them all

At the November meeting we will be presenting cheques to donate money to:

RBL Barrow Branch

Motor Neurone Disease MND charity

Furness General Hospital Childrens Ward.

Hopefully this will be covered by the North West Evening Mail (NWEM) group and achieve the Branch some publicity.

Pussers Rum will be served on the night instead of the usual commercial rum ration. Genuine Pussers Rum for the tot on the night was donated to the Branch by Margaret, wife of the late Dave Jenkins, in memory of Dave and thanks for the support provided by his friends and colleagues at the recent Celebration of his Life ceremony. Hank Hancox also donated money to buy a round of drinks and the Branch supplemented this to ensure that there will be ample Pussers Rum on the night.

On Monday 28th. October the Branch will be running a stand in the Forum Grasmere Suite as part of the Keswick to Barrow Walk Awards Night, outlining the Branches involvement in the local community and our support and sponsorship of both local and national charitable events. This afternoon event is expected to feature on Bay Radio, BBC local radio and the North West Evening Mail and is expected to attract John Woodcock MP and other local dignitaries.

In the evening the Keswick to Barrow K2B Walk Awards will take place and donations will be presented by the K2B Walk committee. The stands will be available for attendees to see the outcomes made possible with the help of K2B Walk charity donations.