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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May 2014 Issue of PERISCOPE VIEW. The series of the biographies of World War One Submariner VC's continues this month with the story of Richard Douglas Sandford, VC who was awarded his Victoria Cross for his services in Submarine C3 in the St George's Day Raid on Zeebrugge. His 'skeleton crew' were all recognised with medals - his First Lieutenant was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and his four Ratings were all awarded Conspicuous Gallantry Medals.

Dates for your May diaries are the May Branch meeting in the RBL at 1930 on Tuesday 6th May, the Keswick to Barrow Walk (Stewarding) on Saturday 10th May, the Cycle Race around Barrow (Stewarding) on Thursday 15th May, the Canal Boat Trip on Saturday 17th May – see the Social Secretary's report for full details and the Charity Karaoke Night at the RBL on 24th May organised by RAFA in support of The Wings Appeal – see Des Murphy of the RAFA. Looking further ahead details of the Barrow Emergency Planning Exercise on 9th July are at Pages 11 & 12.

Thanks to everyone who supported the ANZAC Day Commemoration at the AE1 & AE2 Memorial in Ramsden Square on Friday 25th April (I have included a report on this event), the Branch Dinner on Saturday 26th April and the St George's Day Parade & Service on Sunday 27th April. This was a busy weekend for the Branch and some managed to support all three events.

Please enjoy your Branch Newsletter and don't forget that you can help by sending in your contributions and any comments you think relevant – polite ones only – of course!

Regards **Barrie Downer**

CHAIRMANS DIT – April 2014



CHAIRMANS' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AGM on 1st APRIL 2014

Fellow Submariners. I have reached the end of my initial three year tenure as your Chairman and am delighted that you have the confidence to allow me to continue for another three years.

The past year has been the most satisfying as it corresponded with our 50th Anniversary which has to be very special as many Branches have folded before they got anywhere near that.

The memories of our main event last May will remain with me all my life. To have Admiral the Lord Boyce, Rear Admiral Submarines Matt Parr and our own Mayor Councillor Colin Thomson and their ladies gracing us

with their presence was one thing, but to have so many of our own Branch Members turning out made it really special. I must thank Jan Mead for all he did to ensure the success it was. Coupled with the unveiling of the AE1 & AE2 Memorial, also organized by our Branch, made that day perfect – apart from the rain of course. Moving on we had a great day at the races in July on which must have been one of the hottest day of the year. Never having been to the races before I did not know the format but I certainly do for this year courtesy of severe ear ache from Terry and Kenny. The BBQ was resurrected after a couple of years or so absence and again it was a huge success being held in the courtyard of Crofter's Pub. The Ladies Night had so many new innovations that in my opinion was one of the best I have attended anywhere. That doesn't detract from the functions that Colin Hutchinson and John Holding did before as all our similar events have been good and the envy of many. Our guest that night said it was the best and most entertaining Submariners Association evening he had ever attended. All thanks to Alex Webb who took to the Social Secretary position like a duck to water. Please support him, as it can be very disheartening when the turnout is low.

I was pleased that we were once again able to give our Branch widows some Christmas cheer and all expressed their delight and thanks to the branch.

Our standing within the town was kept on a high with the numerous times we have helped out with stewarding and supporting their events, not forgetting of course the assistance we give to the K2B walk. Thanks to John Hart for organising the stewarding and all those who come forward to help, it is much appreciated.

So, the first 50 years come to a close and we embark on the next 50. What the future holds is anybody's guess but from where I sit the Branch can only go forward with confidence.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee Members for all the hard work they put in on your behalf, voluntarily and in their own time, to ensure that the Branch ticks over and is the success it is and the envy of many other Branches.

I can now look forward to the next three years with confidence that I have a great team behind me. Thank You

Well that's all for now.

Dave

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hello

May is here already, not sure where the time has gone since wishing you all a happy Christmas and new year. Is it only me or as you get older time seems to pass quicker. More and more seems to get crammed into shorter and shorter timescales. The big advantage is the warmer weather is now with us and hopefully we can look forward to a good summer. As I have seen no predictions from the weather people we must be in for a good one.

Since the last newsletter we have held our AGM and due to the large number of volunteers I received for the Chairman's position Dave has been re-elected unopposed. I welcome working with Dave for the next few years and I am sure the Branch will give Dave his full support.

Talking of the Branch's full support to Committee members it was a bit disappointing to see such small numbers at the Annual dinner. Alex put in a lot of effort to stage the event, and all those who did attend I am sure they had a great time. When I think of the numbers we used to get for this event, the numbers this year were

disappointing. If you feel the format, venue etc. are wrong then please let Alex or any committee member know rather than staying away from the event. We cannot improve without feedback from the members.

At the AGM the chairman stated that the committee had reviewed Branch rules and made some amendments to bring them in line with National. Rather than go through them on a line by line basis at the AGM I have e-mailed them to those on e-mail. The Chairman has designated June's meeting as an EGM to ratify the changes so if you have any problems/questions/improvements please let me know as soon as possible. If you haven't received a copy also let me know.

A couple of calling notices for the Branch to support forthcoming events in the Town:

On Thursday 15th May it is a bike race round Barrow and we are looking to provide stewards. It is a long day so we would work a shift system so no one spends all day on the route.

On 9th July the Town is conducting an Emergency Planning Exercise at the 6th Form College and are looking for volunteers to act as evacuees. It will take about 90 minutes or so or longer if you can spare the time. They want a range of volunteers so if you want to attend with family, friend's children etc. please do. Light refreshments will be provided at the evacuation centre.

If you can attend either of these events please let me know names and times you can support the event

Regards **Ron**

SOCIAL SECRETARY



Hi Shipmates,

Firstly let me thank all who attended the Branch Dinner (Sat 26th April). I for one had a great time and woke up with a hangover to prove it. Then on Sunday some of us joined in the St Georges Day celebrations where I (again) got into some bad company and lubricated the tonsils to excess.

Diary Check:

Luxury canal boat party Sat 17th May – this includes transport to and from Barton (near Lancaster) along various pick up points, one and half hour cruise with food (Curry, Chilli or Hot Pot) along the beautiful country in that area, a one hour stop over at a the Old Tithe Barn in Garstang and then one and half hour

cruise back with live entertainment (total time 4 hours). The cost is £35 but will be subsidised by the social fund to JUST £30; this is going to be a great afternoon/evening out and is limited to the first 50. Only 6 places left. Please pay by the May Meeting.

As always at the meetings I run a raffle and the members (free) draw which in April was won by Bob Hagen so in May we are back to £5; all you have to do to win is be there, have paid your subs and get your number drawn – easy, ask Kenny, Hugh or Bob.

I am running a World Cup sweep stake with the cost of a team at £2; you can draw as many teams as you wish. The prizes will be 50% of takings for winner, 25% for runner up & 15% for third place. So either come along to the meetings and draw one out for yourself or let me draw you out Honduras or even worse England!!!

As always please try and support the socials; it is always better to have a good turnout.

Alex Webb

Social Secretary

HMS ONYX (Update II)



Leaving Barrow

HMS ONYX finally left Barrow on Wednesday 30th April - just short of six years after she arrived in Barrow for the Festival of the Sea in 2006. At about 1000 in the morning the boat was observed to be under tow towards the Dock Entrance. At the high tide the boat exited the Dock System. The boat was under the control of two tugs – one ahead (BRUISER) towing and the other astern steading. There was a heavy sea mist at the time and the boat was soon lost to view as she headed down the Walney Channel. Shortly after lunchtime the mist began to clear and the tow could be seen heading north past Biggar Bank but was soon again lost to view.

HMS ONYX was on the way to the Clyde to the DMD Yard at Roseneath in the Gareloch where the batteries

are to be removed – but not via the ‘Built In’ battery removal routes but by exposing the top of the Battery tanks and then lifting the cells.

What is not clear is what will happen to the rest of the boat but scrapping is the most likely result.

A report on the Branch Website indicated that the Tug and ONYX were sighted passing Rothesay around 1500 on Thursday 1st May.



Arriving on the Clyde

As reported last month – when it was thought that ONYX was to go to Cardiff to be scrapped - there is a group based at Greenock on the Clyde who wanted the Submarine to go to Greenock to be displayed in the James Watt Dock (ex Scott’s Shipyard) as the centre piece of a Heritage Centre to be established there.

However their James Watt Dock option was found to be not possible (for technical reasons), a second plan to use the Victoria Dock then failed (the water is not deep enough and dredging was not possible owing to the bottom being rock) and, additionally, the anticipated

funding from local authorities was not going to be available as had been expected.

Their current plan is to negotiate with the owners to cut off the bow of the boat back as far as either the Bow Caps or the Rear Doors, cut this section in half vertically with the two halves then being transported from Cardiff to the Clyde to be shot blasted, painted, reassembled and put on display overlooking the James Watt Dock together with a Mk 8 torpedo - the cost of all this being estimated at some £35k. This now appears to be the only way ahead for any part of ONYX to be preserved.

All in all a sad end for the only Conventional Submarine to see service in the South Atlantic during the Falklands Campaign and for a Submarine that so many people put in so much effort to preserve intact. Thousands of man hours of effort (all unpaid) were put in but some twenty of so volunteers and more time and effort was put in writing several versions of the Business Plan, a Docking Plan, Risk Assessments, Method Statements and a Health and Safety Plan.

Hopefully by the time that the June Issue of Periscope View is published we will know whether the Greenock Plan has been achieved or whether ONYX has followed the same route as many of her sisters.

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Constructive suggestions about the newsletter are also very welcome. The newsletter will be published in the last week of each month i.e. the last week March for the April 2014 issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of each month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition – keep them stories coming.

Submarine Victoria Cross Holders of WWI

This is the fifth article of a series in this, the 100th year since the outbreak of the 1st World War, commemorating those Submariners who were awarded the Victoria Cross during that War.

Richard Douglas Sandford, VC

Richard Sandford was born on 11th May 1891 and he was the son of the Venerable Ernest Grey Sandford, Archdeacon of Exeter and Ethel Maria Ruscombe Sandford of 15, The Beacon, Exmouth, Devon. At the time of the 1901 Census which was conducted on Sunday 31st March 1901 he was lodging with his sister at the home of his Uncle and Aunt – Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Poole at The Old House, West Street, South Petherton, Somerset. Richard Sandford was educated at Clifton College and then joined the Royal Navy as a Cadet at HMS BRITANNIA on 15th January 1904. He was promoted Midshipman on 15th September 1908 and was appointed to the 16,350 ton Twin Screw Battle Ship HMS HIBERNIA on the same date. At the time of the 1911 Census which was conducted on Sunday 2nd April 1911 Richard Sandford was listed as a Midshipman living at home with his mother and sister at 5, Hartley Road, Exmouth, Devon. He was promoted to Sub Lieutenant on 30th October 1911 and he was appointed to the 765 ton Torpedo Boat Destroyer HMS MOHAWK (4th Destroyer Flotilla) on 6th December 1911. On 21st February 1912 he was appointed to the 7,700 Twin Screw Protected Cruiser HMS St.

GEORGE *'for Torpedo Boat Destroyers'* and, on 5th Feb 1913 he was appointed to the 13,550 ton Cruiser HMS DUKE OF EDINBURGH (Captain Cecil J Prowse, Royal Navy) where he completed his *'Engine Room Training'* between 4th April and 6th August 1913 being awarded his Engine Room Certificate on 8th August 1914. In September 1913 he volunteered for service in submarines and from 24th November 1913 to 31st December 1914 he served in the Battle Cruiser HMS INVINCIBLE. Richard Sandford was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN *'for Submarine Training'* in Jan 1914 and then to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS FORTH (2nd Submarine Flotilla) at Devonport *'for Submarines'* on 4th May 1914.

In September 1914 Lieutenant Richard Sandford (Seniority 30th Oct 1913) was serving in the Submarine Tender HMS ONYX at Devonport *'for Submarines'* to date 4th May 1914. On 13th Nov 1914 he was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN *'for Submarine W1 – standing by whilst completing'* and *'on Commissioning'*.

On 10th May 1915 Submarine W1 was transferred to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS FORTH (10th Submarine Flotilla). After Submarine W1 was *'Paid Off'* and transferred to the Italian Navy Richard Sandford was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN (5th Submarine Flotilla)

'for Submarine G6 as First Lieutenant' on 16th Feb 1916 and, later Submarine G6 was transferred to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS TITANIA (11th Submarine Flotilla) at Blyth.



Richard Douglas Sandford, VC

His first Command appointment was to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ARROGANT at Dover 'for Submarine C34 in Command' to date 29th Aug 1916. Next came an appointment to the Submarine Flotilla Leader HMS FEARLESS (12th Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine K6 as First Lieutenant' on 14th Dec 1916. On the night of 31st January/1st February 1918 he was the Officer of the Watch on the bridge of Submarine K6 during the so called Battle of May Island. K6 collided with Submarine K4 which was sunk with all hands. There is a notation on his Service Record as follows: 'Feb 1918. Collision between K6 and K4. Lieutenant Sandford OOW of K6 informed by Ad. Beatty that blame attributable to him for not at once appreciating the necessity of getting clear and for not taking action to do so on bearing Ds on the syrens ahead of him.' His next appointment was to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE (9th Submarine Flotilla) at Harwich 'for Submarine C3 in Command' on 23rd Mar 1918. On 23rd Apr 1918 he was the Commanding Officer of Submarine C3 with a specially selected skeleton crew during the raid on Zeebrugge during which the viaduct to the Mole was destroyed when Submarine C3 (which had been specially prepared and packed with explosives) was blown up underneath it. Richard Sandford was seriously wounded during the Action and was turned in to the Royal Naval Hospital at Deal suffering from severe wounds to his left thigh and his right hand. He was awarded the Victoria Cross - London Gazette of 23rd Jul 1918. The citation read:

'On 22/23 April 1918 at Zeebrugge, Belgium, Lieutenant Sandford commanding HM Submarine C.3, skilfully placed the vessel between the piles of the viaduct which connected the Mole with the shore, before laying his fuse and abandoning her. He disdained to use the gyro steering which would have enabled him and his crew to abandon the submarine at a safe distance, but preferred to make sure that his mission would be successful.'

He was also appointed a 'Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour' - see London Gazette dated 28th Aug 1918. After recovering from his wounds (he was declared fit on 12th August 1918) he was appointed to

HMS DOLPHIN for 'the Periscope School' on 13th August 1918 and then to HMS DOLPHIN 'for Submarine C30 in Command' on 25th Aug 1918. He returned to HMS DOLPHIN for 'the Periscope School' on 8th October 1918 before being appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS LUCIA (10th Submarine Flotilla) at South Bank, Middlesborough 'for Submarine G11 in Command' on 12th October 1918. Shortly afterwards he was relieved 'in Command' after he was taken ill with typhoid fever. Twenty seven year old Sandford died at Eston Hospital, North Yorkshire on 23rd November 1918 - 12 days after the signing of the Armistice. He is buried in the Eston Cemetery in Yorkshire in Grave No. J.U.709. Richard Douglas Sandford's Victoria Cross and other medals are on display at the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth.

Branch Birthdays May 2014

T.S. (Thomas) Fell	04/05
D.A. (David) Smith	06/05
D.A. (David) Cooper	07/05
A.P. (Tony) Evans	09/05
D.E. (Dave) Barlow	09/05
D.E. (Don) Wade	11/05
N. (George) Hildrew	12/05
K. (Ken) Brumby	17/05
C. (Cedric) Madin	21/05
T.P. (Terry) Spurling	22/05
I. (Ian) Walsh	25/05
T.C. (Tim) Chittenden	25/05
R. (Ben) Britten	31/05
Brian M Jones	31/05

Happy Birthday to you all!

Calendar

Next Branch Meeting	Tues 6 th May
K2B Walk	Sat 10 th May
Cycle Race stewarding	Thurs 15 th May
Canal Trip	Sat 17 th May
RAFA Karaoke Night	Sat 24 th May
WWI Parade Planning Meeting	Tues 27 th May
Committee Meeting	As required

SUBMARINES 1901 to 1919

(The following is the text of a speech given at the Barrow Branch Mess Dinner at the Crofters, Holbeck on Saturday 26th April 2014)

In 1900 there were no submarines in the Royal Navy and - of course - no Submariners. Submarines appeared in 1901 and, by the end of 1902 there were five Holland boats and one of an improved version underway - all in Vickers at Barrow. By the start of the First World War the Royal Navy had seventy seven submarines in service and twenty more on order - the majority of which had been built in Barrow. The shipyard had also built two 'E' Class Submarines for Australia, two 'C' Class Submarines for Japan (with parts for three more) and had narrowly missed out on building six 'E' Class Submarines for Greece.

The Royal Navy was not very adventurous when introducing names for new Classes of Submarines. After the Holland Boats we had the 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' & 'E' Classes – followed by the 'F' & 'G' Class. However there was a bit of a change after 1911 when they went out of sequence and ordered the 'S', 'W' & 'V' classes and then the first two named Submarines – SWORDFISH and NAUTILUS.

From having no Submariners at all in 1900 there were, by 1914, 168 Officer and 1,250 ratings qualified in Submarines supported by another 103 Officers and 1,305 ratings in the Depots.

I should perhaps point out that there had also been a number of Submarine accidents in which dozens of Officers and Ratings had died or had been seriously injured.

The Submarine Service expanded rapidly after the outbreak of war. More 'E' Class submarines were ordered but the 'S' & 'W' classes were rapidly discarded – after all they were French and Italian designs – and, of course – totally unsuitable for the Royal Navy's purposes.

The alphabetical sequence continued with more 'G' Class followed by 'H', 'J', 'K', 'L' & 'M' Class – 'N' was the NAUTILUS, 'I', 'O', 'P' were missed out but the 'R' Class then came along!

At the end of 1917 the Commodore Submarines stated that he had 115 Submarines available with 603 Officers and 5,100 ratings with a further 203 Officers and 3,423 ratings in the Depots. But 34 Submarines had been lost.

The expansion continued and by the Armistice in 1918 there were 138 Submarines manned by 6,050 Officers and Ratings. But I should mention here that 126 Officers and 1,041 Ratings had been killed in numerous losses (58 boats by now) and accidents and a further 140 were either Prisoners of War in Germany and Turkey or interned in Holland and Denmark.

During the First World War Royal Navy Submarines operated in all the major theatres of War – the Pacific, the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and the North Sea and were engaged in three major Campaigns. They were already at sea blockading Germany when war was declared and remained at sea after the Armistice. Indeed it was reported that one Submarine CO signalled that he was returning to harbour as the War was over and was told in no uncertain terms to stay where he was!

The two other major Campaigns were in the Baltic from late 1914 until the Russian Revolution ended actions there and at the Dardanelles in 1915 and 1918.

At the Dardanelles the Australian Submarine AE2 was the first submarine to make a successful passage through the Straits and into the Sea of Marmora. This was at a critical time in the Australian, New Zealand and British Landings at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915 when the Army Commanders were contemplating withdrawal. The success of AE2 is credited with encouraging the Army Commander to tell the ANZAC troops to 'Dig, Dig, Dig' for victory.

Ever after the Australians have been known as the 'Diggers' and 25th April known as ANZAC day. We

celebrated ANZAC day on 25th April at the Memorial in Ramsden Square – the Australians, to this day, think that the Commander of AE2 (Henry Stoker – an Irishman in the Royal Navy) should have been awarded a Victoria Cross for his efforts.

At the Dardanelles Royal Navy submariners won four Victoria Crosses including the first Naval Victoria Cross of the war for Lieutenant Holbrook in B11. Other VC recipients were Martin Nasmith of E11, Edward Boyle of E14 and Geoffrey White of E14. A Victoria Cross was also won by Richard Sandford of Submarine C3 in the raid on Zeebrugge on St Georges Day 1918 (the St Georges Day Parade in Barrow was held this year on 27th April).

Although the First World War is generally thought to have ended with the Armistice in November 1918 there was no rest for Submarines or Submariners. In early 1919 the Royal Navy including Flotillas of Submarines returned to the Baltic – this time confronting the Russians as well as facing down the Germans. In fact the last Royal Navy Submarine loss of WWI was in the Baltic in June 1919 when L55 was sunk with all hands in a Russian Minefield.

Two more VCs were won by Submariners in the Baltic – but neither of them was serving in a Submarine at the time. These two were Commander Claude Dobson and Lieutenant Gordon Steele who took part in a Coastal Motor Boat raid on the Russian Navy Base at Kronstadt where a Russian Submarine Depot Ship and a Battleship were sunk.

So what do we see from all this – from a standing start in 1900 by the end of WWI the Royal Navy Submarine Service was one of the biggest in the world and had established a proud tradition which continues to this day!

Honours for early Submariners in Barrow built Submarines

North West Evening Mail (Published 26 April 2014)

Ex-Servicemen and schoolchildren gathered on ANZAC Day to honour those who served on board Barrow-built Australian submarines during the First World War.

The Barrow Branch of the Submariners Association led a commemoration service for the crews of HMAS AE1 and AE2 yesterday at the Memorial in Ramsden Square, Barrow, which lists the names of the crews. AE1 and AE2 had crews including both British and Australian submariners.

The submarines were launched in 1913 and sailed to Australia the following year. In September 1914, AE1 was lost off the coast of Papua New Guinea and has never been recovered. AE2 was scuttled in the Sea of Marmara in April 1915 and its crew were taken as prisoners of war in Turkey. Four of the crew died while the rest were released in November 1918. The memorial was unveiled in May last year.

The Barrow service was held on Anzac Day and included Army and Air Force veterans, and a group of thirty six children from Year One at Brisbane Park Infant School

who recited the verses of the Australian National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair.



Laying the Wreath



Brisbane Park Infants School pupils reciting the Australian National Anthem



The Padre takes the Remembrance Service

Sheila Lockwood, of Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, was visiting Barrow to take photos of the Memorial on behalf of her daughter who is a descendent of one of the crew of HMAS AE1. Mrs Lockwood, 61, had no idea there was a service happening and was pleased to meet the ex-submariners honouring the crews. Her daughter, Zara

Lockwood, is the great-granddaughter of Petty Officer Henry Hodge who died on AE1. PO Hodge was born in Preston in 1881. Mrs Lockwood said: "I came to take photographs and videos and then people arrived with flags. "It is a pure coincidence that I have visited on the day that there is a service."

Helensburgh Submarine Heritage Centre

From The SCOTSMAN 25th Apr 2014

A multi-million pound museum to create the biggest memorial in the world to more than 5,300 Commonwealth sailors killed in the line of duty, and honour Scotland's role in the development of submarine technology, is planned for the banks of the River Clyde. Award-winning architect Gareth Hoskins, who designed the £47 million National Museum of Scotland redevelopment, the Culloden Battlefield Memorial Centre and the Bridge Arts Centre, has been asked to draw up plans for the new £6M building overlooking the Firth of Clyde at Helensburgh.

Funding for the proposed Scottish Submarine Centre is being sought from a consortium of private and public bodies with organisers claiming to have secured pledges of more than £1m so far.

An application for £240,000 is due to go before the Scottish Regional Armed Forces Community Covenant Awards Board for approval later this month.

The Community Covenant grant scheme was launched by the Ministry of Defence in August last year. It offers funding of £30m over four years to UK projects which strengthen ties between serving and former military personnel with their communities.

The proposed Submarine Centre will be the only one of its kind in Scotland. Already, the Royal Navy Museum has agreed to donate an X51-Class submarine as a centrepiece of the state-of-the-art digital museum to act as a memorial to submariners from around the world.

The midget submarine is a direct descendant of the X-class subs whose crews trained in the Firth of Clyde during the Second World War to develop the techniques needed to attack enemy shipping in the narrow fjords of Norway. The X51, improved on the wartime midget submarines, was first unveiled in 1954 on the Gareloch in the Firth of Clyde. Capable of carrying a crew of five, the miniature subs were used for a variety of roles. However, the history of submarines and the Clyde is much longer.

It is hoped the new facility will open by the end of 2016 in time for the 100th anniversary of the K13 disaster. Thirty-two people died when the steam-driven submarine failed during sea trials in the Gareloch near Helensburgh on 29 January, 1917 within sight of the location proposed for the new museum and memorial. Brian Keating, a Helensburgh-based businessman who is driving the project, said: "Helensburgh and the Clyde have been associated with the submarine service for more than 100 years. A lot of work was done here to pioneer the technology.

“The Clyde has also played a major role as a home to submarines on active duty. Many of the most famous and daring missions carried out during the Second World War either began here or were in some way connected with the Clyde.

“We want to create a world-class museum which celebrates the marine engineering heritage of the Clyde

shipbuilders involved in the development of submarines and serves as a memorial to the brave men from all over the Commonwealth who served in the ‘silent service’.”

Architect Hoskins, a native of Helensburgh, was recently awarded a series of top awards.

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION - MEMBERS CROSSED THE BAR – APRIL 2014

RESURGAM

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	O/N	Age	Submarine Service
Non Member	15 th Mar 2014	Martin Harris Holloway Chamberlain	Lieutenant Commander (E)	N/A	92	Submarine Service in FORTH (55), AMBUSH (58), DOLPHIN (60), SULTAN (62), DG Ships (64) & DOLPHIN
Non Member	March 2014	Peter George Edward Tuck	FCMEA(P)	N/A	N/A	Submarine Service in RESOLUTION
Non Member	1 st Apr 2014	Harold H Maton	TBA	TBA	65	Submarine Service in DREADNOUGHT
Non Member	6 th Apr 2014	Mike J Jackson	Chief Control Electrical Artificer	TBA	NA	Submarine Service in REVENGE (S) (1st Commission Crew) on 4th Dec 1969
Dolphin Branch	8 th Apr 2014	Peter W Copper	RO2	TBA	69	Submarine Service from Jul 1964 to Oct 1971 in RORQUAL (65-68), ALARIC (68-69) & OBERON (69-71)
Lincoln Branch	17 th Apr 2014	Walter Davies	Acting Leading Seaman	P/SSX 836564	82	Submarine Service May 1953 to Jan 1957 in AMBUSH (53) & AENEAS (54-57)
Cheltenham West Midlands Branch	20 th Apr 2014	Bert Della	Stoker 1 st Class	D/KX 137282	91	Submarine Service 1942 to 1946 in TRUCULENT & TRUANT
Submarine Officers Association	April 2014	Peter Lewis Davis-Poynter	Sub Lieutenant RNVR	N/A	90	Submarine Service 1944 to 1945 in ULTOR, U-403 & U-1004
Submarine Officers Association	April 2014	Peter Brian Godley	Lieutenant Commander	N/A	80	Submarine Service from 1955 to 1962 in ACHERON (56), ALCIDE (57), SERAPH (59), TIPTOE (IL 60) & TALENT (IL 61-62)
Submarines Association of Australia	April 2014	Mark (Blue) Lydiard	CPOMTSM	N/A	N/A	Submarine Service in ORION & OTWAY
Former Member West of Scotland Branch	April 2014	John S Croy	Petty Officer (WEM) (R)	N/A	67	Submarine Service from 1966 in RESOLUTION (P) (1st Commission Crew) on 3rd Oct 1967, FINWHALE, RENOWN, REPULSE & REVENGE
Royal Berkshire Branch & Australia Branches	2 nd May 2014	Vernon Coles, DSM	Chief Engine Room Artificer	P/MX 98541	94	Submarine Service from 1941 to 1953 in X-9, X-24, XE-4, VIRTUE, TIRELESS, TRADEWIND, THOROUGH, TACTICIAN, TELEMACHUS, SCEPTRE & TUDOR.
North East Branch (formerly Beds & Herts Branch)	3 rd May 2014	M J (Mike) Edwards	Leading Electrical Mechanic	N/A	77	Submarine Service Aug 1957 to Jun 1964 in TRUMP (57-58), TUDOR, TOTEM on ‘Commissioning’ at Chatham on 21st Sep 1959, AMPHION (60-61), TRUNCHEON & TURPIN (62-64)



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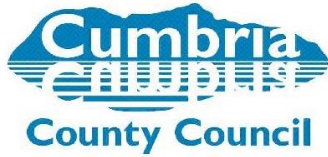
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY
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ON

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2014

AT

BARROW 6TH FORM COLLEGE

Rating Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 9LE



Volunteers needed for emergency planning exercise

We need volunteers to help make sure we can keep your community safe in the event of an emergency.

If an emergency happened which meant you had to leave your home, local agencies would spring into action to open a Reception Centre where you and your family could shelter. However, to make sure we get this right we need to practise.

We are running a Reception Centre exercise at Barrow 6th Form College on Wednesday 9th July 2014 from 10.30am – 2.00pm to make sure our plans work.

If you are interested in playing the role of an evacuee please come along to Barrow 6th Form College on Rating Lane, Barrow-in-Furness between 10.15am and 1.15pm where you will be given information about your role.

The exercise starts at 10.30am but you can come along at any time between 10.15am and 1.15pm.

Light refreshments will be provided and don't worry, if you can't stay for the whole exercise you will be free to leave after an hour or so.

Come along for a fun day – bring your kids and even your pets – see how a Reception Centre works and help keep your community safe.

To confirm your attendance please contact:

Name:

Email:

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**Preferred arrival time: 10.15 / 10.45 / 11.15 / 11.45 / 12.15
12.45 / 13.15**

(Please return names to the Resiliene Unit no later than Wed 18th June 2014 at