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### **Cover Picture: The Morecambe 'First Footing' Group Photograph**

Shown in the Group Photo are:

**Morecambe Members:** Jim Halliwell, Joe Greenough, John Giblin, Dave Andrew, Bernard Demot, Ian Pinington, Keith Holmes, Ted Tandy, Eddie Miller, Dave Holland

**Barrow Members:** Dave Barlow, Alex Webb, Mick Dack, Brian Downie, Bob Faragher, Dickie Cambridge, Dudley Davenport, Mike Kirk, Barrie Downer, Peter Hearn

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## **EDITORIAL**

### **Hello Everybody**

Doesn't time fly – having just recovered from Christmas and New Year it's suddenly the end of January and the first two Social Events of the year are over and done – these were the First Footing to Morecambe and then the K13 Memorial Weekend in Faslane. Bob Faragher has written one of his 'Dits' on the visit to Faslane.

In the last issue I said I hoped we were to have a better year this year but, sadly, our long serving Member Ted Budgen 'Crossed the Bar' on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Alan Jones conducted his Funeral Service and I was privileged to give Ted's Eulogy covering his time in the Submarine Service. Dave Barlow added some stories of his time supporting Ted over the last few years.

I have included another item about Pleural Plaques, Mesothelioma & Asbestosis detailing concerns that those already receiving a War Pension for Mesothelioma are

still disadvantaged in comparison to New Claimants. However the RBL is maintaining the pressure to see that all Veteran so affected are treated equally.

The WWI Submarine losses Month by Month is continued. No Submarines were lost in February 1916 but two Submariners died. Additionally one submarine ran aground in Scottish waters but the CO managed to refloat it. The Submarine K26 story continues this month with Chapter 11 – "Cuisine".

Don't forget to contact Alex to get your place for the Branch Dinner in February (details on the last page) and see you all the Branch Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – make sure you bring along your Subs for 2016 (£20.00) if you haven't already 'Paid Up'.

Regards to all,

**Barrie Downer**

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### **Chairman's Dit**

#### **Hi all**

How's the dry January going? I failed on day one actually 00:01 to be precise but hey, what the heck you only live once.

First off, thanks to all who turned out for Ted Budgen's funeral. A good attendance which the family very much appreciated. One of the sons has passed across to me

over twenty hard backed submarine related books. My intention is to put them in an old suitcase I'm sure I have in the loft and create a library. Borrow a book and bring it back at the following meeting. Maybe charge 50p a time for the branch coffers. Do I have any takers to run with it?

You will also notice the Memorial Board has been made up to date and back on the wall. When I took it to the firm who do it for us; because they knew Terry Spurling very well and his name was being put on the board they did it for nothing which I thought was a lovely gesture.

We had a great first foot trip to our friends in the Morecambe Bay branch and I am sure that Barrie will find a picture or two to include in this issue. I think everybody enjoyed the rum especially Peter Hearn with, of course, Dicky Cambridge getting Peter's mismusters. Jim Halliwell and his gang are promising to come and visit us sometime this year, maybe on the Foxfield trip.

Barrie, Bob Faragher and I had a great trip up to Faslane for the K13 Memorial Weekend. It's the first time in a long time it hasn't either been snowing, raining or being icy and treacherous underfoot so that was a big plus although it was very cold and windy. I thought Bob who was carrying our Standard was going to take off at one point. Won't say more as I know Bob is writing the report.

One thing I will say though is that after the dinner on the Saturday evening Commodore Mike Walliker (who was the first skipper of the ASTUTE and is now DRASM) called Barrie and I to one side and told us that the Submarine Service are going to exercise their right for having the Freedom of the Borough to parade with a

guard through the streets of Barrow later this year. They want the Submariners Association to be involved as well. On our return to Barrow we had a call from the Town Hall and Barrie and I have since had a meeting with them. I will be bringing this up at the February meeting to assess the thoughts of the branch. We have been advised that it will be on Saturday 11th June and we will also have a Royal Marine Band to march to. The route is pretty well on the flat and not quite as far as marching to the Cenotaph so we should be OK. The route passes the AE1 Memorial too so we will be able to pay our respects as we march by. As soon as the plan comes together we will have more information for you. All the makings of a good day and well timed at 15 years since the Submarine Service and the Submariners Association last marched through the town together.

Getting ready to fly out to Oz a couple of days after the February meeting to see my daughter. I have already touched base with the Australian Branch and will be meeting up with them at their branch meeting fully armed with a bottle of our best rum. I will just miss the March meeting but will be back in time for a committee meeting before the AGM in April.

That's all for now, finished with engines, see you all on Tuesday.

**Dave**

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### **SECRETARY'S DIT**

#### **Hi All**

This is a short report this month as, part way through the months I took over as temporary Secretary following Ron Hiseman's decision to stand down early. I have agreed to fill the Secretary post until the AGM in April when, I hope that there will be at least one volunteer to take the job on and, ideally, two so there can be an election. Ron and I have covered the position of Secretary for over 20 years between us and it is surely someone else's turn

Volunteers for service on the Branch Committee are always welcome on the lead in to the Branch Annual General Meeting in April – we have one volunteer at the moment - in addition to the current Committee. So if you have the time and determination and ideas to keep

the Barrow Branch running into the future put your name forward.

Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting is the time to put forward any proposals for the future running and direction of the Branch. Currently there have been no suggestions put forward so if you have any suggestions let the Committee know.

Ron Hiseman has also indicated a wish to give up his role as Webmaster for the Barrow Website so come on all you Computer and Website savvy members – volunteer to take on the job for one of the most important Submarine Websites.

Regards

**Barrie Downer**

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### **SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

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#### **Hi Shipmates,**

Well we are into another year and going like the proverbial 'clappers'.

January saw the First Footing with our brothers in Morecambe, 10 of us braved the journey to the far reaches of Morecambe and once again they did us proud. Loads of laughs, dit spinning, Mickey taking and (of course) rum. There is always a serious side to our visit, namely the meeting, which due to Ginge Cundell not being present made the absent friends toast all the more poignant; Ginge always came on this run ashore and Micky Dack paid a heartfelt tribute to our absent friend.

Jim Halliwell and the Morecambe gang put on a first class spread for us to help soak up the beer and then it was down to more drinking. Did you know that the Chairman can drink a pint of beer faster than it takes for me to return the tray to the bar? And it's not a big pub! When quizzed on where's the 'fire', it turns out that this is Mr Barlow's magical way of staying sober so he can catch the bus; doesn't work!!!!

Anyway, February we have the Branch dinner on Saturday 27th at the Chetwynde. Got a really good deal, excellent 3 course meal, large glass of wine, port toast, tea or coffee and a souvenir photograph – plus the benefit of being subsidised

by £5 per person by The Branch, so will only cost you £24. The list closes on the 10th but I must say I don't have many seats left.

March is the St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday 19th, have a really good night lined up with Denis 'Paddy' Horan doing the entertaining in typical Irish style and finishing with a good old fashioned knees up. Authentic Irish stew will be laid on courtesy of yours truly and lots of decorations fun and games. At a cost of only £5 per person this will be a great night. This is ticket only entry and they will be on sale from the February meeting.

In April I have organised a corporate table at the Blue Birds final home game of the season to Wrexham. Again this event will be subsidised by the social fund to the tune of £5 and will only cost you £35 per person. For this you will get VIP treatment from 1pm, free alcohol, free programme, free lunch, free brief from the new manager, free seat in the stand to watch the match, free half-time crisps and alcohol, free full-time sandwiches and alcohol until you are thrown out at 6pm. Fantastic day out and lots of laughs; you never know Barrow may even win the match???? I have extremely limited numbers so get your names and money to me soonest.

Don't forget to attend the meeting to get your birthday boys drink and also be part of the draw which stands at £15 in February.

**Alex Webb**

**Social Secretary**

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### **FEBRUARY BRANCH CALENDAR**

Branch Meeting	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Committee Meeting	As Required

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### **BRANCH BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 2016**

Kevin Osborne	11/02/1982
M Bengé	14/02/19**
L Dennett	19/02/1968
W.P. (Billy) Daniels	24/02/1940
G.J. (Gary) Chapman	26/02/1963
J.N. (Nick) Marshall	28/02/1958
A Webb	16/02/1960

**Happy Birthday to you all!**

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### **SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWI**

No Submarines were lost in February 1916 but one Submarine ran aground – luckily without casualties. Two submariners were also reported to have died.

#### **Submarine E7**

One member of the crew of Submarine E7 is reported to have died on 12th Feb 1916. He died whilst a Prisoner of War in Turkey having been captured when Submarine E7 was trapped in anti-submarine nets whilst attempting to enter the Sea of Marmora for a second Patrol. He was:

#### **Able Seaman William Reid O/N 214966 (Po)**

William Reid was born in Belfast, County Antrim on 14th Dec 1885. He joined the Royal Navy on 14th May 1901 and joined Submarines on 10th January 1908. Between 12th August 1911 and 16th September 1913 he served in the Gibraltar Flotilla (B6, B7 & B8) based on HMS CORMORANT. He completed his five years of service in Submarines on 30th January 1914. He was recalled to Submarines on 1st August 1914 and was drafted to Submarine E7 on 15th January 1915. Submarine E7 was sent to the Mediterranean in 1915 to support the Dardanelles Campaign and made one successful patrol in the Sea of Marmora. On 4th Sep 1915 Submarine E7 (Lieutenant Commander the Hon. Sir Archibald Douglas Cochrane) was attempting a

passage through the Dardanelles into the Sea of Marmora for a second patrol when the starboard propeller became entangled in the anti-submarine nets at Nagara. Despite all efforts Submarine E7 was unable to break free and, to avoid being depth charged to destruction, the Commanding Officer surfaced the Submarine to abandon ship and then scuttled the Submarine. All of the crew survived and were made Prisoners of War however William Reid died in captivity on 12th Feb 1916. Thirty one years old at the time of his death no Next of Kin or detail of his family are available. He is commemorated on the Baghdad North Gate Memorial on the Angora Monument No 138.

#### **Submarine B3**

On 23rd February 1916 Submarine B3 (Lieutenant Colin Mayers, RN) is reported to have grounded off the mouth of the River Lochy near Fort William. There were no reports of any injuries. The Court of Enquiry considered it was 'due to a mistake on the part of the Commanding Officer and that blame in a measure must be attributed'. Lieutenant Mayers 'was brought to notice for good work in getting her off'. The First Lieutenant of Submarine B3 was Lieutenant Nicholas Manley, RN

#### **Submarine E5**

On Thursday 24th February 1916 one of the crew of submarine E5 was reported to have died. He was:

#### **Leading Telegraphist Arthur Thomas Crane O/N J6686 (Po)**

Arthur Crane was born in Hornsea (Highgate?) in London on 10th Jul 1893 and he was the twenty three year old son of Thomas Charles and Martha Annie Crane of 25, Minard Road, Catford, London. He joined the Royal Navy on 6th January 1910. Arthur Crane joined Submarines on 20th November 1913 and was drafted to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE (9th Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine E5' on 15th January 1914. It is reported that he was accidentally lost overboard and drowned on 24th February 1916. Arthur Crane is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval War Memorial on Panel No. 15.



## K13 2016

By Bob Farager

(Acting Local Chauffeur and Standard Bearer)

This year's K13 visit started with some forward planning. First, the number of people going. This turned out to be Barrie Downer, Dave Barlow, and myself.

Then of course, we needed a driver, as this year Barrie was unable to do it as in the past. In addition to which we needed a Standard bearer.

It was decided that the most junior and eldest of our trio fit the bill. Guess who!

Having decided all this, I then had to clean my somewhat aging car. This I had to do since I use it as an additional shed down the sailing club. That was okay, I cleaned the inside and God cleaned the outside by making it rain.

I picked Barrie up on the Friday morning, and then collected Dave. We then proceeded north. I had to explain to my passengers that I would need some direction. Although I rarely missed a K13 visit I had no idea how we got there. In the past Barrie drove and I slept in the back taking no notice of where we were until coffee break arrived. This was fine, both Barrie and Dave explained to me which way to point the car.

My next concern was the general mechanical condition of my vehicle, since I never do anything to it. As it happened, a couple of lights on the dash board insisted on lighting up. One was the battery charging light, and the other was the light which indicates someone's door is not shut correctly. The doors were clearly shut, but I wasn't sure if the battery was charging or not. On occasions like this I always think trusting to luck is the best course of action. So I carried on.

All went surprisingly well, the weather was fairly kind to us, and eventually we left civilisation and crossed the border. Eventually, my guides instructed me where to pull in for our coffee break, and to pump bilges, typically one of those Costa places. I don't know if anyone else has noticed, but when ordering a medium coffee, it still arrives in a bucket. We eventually carried on up the M74 towards Glasgow. I was actually dreading the thought of driving through Glasgow, but in the event I had no need to. Barrie and Dave directed me skilfully all the way to the Erskine Bridge. From there, I knew my way pretty well. We did the usual stop at the Royal in Helensburgh. We met up with some more of our kind. I managed a pint, I know it's illegal in Scotland, but I needed it.

In spite of everything, we duly arrived at the base, and were allocated our accommodation. On this occasion, it has to be said, our accommodation was excellent. We dumped our kit and went off to Kennedy's bar for much needed refreshments. Eventually having been fed, we went through to the branch meeting presided over by the very capable and entertaining Jim McMaster. The branch business did not take long and neither did the safety/security talk. We were also given a talk on "The state of the nation" by Captain Paul Dunn, OBE CapFasFlot. It was then time to retire to Kennedy's Bar. Much needed beer was swilled, and many dits were spun. It was good to be amongst old buddies. Eventually we

retired to our cabins as tomorrow was going to start early. We had to be up and fed ready to catch the coach to Elder Park Govan for the memorial service and wreath laying.

Amazingly, we were all up in time for breakfast on Saturday, as a result we were aboard the coach for Govan on time. The weather, whilst not brilliant, was relatively kind to us. The trip to Govan was pretty uneventful. It was a bit on the cool side, but at least the swans on the lake were swimming in it rather than skating on it as has happened in the past. When we got ready for the ceremony I realised that Gordon, our normal Standard bearer was actually taller than me. Hence the carrying strap was too long. I discovered it could not be altered as there was a fixing screw preventing it from being changed. I found I could carry the thing, but because the cup was low down, whilst marching, the thing was trying to rearrange my testicles! However, we got through the ceremony okay and the good people from the model boating club very kindly provided us with drinks and refreshment to warm us up before we left. They have done this every year I have attended, we were made very welcome. We returned to the base, and to Kennedy's bar for lunch and more ale. After this we were given the opportunity to visit a submarine or a visit to the ship control trainer. I personally declined, and had a yarn with Davy George and his oppo from Northern Ireland. It's worth mentioning their camp follower Tracy was with them. I then retired to my pit for an hour. I surfaced and tidied myself up ready for mustering for the punch reception in Cameron sports bar. This of course went well. At 1830 we were called to dinner. This followed a tried and tested routine. Master of ceremonies was Mad Dog - (no surprise there) and Jim McMaster organised everything, and did it very well. There were of course speeches, etc. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral John Weale OBE; He had many titles and responsibilities, and as always looked much too young to hold any of them. The experience was enjoyable and the dinner was very good.



**In Kennedy's Bar**

My only complaint was being sat opposite a Baby P.O. who was an expert in everything except laryngitis. Our leader, Barrie, thanked the Branch for their organisation and welcome.



**Waiting for the Port to be passed**



**L to R Commodore Walliker (DRASM), Commander Seaward, Jim McMaster & Rear Admiral Weale (RASM)**

On completion of the Dinner, we of course retired to Kennedy's bar. I personally did not stop to long since I knew I would be driving tomorrow. How sensible is that then?

Not a bad start to Sunday, we were not required at the base until 1000. This allowed a small sleep in before breakfast. The service was conducted by the Reverend Paul Jupp. A very tasteful service and all went well with the exception of me juggling with my standard. We, the standard bearers went to the cemetery in a van with not enough seats. As a result, two guys had to climb in the back with standards. I think Babcock security thought we were trying to smuggle them out. The service at the cemetery was excellent. Weather was kind, and all went well. I must confess to being pleased when it was over on account of marching about with the standard was less than comfortable for me. We returned to the base and mustered in Kennedy's bar. We were provided with a buffet lunch. I was unable to partake of any drink on account of having to drive back. We duly set off back at about 1330. Once again I was fine until we had crossed the Erskine bridge, and then my trusted guide took over navigation duties. All went well until after our bucket of coffee break, then things got a bit tricky. As we worked south it got dark and then we had thick fog to contend with. I have to admit I thought Dave and Barrie were very brave to sit in my old bus with me driving under those conditions. However, we did make it, and after dropping Dave and Barrie off, I drove rapidly out of

England on to Walney. I returned the Standard to Gordon with instructions for him to turn out himself in future!

Thus ended an extremely busy weekend.

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(Courtesy of Commander Ryan Ramsay)

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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 in February for the March 2017 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!

### **K13 Memorial Ceremony 2016**

Apart from the Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the K13 Memorial in Elder Park, Govan on Saturday morning at which the civilian personnel lost in K13 are remembered the main Ceremony and Wreath Laying took place at the Garelochhead Cemetery on Sunday Morning following the Church Service in the Base Church. Here all those lost, and who are buried in the Mass Grave, are remembered. As there had been very heavy rain over night the road into the Cemetery was flooded but as the Transport was a 52 seater coach the driver was easily able to get us past the water.





**Standard Bearers at the Faslane Cemetery**



**Dave Barlow lays the Branch Wreath**

All three of us from the Barrow Branch were involved in proceedings. Bob Faragher paraded the Branch Standard, I was asked to read out the names of the Civilian personnel lost and Dave Barlow laid a wreath on behalf of the Barrow Branch

Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of K13 and it is planned that the Ceremonies at Elder Park and Garelochhead will be more extensive and it is anticipated that there will be many descendants of those lost attending both Parades



**The K13 Graves after the Wreath Laying**

### **Mesothelioma Change to Benefit Veterans**

(This article first appeared in Issue 99 of the British Asbestos Newsletter)

A week before Christmas 2015, the Minister for Defence Personnel and Veterans Mark Lancaster, MP announced a Government U-turn in the compensation policy for ex-service personnel suffering from the asbestos cancer, mesothelioma. The improvements to be implemented in the benefits regime, which resulted from campaigning by The Royal British Legion and victims' groups, will bring Government awards for Veterans more in line with those for civilians. The changes will be implemented as of April 11, 2016 and allow former members of the armed services diagnosed with mesothelioma on or after December 16, 2015 to receive a lump sum of £140,000 instead of smaller weekly or monthly payments dispensed under the War Pensions Scheme.

While welcoming the move which could benefit thousands, the Royal British Legion pointed out that some of the injured will continue to be disadvantaged saying:

"We remain disappointed that around 60 Veterans who are currently in receipt of a War Disablement Pension for Mesothelioma will be unable to apply for the new lump sum compensation award. Whilst we are pleased that the Minister has indicated that he will review special arrangements for these individuals, we urge him to do so quickly under the terms of the Armed Forces Covenant and in light of the limited life expectancies and extreme suffering of these Veterans."

MPs David Mackintosh and Madeline Moon called on the Government to ensure that all affected Veterans were treated equitably while General Lord David Richards, former Chief of the Defence Staff, condemned the discriminatory practice as a "mean-minded anomaly" contrary to the ethos of the Armed Forces Covenant. Lord Alton, who has campaigned assiduously on

mesothelioma issues in the House of Lords, was highly critical: "To recognize an injustice and to say you will put it right in the future represents progress but to then say you won't apply the same criteria to those who are already dying of this disease defies logic and common decency."

Attempting to clarify the likelihood of the new scheme being opened to Veterans whose diagnoses were received prior to the December 16 cut-off date, enquiries were made with the Ministry of Defence (MOD). On January 4, 2016, an MOD spokesperson replied:

"Whether to extend the lump sum to current claimants is a complex issue and has been discussed across Government; but we are committed to supporting Veterans and are considering what more can be done for this group."

Under the Armed Forces Covenant, the government promised "to ensure that the Armed Forces face no disadvantage as a result of their Service." Considering the severity of mesothelioma, the short life expectancy of those affected, and the relatively small sums involved, there can be no excuse for the failure to treat all veterans equitably.

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### **An Ian Walsh Joke**

Sean is the vicar of a Protestant parish in western Newfoundland, and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which says:

### **THE END IS NEAR. TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures."

From around the next curve they hear screeching tires and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Father Patrick says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa," Sean agrees, then adds, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say:

### **BRIDGE CLOSED**

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### **TRUCULENT Memorial Service 2016**

The Memorial Service for those who lost their lives when HM Submarine TRUCULENT was lost following a collision at sea on 12th January 1950 organised by Medway Towns Submariners Association was held on Saturday 9th January 2015 at the St. George's Centre, Chatham, Kent.

We were blessed with fine weather once again which made it easier for those travelling to attend and remember the 64 submariners and dockyard personnel, who were on the submarine for sea trials and lost their lives when HM Submarine TRUCULENT and SS DVINA collided in the Thames estuary. We also remember the 5 RAF crew of an Avro Lancaster from RAF Coastal Command, Kinloss who were lost while

taking part in the rescue operation. We were very pleased that Mr. Fred Henley age 92, a survivor of the incident, was able to attend again this year and lay a wreath at the TRUCULENT memorial plaque. The congregation numbered more than 200 and all sang with gusto when the organist Mr. Douglas Moutrie, MBE played the Hymns we all know and love.

The service was conducted by Reverend Alan Boxall, Reverend Gordon Warren RN. Our guests of honour were, Commander David Phillips RN, the Worshipful Mayor of Medway Councillor Barry Kemp, Mayoress Mrs. Joyce Kemp, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Brigadier John Meardon DL, Mrs. Ann Meardon and Air Commodore Bill Croydon CB. Also present in non-official capacity at their request were ex Mayors of Medway Councillors David Brake and Councillor Vaughan Hewett, Mrs. Jenifer Hewett and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent Barry Duffield and his wife Madeline. The Royal Engineers Brompton Barracks were well represented by Warrant Officer Waterman.

We were also very pleased this year to welcome the Submarine Command Warrant Officer WO1 Stefano Mannucci who brought with him 7 serving submariners from HMS Collingwood at Gosport.

There were 19 Standards representing Submariners Associations, Royal Naval Associations, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Engineers Association, Merchant Navy, Royal Airforce Association, British Legion & Sea Cadets. Leading the Standards was the Submarine Nation Standard bearer Trevor Thomas and our own branch standard carried by Bob Clarke.

Medway Towns Sea Cadets did their normal great job of manning the door and car parking.

The Worshipful Mayor of Medway, Councillor Barry Kemp read the 1st. Lesson. Lt. Colin Jones (Branch member) read the poem 'Spare a Thought' which is dedicated to all submariners but, on this occasion, specifically for those who lost their lives and their family and friends. The 2nd. Lesson was read by the branch secretary Derek Grant. This was followed by a moving sermon given by Rev. Gordon Warren. 'We are submariners' was read by our Vice President Ted Hogben. The Chaplain then read 'The Submariners Prayer'.

All wreath layers and standards then proceeded to the TRUCULENT Memorial Plaque. Medway Towns Submariners Association President Ted Hogben read the Act of Remembrance. The wreaths were laid by His Worship the Mayor, Branch President Mr. Ted Hogben & Mr. David Brierly for the RNA. Flowers were laid by Mr. Fred Henley who we believe is the last survivor of the collision.

The Last Post was sounded by our bugler Brian Hillyer & followed by 2 minutes silence. Reveille was played by the bugler.

The blessing was given by our Chaplain followed by the organist who played two verses of The National Anthem and some actually sang both verses.

All were then invited to help themselves to a sumptuous buffet which had been provided by our tame chef Dave



Scott assisted by Shaun Henry-Roscoe and the ladies of our branch members and to partake of a tot or two, wine or soft drinks all served with a smile by Bryan Thompson and Charlie Pilbeam. Coffee or tea was also available at Ted Hogbens' shop which also had submarine mementos on sale.

Medway Towns Branch of the Submariners Association wish to express their thanks to all who attended the service, some from great distances, and the very generous contributions to the HMS/M Truculent Memorial Fund box. Hope that you kept enough for the bus fare home.

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### **TELEVISION PROGRAMME** **DEVONPORT**

A brand new six part series on Devonport Dockyard airs on TV from Friday 19th February at 9pm. It follows the lives of the people who work at the Royal Naval base at Devonport, which dates back to the 17th Century. DEVONPORT airs on QUEST TV (Sky 144, Virgin 172, Freeview 37, YouView 37) from Friday 19th February at 9pm.

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### **Ted Budgen Remembered**

Edward William Budgen – or Ted as we all know him – was born in Redhill in Surrey on 18th August 1934. After leaving school Ted joined the Railways and became a locomotive fireman. Later he joined the Royal Navy and, on 10th November 1954, he joined the submarine depot HMS DOLPHIN at Gosport 'for Submarine training'. After completing the Submarine Course he was drafted to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE (2nd Submarine Squadron) for the 'S' Class submarine HMS SCYTHIAN on 28th April 1955 and was based in Portland in Dorset.

HMS SCYTHIAN and the other Submarines of the Flotilla were used as dived targets for anti-submarine training in the fleet (usually referred to as Clockwork Mousing) and to carry out equipment trials for the Underwater Water Research Establishment at Portland with the occasional visit to other ports like Poole, Portsmouth and Plymouth. 'Ted' served in SCYTHIAN until the 3rd of December 1956 and then joined the Submarine 'Spare Crew'.

Ted came to Barrow in Furness to join the crew of the experimental Submarine E15 (later officially HMS EXCALIBUR) on 27th Aug 1957. Ted was to 'Standby

By' the Submarine while the build of the Submarine was completed in the Vickers Shipyard.

In Barrow Ted met two people who were to become a significant part of his life. The first was Paul Cubitt who was an Electrical Mechanic who also served in HMS EXCALIBUR and with whom he shared 'digs' in Barrow. Paul, who now lives in Gosport, tells me that he and Ted became 'best mates' and 'run ashore oppos' and that they both played in the Submarine's football team – apparently Ted played in goal in a very distinctive yellow jumper – and Paul played in midfield.

After EXCALIBUR was completed the submarine left Barrow for sea trials on the Clyde based at Faslane. The 'Experimental' part of the Submarine was the propulsion system and its very volatile fuel which had a habit of exploding or causing fires at the drop of a hat. This happened so often that the sister submarine EXPLORER was nicknamed 'EXPLODER' and EXCALIBUR became 'EXCRUCIATOR'.

The second, and most important person, was Margaret Carruthers who Ted met in Barrow and courted and married in the summer of 1958. 'Best Oppo' Paul Cubitt was the 'Best Man' at the wedding. Paul tells me that Ted and Margaret later shared a Naval hiring in Helensburgh with Paul and his wife until Ted and Margaret moved into their own hiring. Unfortunately Paul Cubitt could not be here for the funeral but he sent his sincere condolences to Ted's family

Ted left HMS EXCALIBUR on 25th Nov 1958 and returned to HMS DOLPHIN until he was drafted to the Streamlined 'T' Class Submarine HMS TEREDO.

In 1959 TEREDO underwent a full crew refit in Malta and, on completing the refit, TEREDO was detailed to join 7th Submarine Squadron which had been re-established in Singapore. The route out was via the Suez Canal and Trincomalee in Ceylon to Singapore where the Submarine arrived on 6th January 1960. The wives arrived shortly afterward but only had three days with their husbands before the submarine left for exercises at Trincomalee. Whilst in the Far East Ted would have been involved in various trials and exercises as well as visits to Hong Kong, Manila, Yokohama and Nagasaki. Ted served in TEREDO until 14th Apr 1961 when he returned home to 'foreign Service' leave and re-joined the 'Spare Crew'

Ted's final submarine was the 'O' Class Submarine HMS ORPHEUS which he joined on 4th September 1962 and he served in that Submarine in home waters until 24th September 1964. A month later, on 27th October 1964, he left the Submarine Service.

Ted became a member of the Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submarine Old Comrades Association on 6th Feb 1973 and he was a most enthusiastic supporter of the Branch serving as the Branch Treasurer for many years and for even longer as a Committee Member. Ted was a supporter of the planned Submarine Heritage Centre and was also the Treasurer for the Heritage Paintings Collection. Ted and Margaret loved attending the various Branch functions and the Submariners Association Reunions. We miss them both.

## CROSSED THE BAR JANUARY 2016

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	O/N	Age	Submarine Service
Barrow in Furness Branch (lapsed member)	28th Dec 2015	Carl Moody	Chief Petty Officer (WEA)	TBA	59	Submarine Service including DOLPHIN & UPHOLDER (1st Commission Crew on 9th June 1990)
Barrow in Furness Branch	4th January 2016	Edward (Ted) Budgen	Stoker 1st Class	P/KX 914810	81	Submarine Service from 10th Nov 1954 to 27th October 1964 in SCYTHIAN (28th April 1955 to 3rd December 1956), EXCALIBUR (27th August 1957 to 25th November 1958), TEREDO (26th November 1958 to 14th April 1961) & ORPHEUS (4th September 1962 to 24th September 1964)
Cheltenham & Gloucestershire Branch	7th January 2016	J (Jim) Larkin	Stoker 1st Class	D/SKX 165256	90	Submarine Service from 1943 to 1946 in SEALION & SENESCHAL
Nottingham Branch	8th January 2016	D (Dave) Summers	Chief Petty Officer (UC1)	P/JX 843608	84	Submarine Service from June 1952 to December 1972 in AUROCHS, THOROUGH, ALARIC, ANDREW, ANCHORITE, ALCIDE, ALARIC, ACHERON, GRAMPUS, ORACLE, CACHALOT, TRUNCHEON & FINWHALE
Dolphin Branch	12th January 2016	Michael G Brooker	Radio Operator 2 (G)	P/J962174	74	Submarine Service from 1961 to 1967 in TOKEN (1964 to 1966) & ALLIANCE (1966 to 1967)
Non Member	17th January 2016	Robert George Bloomfield	Chief Marine Engineering Artificer	TBA	55	Submarine Service in OPOSSUM (1981)
Hull & East Yorkshire Branch	24th January 2016	George Palmer	Able Seaman (ST)	C/JX 378547	89	Submarine Service from 1942 to 1946 in SEASCOUT

## K26 – THE STEAM SUBMARINE (Part 8)

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### Chapter 11

### CUISINE

In K26 the system of catering was called for some reason Canteen Messing. As we did not have a canteen, and hardly ever visited the canteen of a big ship, I don't know why they called it this. The Ward Room had a PO Mess man, he was entrusted to buy wet and dry stores for the Ward Room. At the end of a month he costed it up through his books and gave each Officer a Mess Bill. Promptly paid, he had solid, cash money to buy more victuals and drinks. It worked well, I had never seen any Officer actually begging a chip or two, or a slice of bacon from, say, the P.O.s Mess which ran on slightly different lines. They, the P.O.s, were tied by a written contract to Demicoli of the Olympia Bar. When in Malta; they could also buy things like bread, potatoes, meat, dried peas, sugar, tea, tinned milk from the Boat's Stores with little chit books. They could also buy goods ashore for cash, or run a small account with the NAAFI. Stokers, Seaman and Tiffies generally did the same with minor differences

The food in harbour was cooked in the same galley and by combinations of Gee, Asbury, Nelson, Regan, and the P.O.'s Mess man and Tiffies Mess man, and sometimes even the Ward Room Mess man on some luxurious pottage special to the Officers. As food came from many sources, it was possible to see a galaxy of dishes, kippers, eggs - boiled and fried, sausages, bacon, porridge, bloaters, haddock, etc., but the cook had to know which was which, or to whom the dish belonged.

Thus at breakfast, and even more at noontide dinner, baked meats, boiled meats, pies, oooshes, fried meats etc., had to be properly recognized, and served up at the right Mess Tables.

By private arrangement however, it was possible for a Stoker who loathed bacon and tomatoes to swap it for a piece of smoked haddock inside the galley with an obliging Seaman. So the system had its merits. Tea was made, very good tea, in a large tea-urn with a spout capacity about 1 ½ gallons, with a strainer in it about the size of a six inch shell. There were variants in the tea. Some tea-urns were just tea and water. This meant Ideal Milk put in to cups and then the tea poured on top of it which has been called the MIF method, (Milk in first). The other school of thought let the tea draw, and then poured Ideal Milk into the tea urn. This mixture was the poured into cups. A simple thing you may think but I have heard hours of debate on the benefits or dis-benefit of both these systems. In all cases, except the Ward Room, the sugar was yellow crystals, very good indeed and a fine raw material for making toffee, proved by Stoker

Fawkes. The Ward Room used lump sugar, and if fresh milk could be obtained they obtained it. At the back of the galley hot plate Ward Room kidneys stood happily beside Sailor's bacon, the Cook knew which was which and all was well.

The Cook of the moment answered to "Chef", "Slushie", or "Cookie", but by custom of the service you had to be fairly senior to use the word "Slushie"; less senior to say "Cookie" and even a novice unable to distinguish between a main line suction inlet, and a pair of semaphore flags was quite all right with the word "Chef", provided the right intonation was used. You could of course, if you had a private income, or had won a large sum of money at Tombola, deck the festive board with delicacies bought anywhere. I don't recollect pheasant or caviar at our particular Mess Table, but grapes, the better sort of cheeses, and out of the ordinary fruits did turn up from time to time.

But the ordinary fare was not often improved on, and the best we could do sometimes was to hike off to the galley and toast some bread for tea. When dived, this being impossible, substitute toast could be made by laying an electric radiator on its back and putting two slices of bread on it. You had to remain in attendance because it soon became black and the smoke and fumes filled the boat. Toast for tea was not encouraged when the boat was shut down. Late on an autumn evening if you cared to walk along the tank tops starboard side, the smell of varied foods could turn your heart inside out. Liver and onions (always called liver & grapes), fried kippers, fried steak, toasted cheese, fried fish, curry. Of course this would be the day after payday. As the fortnight wore on, maybe only the savoury odour of a large baked potato tickled your nostrils. As a fair number of the boat's crew would be ashore having big eats with sweethearts and wives, it would not signify much.

Submerged, some highly flavoured foods were taboo, cabbage and onions do not dive well, as the saying was. Curry too, is a fresh air dish, it was popular with a small seaman Coterie called by Timms, "The Indian Colonels" up at Fort St. Angelo, but it would not do to flavor the interior of a steam submarine with it. Alongside at Malta, you could if you were not duty, hike off ashore and have food and drink at a place where your credit was good, or if you had money eat at the Corradino Canteen, eggs and chips usually.

The smuggling of beer or wine is of course forbidden in H.M. ships but regularly carried out as an exercise in acquired skill. With the Olympia Bar so near you would think that a sailor in need of a drink would get into a good suit and when liberty men fell in go ashore in the dghaisa and sit in the bar until he felt like coming back aboard with the beer internally stowed. This is what you might think, but there is something attractive to Sailors and Stokers in taking the full bottle of beer from the Olympia Bar back aboard and drinking it there. Extensive trouble was resorted to, to make this possible. Loops of string tied to bottles and slipped over that shapely piece a dghaisa has at the prow so that the beer on arrival and after recovery, would be cooled, but not wishing to cause trouble for Chico, this was not often done. Another scheme mooted by a cricketer was that a bottle of Cisk beer was of a size and weight to be flung from the edge of the Molo Pieta, and nimbly caught by a Stoker who happened to be a very clever fielder. Unfortunately, cricket is played in very good light and you can see the ball coming. The four bottles of beer slung from the jetty were dark coloured, and not seen in flight.

One spilled its sweetness on the duck's arse and had to be quickly broomed off, two went over the boat and into the water never to be recovered and one hit the upper casing and ran down just as the Coxswain had come off to see what the first noise was. It was a case of "bad light stopped play" and was not repeated, the rate of loss was too high. Another plan quite ingenious was to run a piece of sail-maker's twine across the intervening water by Dghaisa before dark. Tying the ends one to chains on jetty, other to boat's guardrail.

High hopes were expressed for the success of this scheme. However, at the trial run when two bottles of Cisk beer were tied to the twine, the team hauling away on the tank top port side aft felt the twine coming in quite well for a while, but many pieces of flotsam and jetsam litter the bottom of Pieta Creek and the twine caught one, maybe two. A little juggling, but the twine broke. Two bottles of beer were lost at sea. Of course, they could have been consumed at Demicoli's place, on the jetty even, but I reckon there was something working in the heads of these chaps; the old smuggling spirit. They still talked the theory of smuggling in the Mess, but there being no really good schemes, they let it die. They used to say "What about floating an oil drum across?" A pity plastic garden hose had not been invented, they might have pumped a barrel of beer over with that

**To be continued in March 2016 with:**

**Chapter 12 "COCKROACHES" OR "ARE YOU STILL USING THAT OLD FORMULA?"**

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## **BRANCH DINNER 2016**

Hi everyone.

Just wanted to inform you all of our forthcoming dinner at the Chetwynde hotel on Saturday 27th Feb.

The night will be a semi-formal dinner which comprises of a 3 course meal with tea or coffee and mints

A large glass of Wine and a Glass of port.

Unlike last year we will be sitting at tables of eight - so if you want to make a table up please ensure you tell me when booking. The entertainment will be our own company, some background music and a few after dinner speakers to round the evening off nicely.

We meet between 7.0 and 7:30 and once we are all there we shall have our photograph taken and this will be presented at the end of the evening - inclusive of the cost.

We will sit down at 8.0 for a very lovely meal - please choose from the list below indicating your choice of red or white wine.

Approximately 10.00 we will conduct our loyal toast with the port and then be addressed by the guest speakers.

Rig for the evening will be Branch Blazers if you have them or jacket and tie if you don't, ladies cocktail dresses, trouser suit or skirt and top.

This is limited to 50 maximum and was a very enjoyable evening last year.

The branch is subsidising all who attend by £5 per person, so the cost to you will be just £24 per person.

Names and Menu choices (including wine) to me no later than 10th Feb, full payment is required by this date.

It does not matter if you are no longer a full member of The Association, you are very welcome to attend; I do hope that you can join me.

Best Wishes

Alex Webb

Barrow Submariners Social Secretary.

### **Menu Selection**

#### **Starters**

A	Winter Vegetable Soup with Homemade Bread
B	Chicken Liver Pate with Mixed Leaf Salad, Chutney & Melba Toast
C	Prawn Crayfish Salad with Tossed with Baby Gem Lettuce & a Paprika Lemon Mayonnaise

#### **Mains**

A	Roast Pork with Crispy Crackling, Apple & Sage Sauce & a Light Gravy
B	Cumbrian Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire & a Rich Gravy
C	Poached Salmon Fillet with Creamy Lemon & Chive Sauce
D	Mushroom Risotto Cake with Side Salad & Truffle Oil
Mains with New Potatoes & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables/Roasted Root Vegetables (except Veg Option)	

#### **Desserts**

A	Cheeseboard - mini board of local cheeses served with biscuits & Chutney
B	Strawberry Cheesecake with a Champagne Liquor Glaze and Vanilla Ice Cream
C	Warm Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream