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Cover Picture: The HMS UPHOLDER Association Visitors

Nothing in the world, nothing that you may think or dream of, or anyone may tell you, no arguments however specious, no appeals however seductive, must lead you to abandon that naval supremacy on which the life of our country depends.'

WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody,

I hope you are all keeping well and taking trying to get back to normal. Well, like I said last month, hasn't this been a busy month for Submarines, Submariners, and the Barrow Branch?

Starting with the Branch the Weekend 1st to 3rd October saw the well-attended first ever UPHOLDER Reunion in Barrow starting with a Meet & Greet at the RBL on Friday 1st and a very enjoyable Social Evening in the Concert Room on Saturday evening plus lots of visits to various pubs over the course of the weekend. I have included a report and several photos in this Issue.

Thursday 7th saw us gathering at the Hope and Anchor as our contribution to the Remembrance arrangements around the country for KRI NANGGALA & her Crew now that the Fund raising for the Families has reached its target. Again there is an item and photos in this issue. Branch members also attended the Trafalgar Diner arranged by the Morecambe Branch. This seems to have been very successful and again there is a Report and photos.

The November Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November in the Concert Room at the RBL in Holker Street at 1930.

See you all there and don't be late!

Best Regards, **Barrie**

SECRETARY'S DIT

Hello Everyone

Correspondence and discussion since the last meeting.

1. Minutes from the October meeting have been distributed to members.
2. Details of the Barrow Remembrance Ceremony have been received from the Council and will be issued at the November meeting next week. HMS Anson representatives will also be there for the meeting. It is the standard format from the Town Hall to the Park and then the RBL for refreshments on completion. I will be asking for numbers of attendees at the meeting.
3. The following messages were received from Barrie Downer:
 - a. **The BAE Crane Memorial**

I (BAE) am emailing with regards to The Crane Memorial, held at The Dock Museum on Thursday 11th November, and inviting you to attend if you want to.

This is the running order for the day:

10.40am – Arrival at the Dock Museum

10.45am – Opening words and prayers

10.50am – Laying of the Wreaths

11.00am – 2 Minutes Silence signified by member of the Sea Cadets playing the bugle

11.05am – Closing words

11.15am – Refreshments at The Dock Museum

11.45am – Depart from The Dock Museum

Here is a bit of historical context about the memorial.

In 2010 the business announced its plans to dismantle one of its iconic hammerhead cranes at our site in Barrow-in-Furness. The 68-year-old, 165ft tall crane had been out of use for a number of years and for health and safety reasons had to be dismantled whilst it was still in a fit state to do so. The crane was last used for outfitting the Royal Navy landing ship, HMS Bulwark in 2004, and dominated the Barrow skyline. For many it was an important local landmark symbolising Barrow's long and proud history as a major shipbuilding town

Erected in 1942 the crane was significant as it replaced one that was brought down during an air strike during the Second World War, killing two fire watchers in May, 1941. It was decided to leave approximately 6ft of the crane's base standing, with a memorial plaque to their memories. Each year a memorial takes place to remember the two young men who sadly lost their lives.

Thomas Martin Cooke, a Crane Driver in the East Shop and Christopher Fieldhouse, age 19, Apprentice Fitter in the Truck Mounting Shop had volunteered as Firewatchers when they sadly lost their lives.

Stephen Yates, who was an apprentice at the time of the crane being dismantled, designed and built a one-fifth scale size replica of the hammerhead crane, which is still on display in the local Dock Museum. Stephen remembers creating the crane and said "I was in the 2nd year of my apprenticeship, and my coordinator Paul Tucker put me forward for Northwest Apprentice of the Year. Part of this was to do a practical project, so with being on plant maintenance, and looking after the cranes on site, I thought it would be a good challenge to build a scaled down version of the largest crane we had and as the crane was due to be dismantled the timing was perfect. I managed to get hold of the original drawings, scaled them down to a 50th, then I went from there real

If you and others would like to attend if you can please let me know for any numbers.

Many thanks, Charlotte Wills, Project Management Apprentice, BAE Systems Submarines

Any volunteers from the Branch? Please let me know.

b. **AE1 & AE 2 Memorial-** Barrie Downer intends to hold a short Remembrance ceremony at the AE1 & AE2 Memorial starting at 0945 on Sunday 14th before the Barrow Parade. He will provide an Order of Service. Can John Hart provide a Wreath? Also needed is the Flags from the Legion to be available and someone to man the Memorial (volunteers required), take the Salute from the Remembrance Parade as it passes and return the Flags to the Legion afterwards.

c. Also can the Branch provide me with seven Poppy Crosses to go on the Submariner Graves at Thorncliffe and the Vickers THETIS graves at Thorncliffe, Rampside and Ulverston?

4. **SA Branch Secretaries Meeting (Zoom).** A zoom meeting was held and Chaired by the National Secretary. Much of the discussion was based in the Submarine Family (TSF) and the lack of details on the terms and conditions that the SA would be signing up to if it decides to join. A number of those attending had questions on the funding and how will it work with people who members of, and pay subscription to, more than one of the organisations involved. The Barrie Downer stated that the SA Working Group Interim Report was about to be published for the Branches to view and comment on (now distributed and some comments received).

Other conversations were about the 'One Man One Vote' system currently being investigated, the resignation of SA Membership and Website Manager, some local councils no longer supporting Remembrance Ceremonies and the proposal of Northern Ireland being the venue for the 2023 AGM and Reunion weekend.

5. **Email from National Secretary – 2022 AGM and Reunion,** The Family Weekend including the AGM for 2022 will be held at the Holiday Inn Leicester over the weekend of 25th - 26th March 2022.

The AGM will be on Saturday 26th March.

The application forms have been distributed to members. All replies to;

I. (Iain) Mackenzie MBE, Dolphin Cottage,, 41 Grafton Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1QY.

6. **2023 AGM and Reunion** - AGM/Family Weekend in 24-27 March 2023, The Europa Hotel, Belfast.

The Association is looking at Belfast for the 2023 reunion. If any of the members are interested in going please can they forward their interest to the National Secretary. There is no commitment, just need an idea of the number of rooms to hold. Time is short so can the Nation Secretary have a reply within the next two weeks.

Initial details are as follows but prices may change as we will approach the Submariners Fund for a grant.

Europa Hotel

Double rooms

2 x nights £240.00 pp sharing a double or twin including Dinner Bed and Breakfast

3 x nights £325.00 pp sharing a double or twin including Dinner Bed and Breakfast

Single rooms

2 x nights £310 single room including Dinner Bed and Breakfast

3 x nights £440 single room including Dinner Bed and Breakfast

This does not include travel costs. We are looking at a package to include ferry from Liverpool and coach to the hotel.

7. **New SM Memorial Unveiling**

An email was received from the National Chairman asking if the Branch wish to attend the New SM Memorial Unveiling on 22nd May 2022. I have replied that we will. The Standard Bearer plus a number to be determine later.

8. **Association 2022 Diaries** – From Mark Smith

For Branches to order their 2022 Submariners Association Diaries ONLY. The Closing date for Placing Orders is 30th October 2021. Orders placed by Branch Secretaries will be costed at £2.00 per diary which will include the cost of postage. Branch Secretaries can set their own additional costs to allow a marginal profit. Orders from individuals will need to be placed by contacting Mark Smith either by email Mark Smith or Text on 07702032474 at the cost of £2.00 per diary plus Postage & Packaging of £1.00.

Branches will be able to place as many orders as they like until the deadline. The total number of Diaries ordered for each branch will be shown in the list on the left, when you have logged on. You will need to login with the Username and Password to check and / or placing your order, which has been sent to the Branch Secretaries. If for some reason Branch Secretaries did not receive the login information, then please email Mark Smith.

Methods of payment will be included when the diaries are despatched

Access details are as follows

User Name is 'Diary Order'

Password is SubAssociation

Secret Key - Please leave Blank (Empty) - Don't put anything in it.

I have received 3 orders from members so far but have ordered 6 for the Branch overall. Please let me know if you would like one of the 3 additional diaries.

8. **Submarine Association of Canada West** – Copy for the Branch Newsletter 'Angles and Dangles' forwarded to members.

9. **Email from David Woolterton** Submariners Association - Membership Secretary & Webmaster

Due to personal reason David has decided to step back for a while in his role of Membership Secretary. However, he is willing to assist if required.

The Sussex Branch made the decision to Shut down and for all its members to move to the Gosport Branch. The reason I bring this up is because despite all my hard work and monthly updates to the branches with continual reminders that it is the branches responsibility to keep track of members and to update me as Membership Secretary of any changes. For this now shut branch out of 18 members when I asked for updated details of those members before I transferred them to the Gosport Branch for 16 of them their information was not correct on the National Database.

Now I am no longer going to flog a dead horse but again remind you that it is the branches responsibility to update me of members detail changes and have also provided a new database with a window application so that these changes can be made by yourselves, but more importantly so you can see what is on the National Database. This was previously done by me sending monthly excel spreadsheets to branches of members details to check.

So to say the least I was extremely disappointed to find out so many members information from one branch were incorrect. I doubt that it is an isolated incident as I never hear from some branches ever. As for the New Database, there are officers from over half the Associations branches who have installed it and created accounts, but only 2 or 3 that actually log on and use it.

As you will see from my story above given the past 3 months you should understand why I have taken the option to stop doing things that really are not fully appreciated in the branches to better help them or the Association which are outside the remit of the Membership Secretaries role.

On that note my 5-year term in Office on the NMC in the role is due to end in March 2023 but, given the complexity and IT skills required, I have given notice to the NMC that I will not be looking to stand again after that date. I have notified them now to give the NMC the time to find a suitable replacement but made it quite clear I will not be continuing beyond that date.

I have the 2022 Stickers and will be sending them out later this month.

Regards David Woolterton Submariners Association - Membership Secretary & Webmaster

10. **Email from Ben Britten** - Coop funeral services transport on Remembrance Sunday

Unfortunately the Coop are unable to offer transport to the cenotaph for members this year, it would be to difficult given the current situation. They have said as things improve they would be pleased to offer transport next year.

11. **National Treasurers monthly figures:**

Main Account

Start balance £89 896.62
In £410.00
Out £6 332.61
Balance £83 974.01

Reunion Account

Start balance £3694.95
In £0.00
Out £292.00
Balance £3402.95

Blue Plaque

Start balance £1992.30
In £0.00
Out £0.00
Balance £1992.30

Slops Account

Start balance £656.92
In £12.50
Out £0.00
Balance £669.42

David A J Smith

SA Barrow Branch Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Shipmates

Happy November everybody, hope that this finds everyone well.

Friday 19th November will be our annual dinner dance at the Imperial – Black Tie ‘do’ fixed Menu, £37.50 per person, buy your own wine. Names required as soon as possible – pay at the November Branch Meeting!!

The Christmas Party will be at the Legion on **Saturday 18th December** (last Saturday before Christmas) tickets will be on sale from the October meeting £6 each, Denis Horan entertaining and bring a plate (normal routine) and let’s end the year on a bang – who knows, if I get enough support for this then there may be enough dosh in the kitty to have a pint or two at the Alfred or Seaweed Corner before the end of the year?

Thank you. Stay safe, get vaccinated and dust off your party outfits.

Yours Aye.Alex

MORECAMBE BRANCH TRAFALGAR DINNER

Barrow Branch Members attended the Trafalgar Dinner arranged by the Morecambe Branch for Saturday 23rd October. The Guest of Honour was Commodore Phil Waterhouse ADC RN, the Naval Regional Commander who is based at the Naval Regional Headquarters, Northern England, East Brunswick Dock, Sefton Street, Liverpool. The Commodore led a tribute to Lord Nelson and proposed the Toast to ‘The Immortal Memory’.





There was an exchange of E Mails between Jim Halliwell and the Commodore after the 'Trafalgar Dinner' in which our Branch Chairman Dickie Cambridge is 'Mentioned in Dispatches'

Dear Phil,

Thank you so much for appearing as guest of honour at our Trafalgar Night dinner last Saturday at the County Hotel Carnforth. You obviously have a hectic schedule having driven over from Hartlepool that very day to be with us. It was great to meet up with you again after 3 years (didn't seem that long since we last met in Pompey). It really does mean such a lot to have a Senior serving Naval Officer make an appearance and update our teams on the latest news about the Royal Navy and what its future holds, despite comments from a certain Chief Stoker we all joined the Royal Navy before the Submarine service.

The Nelson tribute was different and quite interesting. Our President Tim was delighted to take the reins on the evening to welcome you and invite you to meet our 3 branches of the SA.

Take care Phil, you really made our evening so enjoyable. Yours Aye, Jim.

PS I'm sure you know that Chief Stoker Richard (Dickie) Cambridge, Chairman of the Barrow-in-Furness SA is as Sound as a Pound. (Just hope your right arm wasn't too badly bruised after the constant nudging)

From: Waterhouse, Phillip Cdre

Hi Jim - and right back at you; it was a great evening and I am very grateful to you and the three associations for inviting me - I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope that I managed to convey what an exciting time it is to be in the RN and linked it back to 'Trafalgar' et al. As for Dickie - I enjoyed his company hugely although he now knows that Cdre's can live with his banter and - shock, horror - have better dits than his! I loved your comment about his medals - so funny!

Keep in touch my friend and if we can help with 'owt' let me know. As ever, Phil

HMS ASTUTE IN AUSTRALIA

A bit of late news. Following the announcement last month that the RAN is looking to acquire a fleet of Nuclear Submarines in a joint arrangement between Australia, Britain and the USA, HMS ASTUTE – continuing its tour of the Asia/Pacific region has now arrived in Perth in Western Australia. This is the first visit by a Royal Navy Submarine to Australia for ten years. Hopefully it won't be the last!



NOVEMBER 2021 BRANCH CALENDAR

November Branch Meeting	Tues 2 nd Nov
Embankment Parade	Sun 7 th Nov
BAE Crane Remembrance	Thu 11 th Nov
Railway Remembrance	Sat 13 th Nov
AE1/AE2 Remembrance	Sun 14 th Nov
Barrow Remembrance Parade	Sun 14 th Nov
Ulverston Remembrance	Sun 14 th Nov
Branch Dinner	Fri 19 th Nov
Committee Meeting	As Required

DECEMBER 2021 BRANCH CALENDAR

December Branch Meeting	Tues 7 th Dec
Branch Xmas Party	Sat 18 th Dec
Committee Meeting	As Required

JANUARY 2022 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 4 th Jan
Committee Meeting	As Required

NOTE: November, December & January Meetings and Events may still be subject to cancellation at very short notice - dependent on further Government advice!

NOVEMBER BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

J. (Julian) Bond	02/11/1971
J.E. (John) Smith	08/11/1943
P. (Pete) Schofield	09/11/1946
G. J. (Gavin) Clelland	10/11/1963
A.R. (Vernon) Miles	17/11/1953
R. (Bob) Pointer	18/11/1948
I.A. (Ian) Clark	18/11/1945
G. (Katie) Boyle	20/11/1961
M.S. (Mike) Lacey	22/11/1946
N. (Neil) Lambert	27/11/1957
T.J. (Trevor) Janes	29/11/1948
J. (Jeffrey) Thomas	30/11/1943

Happy Birthday All!

REMEMBERING FORMER BRANCH MEMBERS

'CROSSED THE BAR' - NOVEMBER

Montague Lee	1979
Raymond Hetherington	1994
Christopher Crossman	2002
John Graham	2003
Fred Scheunig	2006
Bill Cole	2006
John Byrth	2007
Tony Evans	2016
David Wilson	2017
Joseph Sharpe	2017
Alan West	2020

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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 July for the August 2021 Issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of the month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition - keep them stories coming!

SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWII NOVEMBER 1941

No Submarines were lost in November 1941 and no other Submariner Casualties were reported.

SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists - are still arriving, thank you very much.

I am still looking for 'First Commission' Crew Lists as follows: PORPOISE, GRAMPUS, CACHALOT, WALRUS, OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN, OTUS, UNICORN & AUDACIOUS

Also looking for copies of Crew Lists for subsequent Commissions of any 'O' Class, 'P' Class or Nuclear Boat - SSN & SSBN. Crew Lists for any Commissioning or Decommissioning of any Diesel 'A', 'S' or 'T' Class Boat refitting in Home Dockyards or in Malta, Singapore or Sydney are also required. Have a look through your records and 'Ditty Boxes' and see what you can find. You can contact me by E Mail, Snail Mail or Telephone. Thanks, Barrie Downer

DONATIONS & BEQUESTS TO THE SUBMARINE MUSEUM

For anyone thinking about making a Donation to or possibly leaving a Bequest to The Royal Navy Submarine Museum in your Will, please be aware that the Submarine Museum no longer exists as a Charity

with its own finances. This is because the Submarine Museum is now part of The National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN). Any future Donations or Bequests for the Submarine Museum should therefore be directed to either the Friends of the Submarine Museum or to the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

BEQUESTS

Should you wish to preserve the Submarine Heritage by making a bequest to the Submarine Museum in your will, you can achieve that via the Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum. We advise members to consult their Solicitors and use a form of words such as:

"I give, free of tax, the following legacies: To the Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum (Charity No 1046251), Haslar Jetty Road, Gosport PO12 2AS, the sum of....."

Bequeathing to the 'Friends' is one way of ensuring that the money benefits specifically the Submarine Museum. Virtually all the monies bequeathed to the Friends go directly to the Museum to support projects approved by the Friends Committee.

Our administration costs are very low and, since 1995 a total of £428,748 has been used to the benefit of the Submarine Museum. The latest support being provided for the purchase of the Cochrane Medals & Memorabilia and funding the production of a Submariners 'Digital Book of Remembrance' - which will be accessible 'on-line'

ROYAL MARINES GATHER AT ICONIC SPEAN BRIDGE MEMORIAL FOR COMMEMORATIONS

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 26 October 2021

Commandos old & new gathered at the iconic Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge, near Fort William, Scotland on October 24.

Royal Marines from 43 Commando Fleet Protection Group, based at HM Naval Base Clyde gathered alongside veterans and their families from across the country to support the annual Royal Marines Association (RMA) parade.

The memorial service, taken by the Reverend Mark Dalton RN, included prayers and readings. A roll of honour was read in memory of fallen comrades.

Commanding Officer of 43 Commando, Colonel Ben Foster, who attended this year's event said: "Today was fantastic. It was great for 43 Commando Royal Marines Fleet Protection Group to be amongst the RMA at Spean Bridge: a very special location on a very special day. It's great for serving members of the Royal Marines past and present to be able to come together in such a significant location".

Alongside the Royal Marines from 43 Commando were members of the RMA, a local pipe band and local Royal Marine Cadet units.



The Royal Marines Charity celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2021, marking the foundation of one of its predecessor organisations, the Royal Marines Association (RMA), in 1946.

To commemorate 75 years of the association and to raise funds, personnel took part in the Commando Paddle 75 challenge. Following in the footsteps of the 'Cockleshell Heroes'. Serving Royal Marines and veterans paddled 120 nautical miles over five days, from 43 Commando based at HMNB Clyde to Fort William. The area is affectionately known as 'Commando country' as this was the Commando training ground during World War 2.

The area surrounding the memorial has special significance to all Commandos. Tests developed in the Spean Bridge training areas are still used today to see if new recruits have what it takes to wear the coveted 'green beret'.



Sent by: Royal Navy Communications & Influence, Regional Press Office (Scotland & Northern Ireland), HM Naval Base Clyde.

SCOTTISH PORTS WELCOME NATO WARSHIPS AFTER MAJOR EXERCISE

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Scottish ports have welcomed a host of international warships following the completion of a major NATO exercise. Exercise Joint Warrior ran for two-weeks, beginning on September 18, with ships, submarines, and aircraft from ten nations using the maritime training grounds off the coast of Scotland to hone their military skills. The huge exercise finished on September 30 and several of the exercise participants have taken advantage of Scotland's ports to stop-off before the journey homeward.

The Port of Leith hosted three NATO vessels on Saturday, October 2, including Portuguese vessel NRP CORTE REAL.

Over on the West Coast of Scotland, Greenock also played its part with two Dutch ships using the port to offload Commando Forces. Meanwhile, at Glasgow's King George V Docks Royal Navy Type 23 Frigate HMS LANCASTER also visited.

The Portsmouth-based ship, which was built on the Clyde, recently completed a 3,000-kilometre round-trip through the Norwegian Sea into the Arctic Circle. After

a quick refuelling at the Shetland Isles, LANCASTER went on to join Exercise Joint Warrior.

While in Glasgow, HMS LANCASTER opened to invited visitors, hosting members of the Scottish Maritime Cluster, Maritime Enterprise, Reservist Employers, Police Scotland Resilience planners and Academic Partners. The visitors were given a tour of the sophisticated ship which recently underwent a major refit to her Artisan 3D radar and to her air-defence capabilities provided by Sea Ceptor missiles.

Lord Provost of Glasgow, Philip Braat, joined HMS LANCASTER as she sailed up the River Clyde. It was a chance for the Lord Provost, who is also an honorary Captain in the Royal Navy, to see the ship's company bringing the warship alongside.

He was also joined by Susan Donnelly, Argyll & Bute Council's Civil Contingencies Manager and Jim McSporrin, Port Manager for Peel Ports.

Commander Will Blackett, HMS LANCASTER's Commanding Officer, said: "After being at the heart of Exercise Joint Warrior 21 alongside 19 other NATO warships, I am delighted that HMS LANCASTER now has the opportunity to visit Glasgow and be so close to the ship-building home of our next generation of Type 26 Frigates."

The Island of Orkney was also visited by French Navy ships FS NORMANDIE and FS CASSIOPEE who were at Kirkwall for five days from October 1. Onboard was French Naval Attaché.

Brigadier Andy Muddiman ADC, Naval Regional Commander Scotland and Northern Ireland, said: "It was fantastic to see so many NATO vessels visit multiple ports in and around Scotland and Northern Ireland. It has been a productive and exciting time for the Royal Navy and allied navies and a busy period for those who coordinate and oversee this effort.

"Over the last fortnight or so my team has assisted in some seven Scottish port visits comprising 13 individual ships, all demonstrating the Royal Navy's continuous commitment to longstanding international relationships and our place at the heart of NATO.

"HMS LANCASTER's visit to King George V dock in Glasgow, hard on the heels of intensive training and operations in the North Atlantic provided an ideal opportunity to showcase capability and host key resilience partners, maritime businesses and local community representatives."

Brigadier Muddiman continued: "The devolved nations play a vital role in the UK's Defence and security. The Scottish exercise areas are important maritime training grounds, allowing the UK and NATO partners to practice vital skills in a safe and controlled environment."

Exercise Joint Warrior saw involvement by some 27 surface ships, three submarines, eight maritime patrol aircraft and other air assets, as well as personnel from Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Netherlands,

Norway, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and United States.

Exercise Joint Warrior is coordinated from HM Naval Base Clyde in Argyll & Bute and many of the aircraft involved are flown from RAF Lossiemouth in Moray.

NATO exercises, such as Joint Warrior, demonstrate and develop the extensive military capabilities that NATO Allies need to keep our nations safe.

Sent by: Royal Navy Communications & Influence (RNCI)
Regional Press Office (Scotland & Northern Ireland), HM Naval Base Clyde.



The Royal Navy's HMS Lancaster at King George V Docks in Glasgow.



KRI NANGGALA



On Thursday 7th October there were events held around the country to mark the successful completion of the campaign to raise funds to support the families of the Crew members of the Indonesian Submarine INS NANGGALA. The Submarine, which had a crew of was lost with all hands in a diving accident in the waters north of the Island of Bali in 21st April 2021. Fund raising events by SA Branches, Serving Submariners and We Remember Submariners around the country reached the target of £53,000 allowing the Submarine Community all to give each of the Families £1,000.

The Ceremonies which took place around the country at 1000 on 7th October were led in London by the Indonesian Ambassador, Commodore Jim Perks (COSM) and representatives of the Submariners Association at the National Submarine Memorial on the Embankment where Wreaths were laid. The Ceremonies were arranged to coincide with the handing over of the funds to representatives of the families on the deck of a Royal Navy Ship visiting Indonesia. SA Branches around UK were asked to hold individual Ceremonies to coincide with the London Ceremony. For us in Barrow the best way of achieving a group Ceremony was to arrange it to coincide with the regular Thursday afternoon gathering at the Hope and Anchor in Ulverston. The photos show the London Ceremony and the Barrow Ceremony in Ulverston. The photos of the Ceremonies around the country have been forwarded to the MoD and will be collated and sent to the Families via the London Embassy



Barrow Branch Members and friends gathered at the Hope & Anchor for the KRI NANGGALA Commemoration.

THE UPHOLDER ASSOCIATION REUNION

The first ever UPHOLDER Reunion was held in Barrow in Furness over the Weekend 1st to 4th October 2021. Association Members began to gather on Friday afternoon at the RBL from 1400 where they were met by some Vickers and BAE personnel and Barrow SA Members ready for a few pints and introductions and swapping dits. Numbers built up during the afternoon before moving on to the Blue Lamp at 1800 for an evening Session until late!

On Saturday Morning those without sore heads were able to take breakfast and possibly a few 'liveners' at Weatherspoon's. The Albion, the Blue Lamp and a few other Pubs were frequented during the day before everyone returned to the RBL for a Social Evening. During the day the Upholder's were joined by the 'Build 'First Lieutenant', Dominic Taylor, who had flown in from his home in Malta. More Barrow Branch members, ex Vickers and BAE for the Social evening which included lots of 'dit spinning' and lamp swinging, a raffle and the traditional Pie & Peas. Dominic Taylor gave a talk which included some recollections from the UPHOLDER Build and Commissioning. Several local establishments also benefitted from UPHOLDER visits on Sunday as well!

One of the intentions of the Reunion was to raise funds for the UPHOLDER Association to donate to their adopted Sea Cadet Unit at Chelmsford in Essex. As will be seen from the letter below from collections by the UPHOLDER Association and the Evening Raffle £470 was raised, donated and was gratefully received by The Sea Cadet Unit.



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10 October 2021

Dear Barney,

I just wanted to write quickly to express my thanks on behalf of everyone at Chelmsford Sea Cadets, TS Upholder for the generous donation of £470 towards the unit from the recent HMS Upholder reunion event. This has now been received gratefully into our bank account.

We really appreciate you choosing us as the recipients for the monies raised at your event. This is a significant amount of money for us, especially as we have been limited in our ability to conduct our normal fundraising activities, bag packs and the like, over the past 18 months. It will certainly help us towards achieving the unit's aims of giving our cadets the best possible head start in life, based on the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Well done also to you and your fellow organisers, you clearly pulled off a successful and enjoyable event for everyone involved; no mean feat given the year we've just had. I look forward to seeing you in Chelmsford for your reunion next year. If I can be of any assistance at all then please let me know.

Yours Aye,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seb Britton".

Seb Britton
Lieutenant (SCC), Royal Navy Reserve
Commanding Officer
Chelmsford Sea Cadets



Those attending the Reunion Weekend and events included Danny Daniels, Joe Campbell, Steve May, Lenny Dennett, Ray Dennett, Barney Naylor, Craig Stevens, Keith Twigg, Steve McGerty, John Fulford, Charles Rowntree, Mark Dixon, Tim Jones, Stu Taylor, Roy Sheppard, Ade Richardson, Bob Prigmore, Buck Taylor, Ron Hiseman, Charley Darley, Mick

Cullen, Billy Sutherland, Peter Wadding, Steve Thompson, Mike Golbourn, Ray Williams, Al Grieg, Dominic Taylor, Barrie & Margaret Downer, Dickie Cambridge, Alex & Jan Webb, Mark Butchart, Lou Budden, Les and Sally Hambling, Des Murphy, Bob Hagen & Steve and Nikki McKay. All in all a very successful weekend which everyone enjoyed. Congratulations are due to Barney Naylor and his organising team for very successful weekend.



THE DESMOND GERRISH AUTOBIOGRAPHY

(Continued from the October 2021 Issue of Periscope View)

February 1965

H.M.S. ADAMANT was originally built as a stately Liner and nearing completion when war broke out in 1939; was acquired by Admiralty together with her sister ship, to become H.M.S. TYNE, both of them to be converted into Submarine Depot Ships. Because they were built as Passenger Liners, they ended up as the largest Depot Ships the R.N. had ever had. And we enjoyed the spaciousness of these fine ships. Huge workshops for torpedoes, sonar and engineering. A Periscope Workshop which could accommodate the 60ft. Tubes of modern S/Ms periscopes, plus the same type of tube-masts which allowed the S/M to raise Radar, Wireless, D/F and Sonar heads above the waves when the S/M is at periscope depth. We had Storerooms that could feed, clothe and medicine all 14 Submarines, plus the large complement of ADAMANT herself, for at least 12 months. There was a hospital complete with Operating Theatre plus a king-size Dental Surgery (the Dentists worked hard – they had to confirm to Captain S/M that any submarine due to depart on 2 – 3-month patrol would not have any toothache problems while away). On deck she had four purpose-built Cranes, chiefly for loading/unloading torpedoes and periscope masts into and out of submarines berthed alongside ADAMANT. The cranes were manned by Ratings of my Department.

ADAMANT's own armament consisted of a sprinkling of light anti-aircraft guns as a last resort defence against Air Attack at close quarters. It was the duty of the 'Fleet' to defend these big 'Mother Ships.' She did though have a powerful Radio Station, since in peace or war, it was our responsibility to know that each of our far-flung submarines on patrol was safe and well. The foundation of this safety aspect was built upon the paramount responsibility of each submarine to rise to periscope depth and transmit to Adamant an 'OKAY' signal, every 48 hours. Sometimes this was especially extended to 72 hours if the patrol needed the sub. to remain deep for most of it work – i.e. in Russian waters. Should, for any reason, one of these vital Radio 'Checks' become overdue by ONE HOUR, Admiralty had to be informed, who would put the appropriate 'Fleet' on alert. Once the 'Comcheck' was TWO HOURS overdue, Admiralty instigated full Search and Rescue Operations for their particular submarine, worldwide. And it would be 'Flash News' on U.K. T/V.

Once or twice, when I was Duty C.O. in ADAMANT overnight, I sweated it out in the Radio Room, watching minutes tick by as we approached the first ZERO HOUR, which meant a lot of action from me telling all the many authorities 'SUB-OVERDUE' when, with about 2 minutes to go, in would come that vital 'OKAY' signal from that particular submarine. Relief all round!

Occasionally, a submarine would fail to get its 'OKAY' signal through on time, due to adverse weather conditions in the atmosphere. We staff were recalled to ADAMANT at the rush, to direct initial stops, such as telling those warships nearest to where the submarine was supposed to be, to stop whatever they were doing and concentrate on making contact with the sub. Invariably, contact would be made within minutes and the panic was over. Except for the Submarine's C.O., who had to face our Inquiry, as to what went wrong, on his return. All of which explains why Submarine Squadrons were always equipped with very powerful Radio Stations.

Another benefit from transforming a 'Liner' into a warship was that Crew and Officers gained spacious Living Quarters. The Senior Officers lived in the 'Cabin Flat' on the deck immediately below the huge Quarterdeck. The Captain had a large suite right at the stern of the ship and this was followed by cabins for the Seniors. Mine was one of them which ran to a Day room, curtained off from my Sleeping Quarters. Even better, all our cabins opened out onto a spacious 'Plaza' in the centre where we would give Parties if the weather was not appropriate to using the Quarterdeck.

However, by 1965, the sea-going qualities of this lovely ship were wasted since ADAMANT remained permanently alongside her berth in Devonport Dockyard. The idea was that she was always ready to move to any trouble spot anywhere in the world that needed the presence of a Submarine Squadron. Now, approaching the end of her life, Charlie Hammer decided to give ADAMANT one last sea voyage. We would go on a cruise to Denmark, First day out, we laid on a 'show' for ADAMANT and Submarine families. The wives and children came aboard before we sailed and off to an area in the Channel just south of Plymouth. Six of the Squadron's submarines accompanied ADAMANT and they were going to provide the highlight of the 'Show.' They did all the 'submarine' activities very close to ADAMANT – diving, surfacing, high speed runs at periscope depth etc. Then they all fired torpedoes fitted with special 'soft' collision heads, aimed to hit ADAMANT. Thankfully, they all hit the lumbering ADAMANT, zigzagging at full speed (14knots!) allowing Charlie Hammer to tell all the families that the Squadron had the best T.A.S. Officer in the Navy! ADAMANT recovered all the practice

torpedoes – a ‘side-show’ in itself. I had spent weeks setting these firings up – getting the torpedoes from the ADAMANT’s Depot and loaded into the submarines, planning the Attacks with the Sub. C.O.s etc. – but it was worth the effort. To provide yet another sideshow, we consigned Johnny Mereweather’s beloved old Morris 8 car to the ocean deeps. He’d owned it for longer that he could remember – his old and trusted friend. But it had come to the end of its working life. A scrap dealer offered to take it off Johnny’s hands if Johnny paid him £5! The final insult. J.M. arranged, with me, for my T.A.S. Department to build an extempore Launching Ramp right up in the bow of ADAMANT, so the car could be launched overboard in a dignified fashion at the blow of a sledgehammer – just like launching a ship. He paid my men for their voluntary work with crates of beer! The deed was done out in the English Channel to the resounding applause of the families! I wonder if Sue and Bill remember any of this – they were there.

That evening we transferred the families to 2 Admiralty Tugs for their return to Plymouth and ADAMANT, together with two of our submarines, set course for Copenhagen. Admiralty have given us a 4-day Courtesy Visit to Copenhagen as H.M.S. ADAMANT’s swan song. And Copenhagen fell in with this 4 day very relaxed farewell to a major veteran warship of the R.N. The Royal Danish Navy, (most of their Officers Dartmouth trained), took charge of the visit and their programme was superbly hospitable. Thank heavens, they were hard drinkers too! We even went to a Party in the Tivoli Gardens and needed a lot of Dutch courage to ride, what was then the biggest and scariest roller coaster in the world. A quiet, restful voyage back to Plymouth and down to the business of winding down the Second Submarine Squadron before H.M.S. FORTH departed to Singapore. The box, specially made by ADAMANT’s shipwrights for Charlie Hammer to stand on to see over the top of ADAMANT’s Bridge Screens (he was only 4ft.10ins. in height!) was presented to him as we rang off Main Engines for the last time. Our main job was moving important machinery, special tools etc. to H.M.S. FORTH, nearing completion in Chatham Dockyard. And, slowly, sending off one submarine at a time to join their new Squadrons in the Clyde (SM3) or Dolphin (SM1) or FORTH in Singapore (SM7). Our Squadron (SM2) was being disbanded forever.

Rather like families moving from a large house, the weeks, running up to the final move, got more and more frenetic. The Wardroom, clearing out numerous small storerooms in the bowels of ADAMANT, came up daily with gems from the past. Cigarettes and tins of tobacco and the oddest selection of wines and spirits – all bought by previous Wardrooms when ADAMANT visited exotic or out of the way ports in her travels around the world. Our lunchtimes for the next 3 weeks took in an ‘Auction’ a day – the booty had to go and the small sums of money we coughed up went into the Mess Fund. I remember buying coloured Turkish cigarettes and Capstan pipe tobacco tins for pennies. The alcohol was served from the Bar, often at a penny a glass and we dutifully downed the fiery drinks to help out. Visitors, taking Lunch in the Wardroom, were initially nonplussed to find ADAMANT Officers sitting around smoking strong smelling Turkish cigarettes or Cuban cigars while sipping Plum Brandy in ½ Pint glasses!

To be continued in the December Issue of Periscope View.



SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED OCTOBER 2021

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official Number	Age	Submarine Service
SAOC Central	August 2021	Ernest Colwell	C2SN4	RCN TBA	90	Submarine Service in AENEAS, ORPHEUS, OSIRIS (on 'Commissioning' at Barrow in Furness) on Saturday 11th January 1964 & OJIBWA
Submarine Officers Association	1 st October 2021	Robin David Hastings Campbell	Commander (E)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service from 1988 to 2004 in DOLPHIN (1988), REVENGE (1989 to 1990), OSIRIS (1991 to 1992), CSST (1993 to 1994), MoD Bath (1985 to 1986), DCS Bristol (1997), TIRELESS (1998 to 1999), SM2 (2000 to 2001), FWO Devonport (2002), WSA & MCTA (2003 to 2004), Exchange France (2006 to 2006), Paris Embassy (2007), NATO Brussels (2008 to 2010), DCS Abbey Wood (2010 to 2011) & DES Com JE (2012 to 2013)
Dolphin Branch	2 nd October 2021	Alistair Jonathan Lyall, MBE	Commodore	CO 16329S	73	Submarine Service from September 1967 to October 1997 in ONSLAUGHT, PORPOISE, ANDREW, SOVEREIGN, ODIN, OBERON, ONSLAUGHT, SCEPTRE & SM2
Ex-Essex Branch	2nd October 2021	Ian F Whittle	Able Seaman UW3	P/SSX 871041	88	Submarine Service from 1954 to 1958 in ALARIC, SPRINGER & TAPIR
Non-member	10th October 2021	Peter J Maddox	Radio Operator 1st Class (W)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including RESOLUTION (S) on recommissioning on 27th November 1976
Non-member	20 th October 2021	Stuart Austen	TBA	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service in OTTER, OPOSSUM & TRENCHANT
Gosport Branch	20th October 2021	Jim (Tomo) Thompson	LME	P/KX 902872	88	Submarine Service from November 1953 to July 1974 in ALARIC, TELEMACHUS, THOROUGH, ASTUTE, ANDREW, ANCHORITE, AMBUSH, ALLIANCE, GRAMPUS, TOKEN, ASTUTE, ODIN & ALCIDE
Ex Dolphin Branch	25th October 2021	Mike J Horne	Radio Operator 2nd Class	D099821B	72	Submarine Service from 1969 to 1974 in OLYMPUS & AENEAS