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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 everyone is keeping fit & well? Here is your April Newsletter – doesn't time fly!!

Two changes on the front cover this month – the new Submariner Association Patron is Admiral Sir James Perowne KBE - taking over from the late Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce and, as Rear Admiral Niall Kilgour has stepped down as the National President, Commodore Jim Perks was invited to be the new Submariners Association President. As you will all know Jim Perks is a Barrow Branch Member and we congratulate both him and Sir James Perowne on assuming their new roles.

No book reviews this month but, apart from that all the usual items are in this Issue.

Hope you find something to read and enjoy! Hopefully I will see you all at the April Branch Meeting. Usual Time – Usual Place – don't be late!

Best Regards, Barrie

SECRETARY'S DIT APRIL 2023

1. Emails from National Secretary

- (a) Summary of AGM: We now have 1,503 members. Andy Knox was confirmed as Vice Chairman with Andrew Morgan on the Committee. The two proposals, New SA Management Guidelines, and the NI, allow Submariners from other navies to join the SA were both carried with 89% for, 11% against. The full minutes will be issued in due course.
- (b) Summary of National Treasurer's Annual Report: 2022, Turnover £55,532 28,893, Gross profit £55,532, Administrative expenses £40,799, Operating profit/(loss) £14,733, Profit/(loss) before taxation £14,733, Tax on

- profit/(loss), Profit/(loss) for the financial year and total comprehensive income £14,733. Retained earnings at the start of the year £88,547, Retained earnings at the end of the year £103,280.
- (c) Rosedale Funeral Home Attleborough Submariner's Funeral. SSAFA have received a request for an RN presence at the funeral of an RN captain as below. Anthony Poulter spent most of his time on submarines; three of which he commanded. No date given.
- (d) Submariners Memorial A short remembrance ceremony to mark the anniversary of the submariner's memorial will take place on the 25th of May at 11:00. The service will be held by SUBFLOT chaplain Rob Church. The service itself will only be a short 15/20-minute service, conducted at the submariner's memorial in the NMA. Details are on our website Submariners' memorial The Submarine Family.
- (e) A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Michael Boyce KG GCB OBE KStJ DL will be held at Westminster Abbey on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 1100. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets via the Eventbrite website no later than 26 June 2023. All detail regarding the service can be found on the website using this link: https://TheRtHonTheLordBoyce.eventbrite.co.uk.

2. Branch Matters

- (a) ABC Australia interview request The Secretary was interviewed by the Australian broadcaster ABC about the AUIKUS project and what the historical importance of the shipbuilding has been for the community in Barrow and surrounding area, and how it will hopefully benefit from further major investment from the project.
- (b) Branch 60th Anniversary Dinner Everyone is remained that final payment is due on 31 March. There are still plenty of places remaining if you wish to attend. If you need transport to and from the venue, please let Steve May or Alex Webb know at the earliest opportunity.
- (c) An audit of the Submarine Heritage Collection of paintings held in storage at the Barrow Town Hall has been carried out. There are two anomalies to be resolved. This will be done as soon as access can be arranged with the council
- (d) The Branch has been invited to attend Cultural Partners Workshop Dock Museum Gallery & Entrance Revisioning. Hopefully this will highlight the submarine heritage of the Barrow Shipyard. Barrie Downer will attend and report back.
- (e) Thanks to all those who attended Bob Pointer's funeral. It was appreciated by the family that we fulfilled his wishes.
- (f) Also thanks to all those who have volunteered to Steward/Marshal for the K2B.
- (g) The May Meeting will be the AGM so if you have anything you wish to raise please forward the details to the Branch Secretary before 15 April. Don't forget the AGM starts 30 minutes earlier at 1900!

Date of next Branch Meeting – 1930, Tuesday 4th April 2023.

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Shipmates

March saw the Barrow BIBs and of course the annual conference in Leicester; none of which I saw but I have heard they were very pleasant.

Also, sadly, we said goodbye to our dear friend Bob Pointer, a fitting and good turnout at his funeral for such a nice man. Programme

The only thing on the cards for April will be the St George's Day Parade and the Social afterwards at the Legion.

At the April meeting I will be taking payments for Jenk's pub crawl and the Cartmel races; both are £20 each and that is just for the transport.

Don't forget about the 60th birthday party at Kendal – Sat 24th June, transport laid on and it is heavily subsidised so get your bookings in before this event is closed.

Social programme is now available, like most things it is subject to change; and has.

1st July we (or should I say Nobby) has organised an away day to the Arboretum and an overnight party at a local hotel. If interested we can give you the details.

Brew house run ashore is now rescheduled for the 15th July and not the 8th.

Christmas party has now been rescheduled for the 23rd December and not the 16th.

Below is the updated Social List:

<u>Date</u> <u>Day</u> <u>Event</u> <u>Date</u> <u>Day</u> <u>Event</u> <u>July</u>

		<u>April</u>	1st Jul 15th Jul	Sat Sat	Arboretum Run Ashore Brewhouse Run
23rd Apr	Sun	St Georges Day			<u>September</u>
			9th Sep	Sat	Canal Trip
		<u>May</u>			
13th May	Sat	K2B			<u>October</u>
19th May	W/E	Upholder Reunion	7th Oct	Sat	DTS West Shore Club
20th May	Sat	Jenk's Pub Crawl			
29th May	Mon	Cartmel Races			<u>November</u>
			12th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Sunday
		<u>June</u>			<u>December</u>
2nd Jun	W/E	Bridlington BIBs	23rd Dec	Sat	Christmas Party - Adult
24th Jun	Sat	SA 60th Dinner Party	28th Dec	Thu	Half Time Free Drinks
29th Jun	Thu	H&A & Everly Brothers			

Well that is it again from me. Hope to see you all at the meeting, members draw stands at £35 – you must be present to win it, and, given it is fast approaching Easter there will be freshly baked hot cross buns at the meeting.

Yours Aye Alex

BARROW DOCK MUSEUM UPDATE

As Dave Smith indicates in his Secretary's Dit there are some changes in the pipeline for the Dock Museum. As most of you who visit the Museum will know very little has changed in the Museum regarding displays and exhibits for a number of years. Also it is not easy to work out whether is is a Museum to tell the story of Barrow, the Shipyard, the Steel Works, the Furness Railway or whatever!

It has been recognised that changes are needed and the new Museun Director has started that process by Commissioning a Review. To represent the Association I attended the Cultural Partners Workshop on 28th March. As Dave indicates the initial changes envisaged are to the way in/main entrance/lobby and to the upper display areas. As you make your way in the Left Hand wall will be a display of the Time Line of the Shipyard and Ship and Submarine building. On the Right Hand wall will be a Display – possibly Interactive - showing a map of Barrow and surrounding area.

The current Reception & Shop desk will be turned through 180 degrees so that the Museum Staff can see/greet who is coming in and direct them as appropriate for what they might want to see. This will also make things more welcoming for visitors.

In the main display area on the Upper Floor there will be a rearrangement of the Displays/Display Cases and some things will go altogether – one thing being the Rivetter's Hearth – to make space for other items currently in store. The alignment of the some of the Display Cases will alter to break up the current lines of sight. The ORIANA Model will be moved to a new position. Also it has been recognised that most of the Display Cases are too high to allow smaller children (and some of the larger ones) to view the models and artefacts and number of proposals are in hand to change this.

A wide range of Barrow organisations - including the Shipyard - were represented at the Workshop and a number of suggestions wre put forward on how to make a visit to the Museum a more rewarding and inclusive experience for both local Barrovians and visitors from outside the area.

All of the suggestions made were recorded and a report will be sent to all interested parties for consideration.

From the Barrow Submariners point of view any changes made can only be for the better. It is likely that our Submarine Heritage Painting Collection will be utilised - some as permanent display items – and other used to explain the history of Submarine Building in Barrow with smaller temporary displays i.e. Submarine development pre-WWI, Wartime, between the Wars, WWII, Post WWII, the Nuclear age and the Future.

It is hoped that the Barrow Branch and the Members might be able to help in some of these intentions and that the Branch will be fully informed and involved in future developments.

Barrie

APRIL 2023 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 4th Apr
AE1/AE2 Memorial	Sun 23rd Apr
St Georges Day Parade	Sun 23rd Apr
Committee Meeting	As Required

MAY 2023 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 2nd May
K2B	Sat 13th May
Upholder Reunion	w/e 19th May
Jenk's Pub Crawl	Sat 20th May
Cartmel Races	Mon 29th May
Armed Forces Day	Sat 20th May
Committee Meeting	As Required

JUNE BRANCH CALENDAR

Bridlington BIBs	w/e 2nd Jun
Branch Meeting	Tues 6th Jun
60 th Anniversary Dinner	Sat 24 th Jun
Committee Meeting	As Required

APRIL BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

T.A. (Tom) Rawbone	02/04/1958
R. (Joe) Cornelius	04/04/1947
D. (Des) Murphy (A)	09/04/1953
R.W (Edward) Anderson	10/04/1956
J (Jo) Hillman (A)	12/04/1972
K (Kate) Harryman (A)	15/04/1946
J. (John) Shipley (A)	16/04/1938
K. (Karl) Allerton	17/04/1971
J.V. (John) Hart	8/04/1934
S.N. (Steve) May	8/04/1963
J. (Jamie) Reid	19/04/1985
G (Gethin) Bermingham	22/04/1958
M (Margaret) Hart (A)	28/04/1936

Happy Birthday All!!

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SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Commissioning, De-commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists – are still wanted, 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 and ANSON. 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

REMEMBERING FORMER BARROW BRANCH MEMBERS - APRIL

Joe Burlison	1984
Leonard Ingram	1984
Harold Carter	1984
Norman Cloke	1985
Mick Terry	1992
James Vince	1997
Tony Mitchell-Knight	2001
Frederick Jordan	2001
Graham Harries	2003
John Dixon	2009
Donald Wade	2017
Graham Anderson	2021

RESURGAM

NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the Newsletter - then ring Barrie Downer on 01229 820963 or, if you wish to send me an article, my postal address is The Firs, Dundalk Street, Barrow Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 2RZ You may also send your contribution by e-mail to me on frozennorth55@gmail.com. Come on – every Submariner has a story to tell – some more than one! Let's see yours in print!

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 2022 for the March 2023 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 APRIL 1943

Four Submarines were lost in April 1943. They were:

(1) Submarine HMS REGENT

HMS REGENT is assumed to have been lost in the Adriatic Sea off Bari between the 18th and 25th April 1943. The submarine is thought to have strayed into a minefield. The entire crew of sixty-three Officers and Ratings were lost. The first of four bodies washed up

near Brindisi on 1st May 1943 and was the body of an ERA dressed in overalls and wearing a DSEA escape kit. Another was washed up at Santa Andrea di Missipezza on 15th May 1943 also wearing a DSEA kit. On 16th May either an Officer or a Petty Officer was washed up at Torre Santo Stefano – north of Otranto and, on the same day, another was washed up at Castro Marina. The crew was made up of the following Officers and Men:

Officers:

Lieutenant Walter Neville Ronald Knox DSC, RN Lieutenant James Wilmot Samuel Culham, RN Lieutenant Peter Rawstorne Johnstone Gibson, RN Lieutenant Richard John Sutton, RNVR Sub Lieutenant Robert Russell Fernie, RN Warrant Engineer Edwin Joseph Charles Pratt

Ratings

CPO Raymond Alfred Clifford C/JX 127992

Acting Warrant Engineer Ronald Victor Baker

PO Reginald Edward Lowis C/JX 151999

PO George Griffith Ellis C/JX 142283

PO Albert Edward Rawlings C/JX 143312

PO Sidney Bayliss D/JX 133751

L/Sea William Ronald Horton P/SSX 30519

L/Sea Seaman Bernard George Rhodes P/JX 138258

L/Sea Richard Denis Lee C/JX 208268

AB John Kenneth Atkinson D/JX 206104

AB Edward Charles Woods D/JX 23782

AB Leonard Richard Hitches P/JX 143284

AB Alfred Hewitt P/JX 264920

AB Leonard Albert Lipscombe RNVR/P/SD/X.1513

AB Cyril Thomas Grounsell P/JX 182166

AB Herbert Edward Dewhurst P/JX 341337

AB Robert Harvey P/JX 234155

AB John William Packer, MiD J105571

RFR/Po/B.19480

AB R Skinner Reginald Wilfred Skinner C/JX 251639

AB Alfred Backhouse C/JX 192760

AB Herbert George King C/SSX 25492

AB Samuel Wentworth C/SSX 26827

AB George Edwin Shoulder O/N C/SSX 24036

AB Percival George Thomas Foxhall C/JX 235323

L/Tel Anthony James Hitchcock P/JX 163012

L/Tel Anthony Douglas Victor Henry Turner P/JX 142344

L/Tel Athol James Murray P/JX 132122

Tel William Henry Wilks P/SSX 30181

Tel Kenneth Charles Murphy O/N C/JX 259256

Tel Stanley Arthur Albert Cox C/JX 143583

L/Sig Geoffrey James Sawyer C/JX 151593

EA Stanley George Parris C/MX 64442

L/Cook George William Tierney D/MX 53858

PO Std Vincent Joseph Harding P/LX 21771

CERA William Arthur Trice C/MX 45219

ERA4 Arthur Herbert Jones C/MX 73110

ERA4 George Patrick Noble O/N C/MX 71349

ERA3 Ernest Roy Wright Russell D/MX 57434

ERA4 Roy William Thompson D/MX 66023

SPO John Lemin C/KX 92690

SPO Bryan Palmer Tatham D/KX 80286

SPO Henry Leech D/KX 80895

Thirty-two-year-old Henry Leech is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval War Memorial on Panel No. 81 Column No. 3 and on the Barrow in Furness War Memorial in Victoria Park, Barrow in Furness.

L/Sto Alfred Moores D/KX 95063

L/Sto Jack Edward Taylor D/KX 82919

L/Sto David Howard Imison O/N C/KX 95072

L/Sto Leslie Robert Gee C/KX 96321

L/Sto Stanley Albert Savage P/KX 91951

L/Sto Ernest Reuben Compton P/KX 96749

Sto1 Benjamin William Foster C/KX 117339

Sto1 James Charles Perry C/KX 134869

Sto1 Jeffrey King Hudson C/KX 90759

Sto1 Kenneth Lloyd Chesworth C/KX 118956

Sto1 Henry Loughran C/KX 115870

Sto1 Gordon Frank Mathews C/KX 138438

Sto1 Richard William Lloyd C/KX 134511

Sto1 Robert William Brown D/KX 144749

Sto1 Richard Howell D/KX 118461

(2) Submarine HMS P615

HMS P615 was one of a Class of four similar submarines built by Vickers at Barrow for the Turkish Navy and launched on 1st November 1940. P615 was to have been called 'ULUC ALI REIS' and was taken over by the Royal Navy in 1941. The submarine was dispatched to West Africa to provide ASW Training based at Freetown in Liberia. On 18th April 1943 whilst on passage to Takoradi and under escort by MMS 107 Submarine P615 was torpedoed and sunk by the German U-Boat U-123 (Oberleutnant zur Zee Horst von Schroeter). The Submarine was lost with all hands. The Crew was made up of the following:

Officers:

Lt Charles W St C Lambert DSC*, RN Lt Austin Francis Davies, RN

Sub Lt Henry Herbert Weeks, RN

Temp Lt Dennis Burnell, RNVR

Temp Sub Lt Desmond Earle Nicholl, RNVR

Ratings:

CPO Francis Gerald Goulstone, MiD D/JX 135812 PO Walter Ronald Francis James, MiD D/JX 128319

PO George William Sumby J112139

PO James Andrew Mackie P/JX 136224

PO Charles Clarence Hubbard C/JX 125311

L/Sea Maxwell Spicer Relly P/JX 139533

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L/Sea James McLaughlan RNR/Po/X/19596

AB John Sinclair P/JX 275083

AB Stanley Gauntley P/JX 275103

AB Leonard George Edwards P/JX 326027

AB Arthur Charles Smith, DSM P/JX 167433

AB Ernest Edward Swann C/SSX 18084

AB Alfred Lowery O/ D/JX 286222

AB Clifford Charles Tovey D/JX 192043

AB Eric Joseph McGuigan D/JX 268041

AB Gerald Charles Francis Shaw D/SSX 36071

AB Daniel Ollerenshaw D/JX 156176

PO/Tel William Richard Pepper C/JX 141901

L/Tel Harold Reece Price D/SSX 14092

L/Tel Richard Walter McClinton D/JX 135912

Tel Edward Bigrove C/SSX 34116

Sig Arthur Henry Vail D/SSX 32984

PO Cook Albert Edward Taylor DSM M38140

CERA Edwin Thomas Starrett DSM, MiD D/MX 48345

ERA John O'Hare P/MX 51370

ERA John Henry Oxley C/MX 77968

ERA Percy James Kent-Smith C/MX 77470 Ch)

SPO John Roger Fairclough, DSM SS123083 & K66502

A/SPO William Nelson Cunningham C/KX 85143

A/L/Sto William Slater P/KX 82883

A/L/Sto Arthur Dyson P/KX 86406

Sto1 Arthur South P/KX 126811

Sto1 William Watkins K62522 & RFR/Po/B.19253

Sto1 Arthur Joseph Daft C/KX 115455

Sto1 Frank George Hayes D/KX 122500

Sto1 Samuel James Griffiths D/SKX 1241

Sto1 George Albert Dinsdale D/KX 80085

Sto1 James Wallace D/KX 130392

(3) Submarine HMS SPLENDID

HMS SPLENDID (Lt Ian Laughlan Mackay McGeogh, DSO) was lost on 21st April 1943. The Submarine was detected by a German destroyer (HERMES) on 21st April 1943 while patrolling off Naples, Italy. SPLENDID was attacked and damaged in a depth charge attack by the Destroyer and forced to the surface. Following a firefight with the HERMES in which sixteen crew members were killed, HMS SPLENDID was scuttled and her surviving forty crew members taken Prisoner of War. The casualties were:

Ratings

PO Leslie C Bryant P/J114025

PO Warren S Orrom C/J113100

L/Sea Douglas Lawence D/JX 142867

AB Fred Freeman D/JX 285923

AB Eric Goodwin Eric D/SSX 12992

AB James Moody C/JX 155550

AB Francis J Pilton D/SSX 22220

AB Kenneth A P Savill C/JX 333132

A/AB Leslie Gillespie P/JX 275191

AB Leslie R Kempthorne C/SSX 26446

Sig William Leggasick C/JX 207619

L/Tel Alexander F Galloway D/JX 150818

Tel Bernard Bolton D/SSX 34130

A/ERA4 Leslie S Smith D/MX 66053

Sto1 Reginald J Croker D/KX 76748

Sto Leslie W Herbert D/KX 138684

Sto1 William Hodson C/KX 111345

Sto1 Thomas Macken C/KX 95081

(4) Submarine SAHIB

Submarine HMS SAHIB (Lt John Henry Bromage DSO DSC) was lost on 24th April 1943. After making a

successful attack on an escorted Italian Convoy the Submarine was damaged in a depth charge attack by the escorting Italian Corvettes GABBIANO (Lt Nilo Foresi) and EUTERPE (Lt Antonio March). Lt Bromage surfaced HMS SAHIB, which was badly damaged, and attempted to run on the surface. Owing to the damage to the Submarine the crew forced to abandon ship. It is reported that German aircraft machine gunned the survivors in the water killing one of the crew. The six Officers and the forty surviving crew members were taken Prisoner of War. Of the forty, twenty-three made escape attempts and twelve made successful 'Home Runs'. There was only one casualty in the sinking who was:

Electrical Artificer 3rd Class Eric Gordon England P/MX 61345

Twenty-five-year-old Eric England was from Lewisham.

ROYAL NAVY RECOGNISES 168 YEARS COMBINED SERVICE AT HMNB CLYDE

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE Friday, 3 February 2023 Royal Navy personnel at HMNB Clyde were recently recognised for their outstanding service and contribution to the Royal Navy and Continuous at Sea Deterrence. Naval Base Commander, Commodore Sharon Malkin, attended the award ceremony in the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates' Mess where she presented the awards to the Superintendent Faslane Site community.

The awards were given for Long Service and Good Conduct (LS&GC) and between them, the four individuals receiving the awards, have clocked up over 168 years of dedicated service. Naval Base Commander, Cdre Sharon Malkin, said: "On behalf of the Royal Navy and the nation it was a pleasure to be able to award the recipients with their respective LS&GC Bars and Valedictory certificates today. "Often unseen, often far from home and in challenging circumstances, they have all served very long and distinguished careers in the Royal Navy and should be rightly proud of their achievements."

Among those receiving an award was Warrant Officer (WO) 1 Glenn Male who was presented with his third Long Service and Good Conduct (LS&GC) clasp and his gold valedictory certificate for a remarkable 45 years of service in the Royal Navy. Glen joined the Royal Navy in 1977, aged 17, and on completion of his initial training began his first deployment, joining HMS ARK ROYAL for her final deployment. In 1981, he married his wife and in 1982 served in the Falklands on-board HMS PENELOPE, which was one of the last ships to come under attack during the conflict. He returned home from the Falklands in September of that year to meet his first daughter who was born in July and was already two months old. Glenn said: "I signed up for the Royal Navy after chatting with my best mate from school who was home on leave and telling me all about the places he had visited. So, initially I signed up for three years,

however after 18 months I withdrew my 18 months' notice and decided to give it a bit longer."

Glenn went on to complete the Artificer Candidate Course at HMS SULTAN in 1983 before volunteering for the Submarine Service. He joined HMS DOLPHIN for basic training in 1985 and later that year welcomed the birth of his second daughter. "When I had seen some of the world, I joined the Artificer Candidates Course at HMS SULTAN where I learned about the 'Silent Service' from a Submariner on the course. Having a family and looking for more stability, the patrol life of the Polaris submarines really appealed to me, so I volunteered." explained Glenn. He enjoyed a varied career in the Submarine Service, a total of 36 years, completing patrols on all four Resolution Class submarines, joining his first, HMS REPULSE in 1986. He went on to serve on HMS VICTORIOUS & VENGEANCE and completed his final sea draft on VANGUARD in 2009.

One of the highlights of his time as a submariner was receiving the Herbert Lott Award while serving as Nuclear Chief of the Watch on HMS VENGEANCE in 2003. The Herbert Lott prize is given in recognition of exceptional efficiency and dedication to individuals or units who stand out from the ship's company for demonstrating marked efficiency in their duties and commitment to the unit and the Service.

He was recognised, not only for his professional performance and technical knowledge, but also for his contribution to the overall wellbeing and morale of the Ship's Company. He was responsible for organising a whole range of activities including a nine-hole golf tournament which ran the length of the submarine and a garden fete complete with fortune teller. continued: "I always felt it was important to keep morale raised especially in situations where we are separated from our families, and I was delighted to be recognised for the part I played in encouraging team spirit and a bit of friendly rivalry whilst also raising some cash for good causes." "I have enjoyed my time in the Royal Navy, and I am truly grateful to the unique group of people who have supported me throughout. I would like to give special thanks to my wife and two daughters who have been there with me every step of the way. Without this support I would not be where I am today." Glenn will leave the Royal Navy but will still be a familiar face around the Base as he takes up his new post with Babcock in the Spring.

Also achieving an outstanding 45 years' service and receiving his third LS&GC clasp was Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Ian March. Ian joined the Navy when he was only 16 and joined his first submarine in 1979, HMS OTUS. It was on this Oberon Class Submarine he earned the right to wear the coveted "dolphins" badge – the mark of a qualified submariner. Three others also received awards: CPO David Allan, another submariner, received his second clasp to his LS&GC medal for almost forty years of service, CPO Ian March also received his second

clasp, and WO1 Leslie Giffen received a silver valedictory certificate for having completed 34 years of service.

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Photos PO Andrew Wells



WO1 Glenn Male, WO1 Leslie Giffen, Commodore Sharon Malkin, CPO Ian March, and CPO David Allan



WO1 Glenn Male receives his award from Naval Base Commander Clyde, Cdre Sharon Malkin

ROYAL NAVY SUBMARINER TRAINEES PASS-OUT AT HM NAVAL BASE CLYDE

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE

HMNBC 08/23 Monday, 27 Feb 2023

Two classes of Royal Navy submariner trainees recently passed-out from the first phase of their Submarine Qualifying Course (SMQ) at HM Naval Base Clyde.

The two groups of students – being trained for service on board Vanguard and Astute Class submarines – reached the culmination of their ten-week "dry phase", the classroom part of the course conducted on dry land at Clyde's Fleet Operational Standards and Training (Submarines) (FOST)(SM).

Naval Base Commander, Commodore Sharon Malkin, presented each student with their certificates in the HMS Neptune Supermess.

There were 19 students completing the Vanguard Class course with 13 qualifying for the Astute Class, each of them delighted to have reached this milestone in their training. As well as their certificates, each submariner trainee received the much-coveted HM Submarine cap tally.

Naval Base Commander, Commodore Sharon Malkin said: "It was a privilege to present both classes with their HM Submarines Cap Tallies as they complete 'Dry Phase' training and continue their journey in the Submarine Service. This is an important first step for them on their road to becoming fully fledged Submariners and each should be proud of their achievements to date."

There are more than 100 roles to choose from in the Royal Navy, with the Submarine Qualifying Course providing future submariners with the knowledge essential for joining their first Royal Navy submarine. The course instils the absolute professionalism demanded by the Submarine Service with trainees required to demonstrate an intimate understanding of more than 30 complex engineering systems which operate the nuclear submarines and keep the crew safe.

One of the youngest students, Engineering Technician (Marine Engineering) Bailey said: "I found the Submarine Qualifying Course very challenging but also very enjoyable. Today was a great achievement for me and I am happy to have passed the course. I am now looking forward to starting the next part of my career and qualifying as a submariner and receiving my dolphins."

In addition to the presentation to students, Leading Hand Supply Chain (LSC) Lockyear, an instructor at SMQ, was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct (LS&GC) medal in recognition of 15 years of service.

Commodore Malkin continued: "I was also able to present the LS&GC to LSC Lockyear. The award is given for 15 years unblemished service in the Armed Forces, and it was evident that LSC Lockyear has contributed significantly in both the submarine operational and support environments, as well as setting a fine example whilst supporting and leading the trainees in his current role."

Prospective submariners join FOST (SM) at HM Naval Base Clyde for the "dry phase" of their training. After successfully completing this, the second phase of training begins – known as the "wet phase". Students complete their SMQ training at sea on board a Royal Navy submarine and it is only then that they are entitled to wear the coveted "dolphins" badge – the mark of a qualified submariner.

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Commodore Sharon Malkin addresses the two classes of submariner trainees at their passing-out



Commodore Malkin presents Engineering Technician Bailey with her certificate and cap tally



Leading Hand Jeffries is presented with his certificate and cap tally



Leading Hand Lockyear receives his Long Service and Good Conduct medal from Cdre Malkin

BAE Systems in Barrow could provide Nuclear Submarine for Australia

13th February By Dan Taylor@DanTaylorJourno Chief Reporter

The UK could provide Australia with a submarine, following the agreement of a three-way pact between the two countries and the USA. And ministers in Britain are said to be open to the idea of building a nuclear-powered submarine for Australia, similar to the Barrow-built Astute class, securing thousands of jobs for years to come.

A national newspaper reported that ministers would not lend a Royal Navy submarine to Australia but would be open to building a sub for another ally, such as Australia, in Barrow.

The AUKUS pact hopes to get a new type of submarine beneath the waves for Australia by the mid-2040s. The report suggests it could take 15 years for crews to gain the necessary experience to command a nuclear sub. But the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy have already started training together on the British nuclear fleet. Australia would also need to build a submarine dock technologically capable of storing a nuclear submarine for months at a time.

Simon Fell, Barrow's MP, said he was hopeful a submarine could be built in Barrow, but an agreement

was yet to be reached. "We're still waiting on an imminent decision from Australia as to what design they choose," he said. "I'm hopeful it will be a UK design, but we will have to wait a little longer to find out."

The Government said: "Royal Navy submarines are not being lent to Australia. Australia requested the UK's support in acquiring nuclear-powered submarines. As close partners, we are meeting that request. "While talks are ongoing, we will not pre-judge the outcome of the current scoping period, which is being used to understand Australia's capability requirement. "We share a long history* of co-operation with Australia on security and defence, including on submarines."

The BAE shipyard in Barrow is currently building the final Astute Class hunter-killer submarines. Work has also started to produce three Dreadnought Class submarines, which will form the UK's nuclear deterrent.

*Tbe Vickers Barrow Shipyard - as we all know - built Australia's first two Submarines HMAS AE1 and HMAS AE2 before the First World War and also built the next two - HMAS OXLEY and HMAS OTWAY - in the 1920s. Might we see another two Submarines built for the RAN in the 2020s?

Construction starts on the third DREADNOUGHT Class Boat

On 9th February 2023 BAE Systems marked the start of construction of the third DREADNOUGHT Class submarine, WARSPITE, at its shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. WARSPITE is the third of four DREADNOUGHT Class ballistic missile submarines being designed and built by BAE Systems. Due to enter service from the early 2030s, the boats will carry the UK's nuclear deterrent and be the biggest, most powerful, and technically advanced submarines ever delivered to the Royal Navy. Construction of the first two boats, DREADNOUGHT and VALIANT, is already well underway.

Steve Timms, Managing Director of BAE Systems' Submarines business, said: "Today's milestone is a really significant moment for the thousands of employees here at BAE Systems and across the submarines enterprise who are working together to deliver the DREADNOUGHT Class. "We are immensely proud of the role we play in delivering this truly national endeavour for the Royal Navy and our contribution to protecting national security."

Attending the ceremony, Defence Procurement Minister Alex Chalk KC MP, said: "Our nuclear deterrent protects every UK citizen from the most extreme threats, every minute of every day and progress on the DREADNOUGHT Class is crucial to maintaining our national security. "This milestone is a significant step forward in the DREADNOUGHT programme, supporting thousands of jobs and apprenticeships across the country and protecting the UK and our allies for decades to come."

BAE Systems Submarines makes a significant contribution to the UK economy, supporting more than 11,000 jobs, the vast majority of which are in Barrow-in-Furness, in the north west of England. The business is continuing to grow its workforce and this year it expects to recruit more than 2,000 new employees. In addition, a record number of apprentices and graduates will join the business with more than 800 roles available in 2023. This early careers population will learn their trade working on one of the world's most complex engineering programmes. Over the life of the DREADNOUGHT programme, an estimated £7.5 billion will be spent with UK suppliers, supporting upwards of 11,800 jobs in the supply chain.

Alongside the DREADNOUGHT Class, BAE Systems is delivering seven ASTUTE Class hunter killer submarines, five of which are in-service with the Royal Navy. Design and concept work is also underway on the Submersible Ship Nuclear Replacement (SSNR) programme, the eventual replacement to the ASTUTE Class.

THE DESMOND GERRISH AUTOBIOGRAPHY

(Continued from the February 2023 Issue of Periscope View)

Time for a drink!

Coaches were waiting to take the forty Cadets to hotels for a night's rest and recovery, before returning to their homes in Port Elizabeth by train the next day. Very pale and washed out, they still had the manners for each individual to say 'Thank you' for taking them and apologies for being sea-sick, as they went on very unsteady legs over our Gangway to the jetty. Good kids – and they certainly had a good yarn to spin when they got home.

There was an R.N. Submarine berthed in the harbour, on her way out to Singapore and as I knew them well, I popped over to have a drink and a chat with them. We were able to take their sound recording tape-reels and periscope photos of several juicy Russian targets they had 'snooped on' on passage to Cape Town from Gibraltar. Also we relieved them of their 'Blue Uniforms' since they now were in Tropical Whites, which gave each man a bit of room in the Submarine's cramped lockers.

The Base Met. Office had spotted a lull in the storm, so we sailed at midnight, just as the lull reached Simonstown, fully fuelled and topped up with fresh bread, milk, vegetables, and fruit. Sea conditions continually improved the more ground we covered going north up the African coast, so we were able to increase speed in small increments until we were at our best speed for the long passage to Freetown, in Sierra Leone, our next fuelling stop.

The sun got warmer and longer each day as we headed for the Equator, which cheered everyone. Equally, I was able to get the upper decks, funnel and masts repainted after the ravages of bad weather around the Cape of Good Hope. The sailors enjoyed the work which gave them long hours in the sunshine, topping up their suntans to show off at home!

The run into Freetown occurred in the evening and was made difficult by torrential Monsoon rain which impaired visibility as we crept through the shoals at the mouth of the river. However, the local Pilot embarked, as scheduled, to guide us to the Oil Terminal.

Captain Smith took me out of the earshot of the Leone Pilot to the wing of the Bridge. "Number One" he said, "that Pilot is disgraceful; he is wearing a Royal Navy Officer's Badge on his cap!". I was somewhat taken aback! Here we were, in pitch-blackness and torrential rain, steering this large Frigate in a big port unfamiliar to us, to place her precisely between the bow and stern marks at the Fuelling Jetty. And he was focusing all his thoughts on the Pilot's cap badge!

Admittedly, the ship was in the safe hands of our Squadron Navigator, assisted by the local Pilot, now lining up Andromeda to go alongside the oil jetty and I had to direct my Seaman Berthing Parties. So I was able to break away from the Captain's diatribe with a muttered "Quite agree, outrageous of the man to use a Naval Badge as part of his uniform".

This aspect of nit picking by David Smith had free rein, since he still only had ANDROMEDA, while he should have been busy commanding the three other Frigates making up the 4th Frigate Squadron. Worse, we old hands, who had commissioned ANDROMEDA from Day One, had her running like a well-oiled sewing machine, leaving our Captain F4 with little to do.

Fuelling completed in less than 2 hours and we sailed late evening to continue our passage to Gibraltar. There were some war exercises with an Aircraft Carrier Group on the way to Gib., which gave Captain Smith something to do for a few days and those of the Crew not at Action Stations, put their backs into cleaning the inside of the ship, so that we could all relax for the 3 days in Gibraltar.

Two days out of Gib, after a particularly long day running the ship, I turned-in past midnight. At 1 a.m. I awoke with searing pains in my chest and had to send for the Medic. He examined me in his splendid unflappable way and finally gave me a sleeping draught, which worked. While I slept, he was briefing the Captain, saying my symptoms were those of an initial heart attack. Captain and Medic came to my cabin in the morning, temperature, blood pressure etc. tests by Medic – all good readings. I felt much better. Nevertheless, Captain Smith adopted his 'Fatherly' role and ordered me to rest in my bunk for the day, saying he had already ordered my deputy – the Squadron Gunnery Officer, the senior Lt. Cdr. after me – to assume full duties of First Lieutenant and Second-in-Command.

The post of First Lieutenant of any warship is one of the best jobs in the Navy. You are 'Mother Hen' to every soul in the ship, including the Captain. Each day's activities is ordered by you and published in 'Daily Orders' the evening before each day. This foolscap sheet, typed by my Writer, is eagerly awaited in the sixteen different Messes throughout the ship, before men turn in, knowing what duties they have to perform that night and next

day. It details times of arrivals and departures at ports and which Watches are allowed to go ashore etc. At sea, it co-ordinates activities by the different Departments, i.e. Gun firing, Radar tests in the forenoon, Helo flying and Lifeboat practices in the afternoon, Helo flying after dark and Fire and Flood exercises in the Engine Rooms etc.

It was up to each Head of Department to let me know their individual programmes roughly a week ahead so that I could run each day's activities without Departments clashing e.g. not good if T.A.S. Department fire live Depth Charges when Electrical Department are calibrating sonars! Or: no good if Gunnery fire the Turret while Anchor Party are stripping capstans! Departments also expect to read my comments on their previous day's activities looking for those few fragments of praise I issued – Departmental rivalry abounds in any ship!

Alterations to any day's timetable laid out in Daily Orders are made by the First Lieutenant speaking over the ship's loudspeakers. The most welcomed announcements are those occasions when rough weather intervenes and you cancel the afternoon's work – sailors and Officers love an afternoon's siesta, snug in their cosy bunks, while the ship pitches and rolls in the rough sea!

Like any good 'Housekeeper', the First Lieut. is Chairman of Sailors and Officers Amenity Funds, dictates the clothes to be worn appropriate to time of day and place – at sea or in harbour – adjudicates on choices of colour schemes in Living Quarters, regulates the opening times of the NAAFI Tuck Shop etc. The most burning amenity issue at sea is the rota of moving the three Film Projectors (and which films to be shown) around the sixteen Messes after supper on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. You are expected so to manipulate events that 'Action Stations' are never sounded in the middle of a good film (Please do not tell the enemy this!).

In summary, from morning to night and through the night, nothing can happen unless it has the First Lieutenant's say-so. Thus, the First Lieutenant must have the disposition and temperament to be easily approachable and accessible to his two hundred and sixty Crew members, from morning to night and sometimes, during the night. You need to have, above all else, a hell of a good sense of humour to survive as Number One!! I thoroughly enjoyed this testing post.

ANDROMEDA put into Gibraltar and as I was berthing the ship from the Bridge, spotted an ambulance waiting for us. For a second or so I was bewildered. If there had been an accident or serious sickness onboard I had to be the first to know. And there had been none. I asked my Chief Buffer, alongside me, "What's that ambulance there for?". He answered in an unusually sympathetic voice, "Oh it's for you Sir". Everyone in the ship knew that 'Jimmy-the-One' was on his way to the Naval Hospital in Gibraltar, except Jimmy-the-One! It was easy to work out. Captain Smith had passed our Medic's diagnosis to the Naval Hospital in Gibraltar and they had booked me in for 24 hours to run all the tests for anything to do with the heart.

I resigned easily to the Hospital's pedantic programme – I was tired and why not let 'Guns' do another 24 hours as number One, while I loafed in Hospital.

The tests, as I thought, confirmed nothing untoward – it was a one-off chest pain – indigestion? Stress? But good news for me.

To be continued in the May2023 Issue of Periscope View

IN MEMORIAM

(From the Sunderland Branch)

To mark the 16th anniversary of two serving submariners, Anthony Huntrod (20) and Paul McCann (32) who both sadly lost their lives in a tragic incident that occurred on the 21st March 2007 on board HM Submarine TIRELESS. A short, but poignant service was held at the National Arboretum, led by the Rev. David Chadwick, in the presence of Anthony's parents, Alan Huntrod and Brenda Gooch, Paul's parents Brian and Pauline McCann, family members and friends from both families supported by members of the three North East Branches of the Submariners Association, the Derbyshire Submariners and the Royal Naval Association, as well as some former crew members from HMS TIRELESS who served with both Anthony and Paul.

The group travelled by coach, organised by the Sunderland Branch, with generous assistance from the Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity, The Submarine Family and Keith's Coaches. An informal gathering took place at the Submarine Memorial and a service was conducted by the Rev. David Chadwick, during which Branch Standards were in attendance and were dipped as a mark of respect in memory of both Anthony and Paul.







SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN MARCH 2023

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
SAOC	21st December 2022	Delbert Delisle Volk	Leading Seaman Engineer Mechanic	32899-E RCN	82	Submarine Service from 1961 to 1966
SAOC	14th January 2023	Rene Ernest (Ruff) Rufli	ME1	RCN	85	Submarine Service from 1957 to 1959 in SPRINGER (1957), TACTICIAN (1957), ALARIC (1957 to 1958) & AMBUSH (1959)
SAOC	3rd February 2023	John Barrington Ellis	TBA	TBA	81	Submarine Service TBA
SAOC & NAOC	4th February 2023	Edward James Michael Young	Commander RCN	RCN	85	Submarine Service in TRUNCHEON, PORPOISE, OPPORTUNE, ONONDAGA (on Commissioning at Chatham on 22nd Jun 1967) & HMCS OTTAWA (CO)
Navy League of Canada and the Ottawa & NAOC	18th February 2023	Peter William Cairns	Vice Admiral RCN	RCN	84	Submarine Service in ORPHEUS, RAINBOW (IL), ONONDAGA (Asst EO on Commissioning at Chatham on 22nd Jun 1967), OKANAGAN (7th CO), ONONDAGA (10th CO), Canadian Submarine Squadron (4th CO) & 24th Commander of RCN
SAOC	24th February 2023	Kenneth Charles Bache	Able Seaman	RCN	90	Submarine Service from 29th November 1954 to 1958 in DOLPHIN, ALCIDE, ALLIANCE & AMBROSE
Southampton Branch	February 2023	Nicolas Stephen Purgavie	Petty Officer (Sonar) (SM)	P123139 & D192140A	6	Submarine Service from 1981 to 1990 in TRAFALGAR (1st Commission Crew) on 27th May 1983
We Remember Submariners	4 th March 2023	Brian Frank King	Commander (WESM)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service in DREADNOUGHT on commissioning 17th April 1963, DG Ships (1964 &1966 to 1968), CHURCHILL on commissioning 15th July 1970, DG Supply (1972 & 1973), DG Ships (1974 & 1975), DOLPHIN (1976 & 1977), Weapons Dept (N) (1978 & 1979), MoD Central Staff (1980 & 1981)), DG Ships (1982), DSWS (1983 & 1984) & MoD Bath (1985 to 1988)
We Remember Submariners	9th March 2023	Michael John (Taff) Roberts	Chief Petty Officer (WSM)	TBA	ТВА	Submarine Service October 1979 to November 2008 in RESOLUTION, RENOWN, REPULSE, REVENGE, SPLENDID & V Boats
Friend of SM Museum	10 th March 2023	Anthony Mervyn Poulter	Captain	TBA	75	Submarine Service from 1970 to 1998 in DOLPHIN, COURAGEOUS, OCELOT, SEALION, OPPORTUNE, OPOSSUM (CO), CONQUEROR (IL), FOSM Staff, TIRELESS (CO), RESOLUTION (P) (CO), Captain SM10 & NEPTUNE

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Bath Branch	10 th March 2023	Malcolm Barry Stanton	Commander (E) (MESM)	N/A	91	Submarine Service from January 1956 to January 1986 in TALENT, TOKEN, AURIGA, OLYMPUS (23rd February 1962 & on Commissioning on 7th June 1962), DOLPHIN & RENOWN (P) (MEO – 1st March 1966 & 1st Commission Crew on Commissioning at Barrow on 15th November 1968 to 1970)
We Remember Submariners	11 th March 2023	William James (Willis) Foreman	Petty Officer (SA)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including SUPERB
Friend of Submarine Museum	17th March 2023	Peter Reginald Broadbent, OBE	Captain (Hon)	Not given	89	Submarine Service from 1955 to 1963 in TOKEN (3rd Hand 11th July 1955 to 1958), CACHALOT, ALDERNEY (IL 10th June 1958 to 1961), DOLPHIN (1962 NL), TRUNCHEON (CO 1962 to 1963)
We Remember Submariners	18 th March 2023	John Andrew Barnes	UC	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including OBERON, OSIRIS, REVENGE (S) & UPHOLDER
We Remember Submariners	24 th March 2023	Garry Gillespie	Chief Petty Officer 2/CERA	RCN	72	Submarine Service including RAINBOW (5th Apr 1971), ONONDAGA (28th July 1980, OKANAGAN (4th July 1982), OJIBWA 30yj April 1984), OKANAGAN (26th October 1984), SM Sea Training (22nd Apr 1991), OKANAGAN (17th August 1992) & SM Escape Inspector 27th March 2002 to 24th January 2014)
We Remember Submariners	24 th March 2023	Gary (Flipper) Kent	Not given	Not given	TBA	Submarine Service including REPULSE
We Remember Submariners	27 th March 2023	William Hughes	Chief Petty Officer Weapons Engineering Artificer	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service TBA
Non-member	28 th March 2023	Peter Wilfred Honey	Commander (E) (WESM)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service from 1966 in DOLPHIN, RENOWN (S) (PSO 1st Commission 15th November 1968 to 1970), Rosyth Dockyard, DDWP, DGS, PPAG, SAKER, NEPTUNE, MoD CS & MoD London.

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Friend of Submarine Museum	March 2023	Ian Bruce Manning	Lieutenant (SD) (E) (WESM)	TBA	ТВА	Submarine Service from 1967 to 1986 in DOLPHIN (1967 & 1968), NARWHAL (1969 & 1970), DOLPHIN (1971), PORPOISE (1972), REVENGE (1973), NEPTUNE (1974 to 1976), DOLPHIN (1977 to 1979), COLLINGWOOD (1980 to 1981), DOLPHIN (1982) & NEPTUNE (1983 to 1986)

