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South African Submarine MANTHATISI

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**COVER PHOTO: The Coast to Coast Walk – the Secretary on the Start Line!**

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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**

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## **EDITORIAL**

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Hello Everybody,

How are you all? Keeping well I hope!? Here is your October edition of our Periscope View Newsletter. As usual Dave Smith's Secretary report updates you all on recently received correspondence from the SA Committee and Alex's Social Report covers planned events up to the end of the year! There is a Booking Form for the Sea Cadet's Trafalgar Dinner at the Fairfield Hall on 27th October where Dennis Horan will provide the entertainment. Anyone attending this must get their applications in by the end of this week!

For those who haven't heard the South African Submarine Service recently suffered an accident in which seven of their personnel were washed off the casing of their submarine SAS MANTHATISI whilst conducting a Helo Transfer/Vertrep. Those involved were the Commanding Officer and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, two Warrant Officers and four others. Sadly the First Lieutenant, Gillian Malouw Hector, and the two Warrant Officers, William Masela Mathipa and Mmokwapa Lucas Mojela, were drowned and the other four were hospitalised. The Submariners Association have already expressed their condolences and we in the Barrow Branch can only follow do the same. Another reminder that all Submarine operations involve a measure of risk.

I have included Dave Smith's report (with many photos) of his recent Coast to Coast walk from St Bees to Robin Hood Bay in support of his colleague Richard Holding (Scaff) and the Bowelbabe Charity. Well done Dave and Scaff for completing the walk and supporting the Charity.

We will soon be into the Remembrance and the details are in Dave's Report for the Submariners Ceremony in London - there are a few changes to the timings this year but otherwise the format of the Ceremonies remain the same. BAE have also provided details of their Crane Memorial Ceremony at the Dock Museum on 10<sup>th</sup> November as follows:

**BAE Crane Memorial Service**

Dock Museum Friday 10th November 2023

Running order for the day:

10.45am – Arrival at the Dock Museum

10.50am – Opening words and prayers

10.55am – 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

I hope to see you all at the October Branch Meeting – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – usual time and usual place so don't be late.

Best Regards

Barrie

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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Having just completed the Coast to Coast walk and with the sad news of John Hart and Dave Parsons 'Crossing the Bar' along with Jake Lake's brother Paul Lake it has been a busy week catching up. Thank you to everyone who attended John's funeral today (2nd October) and those members who donated to the Cancer Research Organisation via the Bowel Babe Fund in support of Richard Holding who I did the walk with. Richard is a Bowel Cancer sufferer so appreciated your support.

There is a vacancy for Branch Secretary as I will be moving south so any volunteers, please let me know.

Summary of correspondence, emails received since the last meeting. Where necessary details and attachments have been forwarded to members:

a. **Emails from the National Secretary and other organisations:**

- i. TSF Newsletter.
- ii. Email announcing that Rear Admiral John Weale CB, OBE is now our Vice Patron.
- iii. Email with the details of the November Ceremony in London on 5th November.

This year's Remembrance Parade will take place on Sunday 5 November 2023 at Middle Temple gardens (Dry) or Middle Temple Halls (Wet), Address: Middle Temple Lane, London, EC4Y 9BT.

The procedure will be the same as the previous years. I would ask you to be in the correct rig (Blazers and Grey flannel trousers with collar attached shirts and association ties, if a member). All non-Submariners Association members are welcome to attend.

Timings - The new timings are:

11:40 Parade falls in.

11:50 VIP's fall in

12:00 Service starts.

- iv. Email reporting on the Dundee memorial weekend on 9th September.
- v. E-mail from Jurgen Schmoll, West Cornforth Observatory, County Durham requesting details about RN Periscope that used 8-inch achromatic front lenses.
- vi. Email from Paul Gale requesting details of E Class SM forward and after hatches as well as W/T bulkhead and hatch/door.
- vii. A reminder from the National Secretary reference ideas on the spending of the released reserved funds. To date only seven branches out of forty-six have replied. The next SAC meeting is to be held on 21st Oct. Therefore, if you have not already replied to my email, please do so by Thursday 19th Oct to ensure your ideas are discussed at the SAC meeting.

**b. Branch Matters**

- i. Email from the Morecambe Bay Branch: Our Trafalgar night dinner this year has been booked for Saturday 21st October at the Midland Hotel. The Secretary, Mark Lister, has managed to retain the services of Commodore Paul Dunn OBE RN, the head of our submarine service, as our special guest of honour which should provide for a most interesting and enjoyable evening. The dinner menu is to follow but there are 3 courses each with 4 choices at a cost of £33 per head. Traditional rum and port will also be served. We are in a fast-moving situation here in Morecambe about the Trafalgar Night Dinner. Unfortunately, we are having to change the venue again owing to difficulties with the Lothersdale and the County and so we are intending to hold the dinner at the Midland Hotel. We appreciate that the accommodation there will be out of the price range of many and so we are asking if you wish to attend so that you arrange your own accommodation. All these are within walking distance of the Midland Hotel.

The Crown      [www.crownhotelmorescambe.co.uk](http://www.crownhotelmorescambe.co.uk) 01524 831841

The Royal      [www.royalbarandshaker.co.uk](http://www.royalbarandshaker.co.uk)      01524 956579

Travelodge      [www.Travelodge.co.uk](http://www.Travelodge.co.uk)

Clarendon      [www.clarendonhotelmorescambe.com](http://www.clarendonhotelmorescambe.com) 01524 951798

We apologise profusely for the disruption but needed to decide ahead of various commitments for the chairman and the Social Secretary.

We would like to invite as many of your Barrow-in-Furness Submarine Association members as possible to attend and we have also extended the invitation to our fellow submariners from the Blackpool and Fylde branches. The more the merrier for this the most important event of the year. Anyone wishing to attend is requested to confirm this by contacting me by e-mail: [tony.plater@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.plater@btinternet.com) or by text/phone Tel: 0792 358 0444.

- ii. Email with the details of the Barrow Sea Cadets to be held at the Fairfield, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-In Furness on Friday 27th October 2023. Please be reminded that returns are required for Friday 5th October to pass details to the Caterers.

**Regards**

**David A J Smith, Branch Secretary**

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## SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

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**Hello Shipmates.**

Chairman, ladies & gentlemen.

A lot has happened since our last meeting; sadly we have lost two stalwarts of the branch (John Hart & Dave Parsons) - may they Rest in Peace.

September saw us have our 10th and possibly the last Canal Trip. Thirty of us braved the blistering heat, the copious amounts of alcohol, the four hour party and then managed (somehow) to sink a pie on the trip home. Some were worse

for wear, but we all (again somehow) managed to make it back home safely. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

### **Socials:**

The next social is the DTS at the West Shore Club on Saturday 7th October; £5 per person for pie and peas and obviously loads of £2 coins for the scratch cards. Meet up at the club at 12 until we have had enough. Please advise me if you intend to come along for catering purposes, at present I have it set up for 20.

An additional event has been added to the calendar for Thursday 23rd Nov to go and see the Three Kings (Elvis, Roy & Buddy) at the Forum. If you fancy joining us then you will need to purchase your own tickets and we will see you in the aisles and at the bar – starts of at the Hope and Anchor at 2, Forum for pre-show drinks at 7pm and finishes up the Spoons – to whenever.

Then we have our Christmas party on Saturday 16th December at the Legion. £5 per person. Bring a plate, top drawer raffle and lots of great company. I will be selling the tickets for this at the November & December meetings.

Then finally topping of the year with another DTS at Seaweed Corner, provisionally Thursday 28th December (but given that is normally Hope & Anchor day it may change). I will be providing chips butties and the first drink is on the social fund.

The members draw was not won in September so stands at £15 for the October meeting.

Yours Aye

Alex.

The Member's draw was won in July by Sue Smith so this meeting I am going to start it off at £10. I hope to see you there.

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### **OCTOBER BRANCH CALENDAR**

Branch Meeting	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
DTS West Shore Club	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Sea Cadet Trafalgar Dinner	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Committee Meeting	As required

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### **NOVEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR**

Branch Meeting	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov
BAE Crane Memorial Service	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Railway Remembrance Parade	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Remembrance Parade	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
3 Kings at the Forum	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
Committee Meeting	As Required

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### **DECEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR**

Branch Meeting	
Christmas Party	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Seaweed Corner DTS	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec

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### **OCTOBER BRANCH BIRTHDAYS**

G. (Gareth) Roberts	07/10/1969
P. (Peter) Blake	10/10/1962
J. (John) Rogers	10/10/1949
D. (Dave) Young	14/10/1949
J. (Janet) Webb	15/10/1964
C. (Colin) Taylor	17/10/1956
D. (Darren) Chamberlain	21/10/1976
J.N. (James) McDougall	23/10/1985
L. (Lawrence) Carr	25/10/1937
S. (Stephen) Cannon	23/10/1976
S (Sally) Hambling	28/10/1957
R E. (Red) Skelton	30/10/1930
A. (Andy) Roberts	30/10/1965
L. (Lee) Burke	30/10/1985
D. (David) Howard	31/10/1964

**Happy Birthday All!!**

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### **SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREWS**

Commissioning, De-commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists – are still wanted, thank you very much. This is for an ongoing project to compile a Chronological Record of Submariners. If you don't have any Crew Lists and you wish to be added to the Record you can always send me your details - where and when joined boats, rank or rate, boats served in - with dates if known – Official Numbers are lays helpful as well.

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

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### **REMEMBERING FORMER BARROW BRANCH MEMBERS - OCTOBER**

Michael Kiely	1996
George Crane	2001
William Walker	2006
Bill Butters	2008
George Meadows	2008
Michael Bycroft	2011
Keith Charters	2012
Alex Hustwayte	2012
George (Vic) Buxton	2018
David A Yeomans	2021
Michael C Mailey	2022

### **RESURGAM**

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### **SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWII OCTOBER 1943**

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Two Submarines were lost with all hands in October 1943. The first Submarine lost was:

#### **Submarine P56 HMS USURPER**

On 24th September 1943 HMS USURPER left Algiers for a patrol off La Spezia, Italy. On 3rd October Lieutenant Mott was ordered to move north to an area in the Gulf of Genoa in an area later identified as containing Italian Minefield QB192. HMS USURPER was patrolling in the Gulf of Genoa when the German anti-submarine vessel UJ-2208 reported that she had been unsuccessfully attacked. In the counterattack which followed UJ-2208 reported sinking a Submarine. It is possible that HMS USURPER was sunk in this attack but, she might also have been lost in a minefield. HMS USURPER did not respond to any signals and failed to arrive back at Algiers on 12th October 1942 and was reported lost with all hands. The Crew of HMS USURPER at the time of her loss were:

#### **Officers:**

Lt David Roger Oakley Mott, DSC  
Lt John Harold Worth  
Lt Sidney Lloyd Jordan  
Sub Lt Patrick Anthony Stirling Frost  
Sub Lt John David Shanks Anderson

#### **Ratings:**

A/CPO John Charman P/JX 142727  
PO Bertie William Fearnley Rayner, DSM C/JX 130051  
A/PO William Plunkett Dunning Johnstone C/JX 151079  
L/Sea Michael Higgins Collins P/SSX 22995  
L/Sea Thomas Jack Smallwood C/SSX 32523  
L/Sea Sidney George Cooper C/JX 142915  
AB George H White P/JX 263859  
AB Richard Herbert Rodwell P/JX 235070  
AB Leonard Phillip Jackson J112129  
AB Clifford Taylor O/N P/JX 168050 (Po)

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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 [frozensnorth55@gmail.com](mailto:frozensnorth55@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 October 2023 for the November 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!

AB Victor Taylor O/N P/JX 273528 (Po)  
AB Eric Knowles Meaker O/N P/JX 149714 (Po)  
AB George William Baker P/JX 358368  
AB Thomas Barrie Davies P/JX 358192  
AB Frederick William Searle C/SSX 32296  
AB Cedric Ernest William Abraham C/JX 215054  
AB Oswald Render D/JX 287917  
AB William John Bethell D/JX 286982  
AB Robert Edward Wisdom D/JX 293581  
AB Frank Smedley D/JX 237791  
Ord Sea Wilfred Allan D/JX 563155  
Ord Sea Robert Francis Pike D/JX 366699  
L/Sig Francis Arthur Edwin Upex P/JX 148048  
PO Tel Mervyn Ebenezer Davies, DSM P/JX 143196  
L/Tel Thomas William Appleby P/JX 155434  
Tel Hubert Arthur Eldridge C/JX 180661  
Tel William John Griffiths D/JX 269375  
Tel Edward Henry Sidney Carson D/JX 158782  
CERA William Henry Bird P/MX 48306  
ERA4 William Parker Harman P/MX 93368  
ERA4 Arthur Little D/MX 74203  
A/SPO James Ross Ballantyne D/KX 96977  
A/SPO James Reginald Fylan P/KX 82494  
A/SPO Thomas Henry Sutton P/KX 88994  
AL/Sto John Flynn P/KX 95906  
Sto1 William Horsley Quayle P/KX 146834  
Sto1 Geoffrey Taaffe C/KX 152295  
Sto1 James William Roberts C/KX 140723  
Sto1 Joshua Herbert Hilton D/KX 133098  
Sto1 Leslie George Herbert Whitfield D/KX 144682  
Sto1 Maurice Henry Knowles D/KX 159978

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#### **Submarine TROOPER**

The second Submarine lost was HMS TROOPER which sailed from the Base at Beirut on 28th September 1943 for a patrol off the west of the Dodocanese Islands. The

Submarine failed to arrive back as expected on 17th October and was assumed to have been sunk by a mine on 10th Oct 1943. There were no survivors. The crew consisted of the following personnel:

**Officers:**

Lt John Somerton Wraith, DSO, DSC  
Lt Leslie Alexander Stewart Grant DSC  
Sub Lt Alexander William Anderson  
Sub Lt Henry Graham Sumner, RNVR  
Sub Lt John Stuart Ryder, RANVR  
Lt (E) Owen Felton Lancaster DSC

**Ratings:**

A/CPO James Alexander Watson, DSM\*, MiD P/JX 131355  
PO J B Gilbert P/SSX 14641  
PO Ralph Bassett Sleep, DSM D/JX 137048  
L/Sea Benjamin Thomas Rushton, DSM, MiD P/J 114584  
L/Sea Robert Ainslie Yeoman P/SSX 18970  
L/Sea Leonard Williams P/SSX 29544  
L/Sea Frank Charnock D/JX 212858  
AB William Bartholemew Whittle D/JX 215012  
AB O/N D/JX 212892  
AB Ronald Stephen Chivers D/SSX 13575  
AB Douglas Bland Walker P/JX 237396  
AB Richard Jones D/JX 217239  
AB George William Hind P/JX 362387  
AB Frederick Wilfred Tripp P/JX 138428  
AB Henry Roberts Lloyd P/JX 353169  
AB Kenneth Neil Greatwood P/SSX 31640  
AB Francis Edward Fisher J40813  
Able Seaman John Colville C/JX 132734  
Able Seaman Thomas Matthew Carling C/JX 141406  
AB Samuel Fleming C/SSX 27113  
AB John Belton Farnell RNVR/C/LDX/3601  
AB Frederick Arthur Charles Ward C/SSX 17762  
AB Ernest Clifford Furnell C/JX 136210  
AB Emrys Whatley D/SSX 33731  
PO Tel Stuart Ernest Ribbans P/SSX 31787  
L/Tel Leonard Thomson D/JX 152099  
Tel James Stobbie D/JX 156516  
Tel Frank Crossland C/JX 247837  
Sig Henry Charles Cope P/JX 157350  
L/Cook Horace Skinner P/MX 54947  
L/Cook Cecil James Stillwell D/SMX 90  
Std Stanley Mercer D/LX 23181  
EA William Victor Fry, DSM P/MX 49222  
ERA2 William Charles England Fenn, DSM P/MX 51201  
ERA4 John Cornelius C/MX 77556  
ERA4 Maurice Peters C/MX 76497  
ERA4 Edgar Stott D/MX 90221

ERA4 James Mather D/MX 75747  
ERA4 Michael Forster D/MX 75371  
SPO Jack Bernard Whiting C/KX 88177  
SPO Ivan Donald Bengough D/KX 85248  
SPO Peter Milne Adam D/KX 85676  
L/Sto Ronald Norman Robinson, DSM P/KX 88052  
L/Sto Alfred Frank Legg P/KX 78715  
L/Sto Clement Colbourne Lawson C/KX 133827  
L/Sto Henry Arthur Mott, MiD C/KX 136890  
L/Sto Ronald William Mills C/KX 111697  
L/Sto Harold Graham Horton C/KX 93672  
L/Sto Thomas Arkless Curry C/KX 92887  
Sto1 Glanville Yorweth Davies P/KX 126725  
Sto1 Dennis Seddon D/KX 134176  
Sto1 Allan Brotherson D/KX 144514  
Sto1 Leonard Carrol D/KX 120498  
Sto1 Frank Henry Meek D/KX 130584  
Sto1 George William Sainsbury D/KX 134416  
Sto1 Raymond Edward Taylor D/KX 134309  
Sto1 David William Lewis Tame D/KX 136041

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The Commanding Officer of the Cruiser **HMS CHARYBDIS** (a qualified Submarine Commanding Officer) died when his ship was sunk off the Channel Islands after striking a mine on Saturday 23rd Oct 1943. He was:

**Captain George Arthur Wallace Voelcker**

His body was recovered from the sea, and he is buried in the Dinard English Cemetery, Ille et Vilaine, France.

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One member of the crew of Submarine **HMS UNSPARING** died on Sunday 31st October 1943. The Submarine had been carrying out a Surface Gun Action against a troop carrying caïque. When the caïque returned fire, the Submarine broke off the action. Whilst clearing the decks for diving a shell hit the base of the Conning Tower and an Able Seaman was wounded and lost over the side. The Gunnery Officer and Petty Officer were wounded. The Able Seaman was: Able Seaman Harry Wilson C/SSX 27724 who is commemorated on the Chatham Naval War Memorial on Panel No. 70 Column No. 1.

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One member of the crew of the Submarine Depot Ship **HMS MAIDSTONE** died on Sunday 31st Oct 1943. He died from injuries sustained in a motor accident in Algiers, North Africa. He was CERA Herbert Anslow D/MX 54846. He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval War Memorial on Panel No. 81 Column No. 2.

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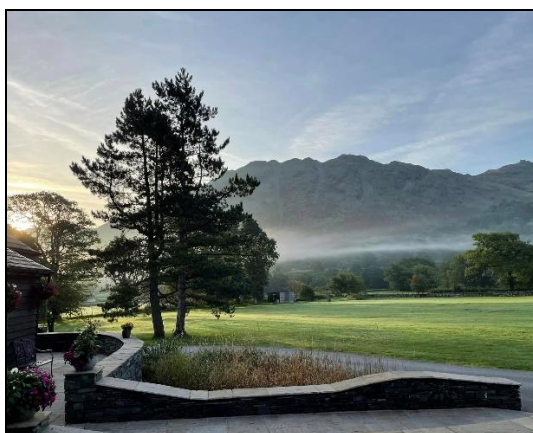
**Our Coast-to-Coast Adventure (St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay)**

Five years ago, my good friend and fellow Submariner, Richard Holding (Scaff), asked me if I would accompany him on the Coast-to-Coast Walk. At the time I couldn't, and it was finally arranged for September 2022. However, Richard was diagnosed with Bowel Cancer and, due to the treatment, the walk was cancelled. In February this year he was given the all clear so the walk was back on. But in late August, at his 6 monthly check the tumor was back. The Consultant said the

surgery was planned for mid-October and, with no other treatment needed before hand we started the walk at St. Bees on 8<sup>th</sup> September by dipping our toes in the Irish Sea and collected a pebble, as is the tradition.



We used the Coat-to-Coast Sherpa service to carry most of our kit only carrying the essentials in a day bag. With what was to become a common feature of the walk, we started with a climb, and headed north along the Cumbrian coast before turning east towards Sandwith. The weather was hot and sunny, which was not ideal, but worse was to come. This first section was not too difficult and gave us time to settle in. Accommodation throughout was hotels, B&Bs and farmhouses. All were familiar with the requirements of the C2C walkers.



Day 2 and 3 were the start of the real test of stamina with long steep climbs (500m +) and steep descents. The paths varied from cinder tracks to uneven paths with stones, and boulders. On day three the weather changed and at the top of Green up Edge thunder and lightning started with the accompanying downpour. Just what you need at the top of a mountain. Eventually it stopped and we managed to get to Grasmere just as the heavens opened again.



The route to Patterdale had the same old steep climb first thing in the morning just to get the lungs working and warm up the tired and aching legs. Not being experienced climbers, we stuck to the standard route keeping the risk at a manageable level. The next stage, Patterdale to Shap, involved going over Kidsty Pike. The climb was not an issue, but the descent was. With a damaged knee from the descent into Borrowdale I was advised not to take that route due to the steepness of the down section from the top. It was recommended that we take a route around Ullswater to Pooley Bridge and then on to Shap. The milage was about the same and any climbs/descents would be manageable, avoiding the risk of having to be helped off the mountain and ending my challenge.



Shap to Nateby (Kirby Stephen) - with Richard's navigation working well there were no detours or unexpected adventures to take us out of the lakes and into Yorkshire. Nateby to Keld was a tester of new experience. Steep and long climb at the start to Nine Standard Rigg and just when you thought the hard section was over there's a 6-mile bog yomp - Submarines not Royal Marines. Just before the end you pass Ravenseat Farm, from the 'Our Yorkshire Farm' TV series. The reward was we reached halfway and celebrated with a proper Yorkshire tea, fruit cake with Wensleydale Cheese.



After being stampeded by a flock of sheep we took the recommended low route from Keld to Reeth as the weather and visibility was poor on the high route, Back Afties not Navigators. A pleasant walk through the Swaledale Valley (Valley of the Barns) following the river with a couple of climbs at the end just to remind us not to get too complacent. Reeth to Danby Wiske via Richmond was a long walk along the Swaledale valley and river again. No real climbs but muddy paths posed their own issues. Ended with just 60 miles to go.



Next was Danby Wiske to Ingleby Cross then on the Clay Bank Top. First day we continued through the Swaledale valley. This was needed to rest the legs before the brutal section to the Clay Bank Top with its 6 climbs, 3 in the last 3 miles. The weather wet and very windy on the North Yorkshire Moors but the Cleveland Way has some good sections of stone paths. However, the steep descents were knee crunching. View from the tops were very impressive with our first view of the North Sea.



Yorkshire certainly threw the works at us from Clay Bank Top to Grosmont with storm force winds and lashing rain. On the North Yorks moor there was nowhere to hide until Blakey Ridge and the White Lion pub where a warm lunch (some of it liquid) helped with the recovery.



The next day was a short walk to Intake Farm near Littlebeck before the final push to the end. We just had time to take a short trip, by train and bus, to Whitby as it was a bright and sunny day for a change. The last day, Littlebeck to Robin Hoods Bay, was 12 miles through Littlebeck Wood, more bog yomping across the moorland before picking up the Cleveland Way along the cliff top to the finish at Robin Hood Bay.



The best part of the trip was the people we met, although they were mainly Americans and Australians, with a few silver surfers in the mix and of course the dipping of the toes in the North Sea and depositing the carried pebble from St. Bees. The final act to complete the walk is to sign the book in the Bay Hotel on the waterfront with a customary pint (or 3).



In the 15 days we managed 190 miles, in approximately 420,000 steps, and climbed nearly 22,000ft. Not bad for two aging Back Aftz Submariners, one 70 and one 71, one with bowel cancer and the other with diabetes.



If you can, please support Richard's appeal for the Bowelbabe Fund by donating to [fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org](https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org) , my-coast-to-coast-adventure.

Many thanks

David A J Smith

Barrow Branch Secretary

# Barrow-in-Furness Sea Cadets

Invite you to the

TRAFALGAR BALL Annual Fundraiser

at

The Fairfield Lodge, Fairfield Lane, Barrow  
Friday 27th October 2023 (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm)  
Sit-down dinner and entertainment by Dennis Horan  
Dancing till Late.

**Dress Code – Mess Undress or Uniform with Bow tie, Dinner Suit.**

Cost £40.00 per person

All proceeds to Barrow Sea Cadets

To order tickets please complete the booking form below and return to  
Barrow Sea Cadets HQ, 1 Dundee Street, Barrow-in-Furness with cash or cheque  
No later than Friday 6th October 2023 to ensure availability of tickets.

Booking enquiries – Tel 01229 821945 (Answerphone available)  
or email [barrowseacadets@gmail.com](mailto:barrowseacadets@gmail.com)

## BOOKING FORM TRAFALGAR BALL TICKETS

**Name**

**Address**

**Tel No.**

**Email**

I require  tickets at £40.00 each and enclose cheque/cash for  £  
(Bank Transfer Details:-Acc 63191796, Sort Code 200468, Reference as Surname & initials with booking, or  
Cheques payable to Barrow Sea Cadets)- Email conformation will be sent.

Please make your meal choices with numbers in the boxes below. Please write on the  
booking form if you require a Vegetarian main course. FULL MENU OVER

<b>Starter</b>	Soup		Prawn Cocktail		Pate	
<b>Main course</b>	Roast Beef		Chicken		Mushroom Tart	
<b>Dessert</b>	Eton Mess		Sticky Toffee		Cheesecake	

**Booking form and payment (cash/cheque) to be returned by no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment, as bookings after this date cannot be guaranteed**

Raffle prizes will be gratefully received prior to or on the night. Many thanks for your  
support to Barrow Sea Cadets.

### SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Reported via	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
SAOC	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Gary John Arsenault	RCN	Not given	76	Submarine Service from 1971 to 1974 in HMCS RAINBOW (27 <sup>th</sup> March 1971 to 16 <sup>th</sup> April 1972), (29 <sup>th</sup> April 1972 to 14 <sup>th</sup> May 1972) & (25 <sup>th</sup> August 1972 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1974)
Friend of SM Museum	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	Neil Baxter Shacklock	Commander	TBA	89	Submarine Service from 19** to 1989 in SCORCHER (IL 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 1959), TRUMP (IL 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 1961), TABARD (CO on commissioning in Sydney in 1967 to 1968 NL), ALARIC (CO), NEPTUNE (1969 NL), REVENGE (S) (IL 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 1969 to 1971 NL), WARRIOR 1972 to 1973 NL), REPULSE (CO 1974 to 1975 NL), C of S Secretariat (1978 to 1980 NL), CINC Fleet Staff (1981 to 1982 NL), CSSE Staff (1983 to 1984 NL) & MoD London (1985 to 1989 NL)
We Remember Submariners	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	Paul Gordon Segrott	LMEM	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including SOVEREIGN (1981)
Barrow in Furness	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	John Victor Hart	Fleet Chief Electrical Artificer	P/MX 889176	89	Submarine Service from February 1960 to May 1974 and in AMPHION (1960 to 1961), ALARIC & ALCIDE (1961), GRAMPUS (1962 to 1964) (on 'Commissioning' at Portsmouth) on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 1962), WARSPITE (1965 to 1966), RESOLUTION & REPULSE (1966 to 1971) (1 <sup>st</sup> Commission Crew) on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 1968, SOVEREIGN (1971 to 1973) and SUPERB (1974).
We Remember Submariners	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Karl Stephen Hartley	LMEM	TBA	59	Submarine Service from April 1982 to December 1990 in RESOLUTION (S)
We Remember Submariners	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Paul Stanley Lake	Leading Seaman (S) (SM)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service from 1964 to 1977 in RENOWN (S) (1 <sup>st</sup> Commission Crew) on 15 <sup>th</sup> November 1968
Face to Face Africa	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Gillian Malouw Hector	Lt Commander, SANDF	N/A	32	Submarine Service in SAS MANTHATISI

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Face to Face Africa	20th September 2023	William Masela Mathipa	Master Warrant Officer, SANDF	N/A	N/A	Submarine Service in SAS MANTHATISI
Face to Face Africa	20th September 2023	Mmokwapa Lucas Mojela	Warrant Officer, SANDF	N/A	N/A	Submarine Service in SAS MANTHATISI
Barrow in Furness	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	David Jon Parsons	Charge Chief Marine Engineering Artificer	D064108R	77	Submarine Service from October 1965 to February 1987 in TALENT, THERMOPYLAE, REPULSE, CHURCHILL, WALRUS, NARWHAL & OBERON

