



## Minutes

### Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - Submariners Association. January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 1930 at the Royal British Legion

1. **Chairman's welcome:** Chairman's special announcement.

The following is a brief summary of the content from the SAC announcement.

After lengthy discussions between the RNRMC Board and the TSF Board, TSF is expected to cease under its old Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) replacing it with:

1. The creation of a Submarine Community Support Council (SCSC).
2. The setting up of The Submarine Family Fund (SFF) under the umbrella of RNRMC.

Anyone who signed up for TSF and donated can continue donating as this will ensure the SFF can continue to service grant requests.

Please save any questions or comments until AOB at the end of the meeting.

2. **New Members: Nil**

3. **Visitors:** Victoria and Steve Emms. See AOB.

4. **Apologies:**

Members: Martyn Hillier, Ben Britten, Ken Brumby, Bob Sherriff, R Morris, Karl Allerton, Tim Chittenden

Associate Members: Sheila Sherriff, Sally Hambling, Edwin Wilson

5. **Attendees:** as per list.

Associate Members: as per list.

6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the December 2024 Newsletter.** (Secretary to read out).

#### **Chief Electrician William G 'Bill' Smith**

Reporting Branch Blackpool and Fylde

CTB 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Age 90 O/N M915064E

**Submarine Service** from August 1953 to May 1974

in SERAPH, AURIGA, TABARD (x 3), SCOTSMAN, TOKEN, ARTFUL, TIPTOE, SENESCHAL, EXCALIBUR, OSIRIS, REPULSE (S) & SOVEREIGN

#### **Chief Petty Officer (OPS) (S) John C Jamieson**

Reporting Branch Ex West of Scotland

CTB 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 81 O/N P/J983985

**Submarine Service** from 1963 to 1983

in OSIRIS (1963 & on 'Commissioning' at Barrow) 11th January 1964, RESOLUTION (P) (1967 to 1970 & 1st Commission Crew) on 3rd October 1967), REPULSE (1971), RESOLUTION (P) 1973 to 1975) & CONQUEROR (1977 to 1979)

**Stoker Mechanic Peter J V Head**

Reporting Branch Colchester

CTB 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 96 O/N C/SKX 803387

**Submarine Service** from 1949 to 1953

in ALCIDE (1950 to 1952), AENEAS (1952), SANGUINE (1953) & SENTINEL (1953)

**Charge Chief MEA Philip (Yorkie) Ullathorne**

Reporting Branch We Remember Submariners

CTB 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age TBA O/N TBA

**Submarine Service**

in Resolution Class including REPULSE final Patrol.  
(completed more than 25 CASD Patrols)

**Lieutenant Commander (MESM) Brian H Martin**

Reporting Branch We Remember Submariners

CTB 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age TBA O/N TBA

**Submarine Service**

in RALEIGH (2010), ASTUTE (2011 to 2012), ARTFUL (2014 to 2014),  
Submarine Delivery Agency, Barrow (2019)

**Electricians Mate 1st Class John I Bushell**

Reporting Branch Australia Branch (ex-Eastern States Branch)

CTB 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 93 O/N P/SMX 858250

**Submarine Service** from July 1953 to March 1957

In TRADEWIND, SCYTHIAN, TALLY HO, SEA SCOUT, ALLIANCE &  
THERMOPYLAE (1956 to 1957)

**Mechanician (P) Victor M Evason**

Reporting Branch South Kent

CTB 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 79 O/N D078600C

**Submarine Service** from April 1972 to October 1979

in GRAMPUS & FINWHALE

**Leading Control Electrical Mechanic Colin (Jock) Muir**

Reporting Branch We Remember Submariners

CTB 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age TBA O/N TBA

**Submarine Service**

in 'S' & 'T' Class

**Charge Chief Weapons Engineering Artificer (ADC) Sam J Morrow**

Reporting Branch West of Scotland

CTB 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 68 O/N D131812R

**Submarine Service** from 1982 to 1996

in REVENGE

**Fleet Chief Petty Officer Coxswain Joseph Albert Harris**

Reporting Branch We Remember Submariners

CTB 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age TBA O/N P/J 928307

**Submarine Service** from 1956 to 1978

in TABARD, SEA SCOUT, TOKEN, CACHALOT, AENEAS, NARWHAL, ALLIANCE, ALLIANCE (on recommissioning in 1966), ODIN, OLYMPUS, ORPHEUS & ORACLE

**Able Seaman (UW3) William (Bill) Hogg**

Reporting Branch Ex Birmingham Branch

CTB December 2024 Age 93 O/N D/SSX 830654

**Submarine Service** from March 1951 to July 1958

in SIDON, SUBTLE, TALENT, AENEAS (on Commissioning at Portsmouth on 27th September 1955) & SERAPH

**Petty Officer Electrician John W Laing**

Reporting Branch North East Branch

CTB 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Age 84 O/N P/M964840

**Submarine Service** from January 1963 to February 1967

in OPPORTUNE, ONSLAUGHT & TACITURN 'on recommissioning for service with the 4th Submarine Division' at Sydney on 10th March 1964).

**Lieutenant Jimmy Carter, USN The late USA President Jimmy Carter**

Reporting Branch White House USA (With permission to report).

Joined as a Midshipman James Earl Carter Jr. at the end of World War II.

CTB 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 AGE 100 O/N N/A.

**Reporting information Submarine MEO, Nuclear Qualified Plant Engineer.**

One of the earliest ones in the US Navy.

**Submarine Service** from 1946 until 1953

In USS K-1 (SSK-1) as C.O (The first and only President to serve in Submarines as a C.O.), and he served as MEO of the USS Seawolf (SSN 575).

This was the second nuclear submarine in the USA after WWII.

He served in the Nuclear Programme until 1953.

Other qualifications 39<sup>th</sup> President of the USA from 1977 to 1981

Given the Freedom of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, England, 1977

Among the honors President Carter received are the Presidential Medal of

Freedom in 1999 Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

As a Submariner Admiral Hyman Rickover was his boss - but as the President he became Admiral Rickover's' boss!

**Toast to absent friends.**

7. **Minutes of December 2024 meeting:** Proposed: Steve May  
Seconded: Mac McLaughlin
8. **Matter arising from the December Branch Meeting:** None

## 9. **Secretary Report:** Les Hambling

I would like to welcome everyone here this evening;  
**Happy New Year** to you all for **2025**.

Our own **AGM will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2025**.

This is not an April fool's joke.

All proposals, Committee nominations and changes to our R's and C's, if any are to be forwarded to me by the February meeting. This will allow the committee to review and put forward any ideas from the membership for inclusion in the AGM after scrutiny.

I have received today; an email from The Morecambe Bay Branch Secretary. they fully endorse our proposals and will happily second them at the forthcoming National SAC AGM.

I have one piece of data for the statisticians among you; our membership grew in 2024 to 111 full members and 52 associate members.(Total 163 membership)  
This amounts to an average of > 10% for the Barrow Branch.  
It is my wish that we top 200 by the year end with Dreadnought and Aukus members coming onboard.

I have just received an invite to a meeting with the Council and other parties on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January at the Dock Museum to discuss all future events in Barrow.  
I will be able to publish a NOI (Notice of Intentions) for us all to be included in these events. I will ensure Alex is included on the list of emails which will be going out on completion of that meeting. Indeed; some members and others in this room may have already have received a similar invite. We will report back when we have further information.

Finally; I will monitor the links to the SAC regarding our proposals for their AGM and would encourage any members to attend the AGM being held in Leicester in March. Please view the SAC Website for details. Also see the attachment I sent out for the AGM with dates. If there is any feedback or changes at the SAC level, I will inform the Committee and of course, yourselves where appropriate.

Thank you.

## 10. **Social Secretary's Report.** Alex Webb

Hi Everybody,

**Happy New Year!**

December saw us entering our festive phase of the social program. December 19th, we had a small buffet and rum at the Hope & Anchor in Ulverston, where 24 of us piled into the pub and drank like it was 2024. Followed closely after by the Christmas Party at the Legion. Not a bad turnout, but once again half of those who attended were Legion people and not the Submariners who these events are for, but thanks to the Legion people for supporting us. But yet again fun was had by all attending; drinking, eating, dancing and laughing, thanks to all who supported that event. Finally, we had the DTS at Seaweed Corner on Walney. The boatyard peeps really looked after us and I think in the space of 5 hours we had managed to destroy

any brain cells we had left. Extremely liquid and happy band of brothers and sisters we are.

**Socials:**

I am preparing the Social Programme for next year but, as a heads up we have the K13 weekend in Faslane over the last weekend in January and the Morecambe Bay First Footing (venue **The Bare Village Club, 40 Bare Lane, Bare, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 6DF**) will be the **7<sup>th</sup> of February**.

The Members' draw was won in December by Les Hambling so rolls back to the starting point of £20 for the January meeting.

**Yours Aye,  
Alex**

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Yours Aye

**Alex**

**11. Treasurer's Report: Richard Cambridge**

Treasurer's Report: financial year 2024/2025. December/January 2024/2025 income and outgoings from sources verified to date.

Any other income or outgoings not mentioned will be checked and reconciled accordingly.

Income up to 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2025

Collection 50p's                      £13.50

Total      **Income**                      £13.50

Expenditure

Total      **Outgoing**                      £nil

Summary

Cash in Float                              £TBA

Current Acc                              £5,166.86      Includes subs coming in.

Business Acc                              £0.00      Will be closed in due course.

Savings Acc                              £4,549.89

Total    £9,716.75

**Available**                                  £5,166.86

**12. Website Managers Report:** Ian Clark informed us; the site has the newsletter.

**13. Newsletter Editor's Report:** Barrie Downer reported all letters have been sent.

**14. Welfare & Sick Call:**

a. **Ken Brumby:** our thoughts are for him and Jean at this very trying time.

**15. AOB:**

a. Announcement by Les Hambling the Secretary.

It is with sadness I announce that I will be standing down as Secretary of the Barrow Branch in April for personal reasons.

b. The Chairman invited Victoria Emms to speak. Below is a summary of her request for help.

Victoria is the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the Veterans in and around Barrow.

She asked if we could provide a point of contact with her team, she works in Barrow so that veterans seeking employment and help at the Job Centre could have a contact they can talk to; also, chat to people who have gone through the process of leaving the services. It is so important to have face to face contact and interaction with members who have experienced leaving the armed forces. The answer was a resounding YES of course we will try to help as much as we can; remembering of course, we are not counsellors.

**16.** The date of the Next Branch Meeting is **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 1930.**

**17. Meeting Shut at 20.10**

**18. Up Spirits & Loyal Toast:** The President gave the Loyal Toast.