



**Agenda**  
**Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - SA.**  
**March 3rd 2026, at 1930 at the Royal British Legion**

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

2. **New Members:** Reg

3. **Visitors:**

4. **Apologies:**

Members: Alex Webb, Ian Clark, Les Hambling

Associate Members: Margaret Downer, Janet Webb, Sally Hambling

5. **Attendees:**

Members: as per list.

Associate Members: as per list.

6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the February 2026 Newsletter.** (Secretary to read out).

**SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN FEBRUARY 2026 (Information from all available sources)**

<b>Reported Via</b>	<b>Date CTB</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank/Rating</b>	<b>Official No.</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Submarine Service</b>
Exeter Branch Member No. 3088	o/n 14th/15th February 2026	John E Harlow	Telegraphist (WT3)	C/JX 246457	101	Submarine Service from 1942 to 1948 in H43, H48 (Training), TRUCULENT, SEVERN, RORQUAL & TEREDO
We Remember Submariners	February 2026	Keith Adam	Chief Petty Officer (MEM) (L)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including 'V' Class & 'S' Class Boats & FOST

**Toast to absent friends.**

**7. Minutes of February 2026 meeting:** Proposed:

Seconded:

**8. Matters arising from the February Branch Meeting:**

**9. Secretary Report:** Julian Talks

Hello all,

We received a request from Alison Robertson via our website, Alison was asked by a representative of a museum in Poland for advice on how to attach a WW2 naval lanyard and scarf to a WW2 naval jumper and square rig collar. Well, after much searching the for information, we found a photograph showing this detail which we then sent to her, Alison was very pleased with this information and thanked us for our input.

On behalf of Craig Weir, Chairman of the Northeast Branch, we have sent out email invitations to our Branch Members for their Trafalgar Dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October to be held in the vault at the Rum Experience, Whitehaven. Partners are invited, the cost is £40 per head and they are planning to dine up to 60 on the night, numbers will be made up from RNA Tyne and Calliope. So, if you are interested in going, please let me know.

The Northeast Branch are also setting up an exhibit in Blyth Battery which we are looking to loan them some of our artefacts. Here is some background from Craig:

The memorabilia is for Blyth Battery which is a Coastal Defence gun battery, it has been turned into an Army Museum. We were asked to put a submarine exhibit in there last year to commemorate the links with Blyth of the 6th Flotilla. It proved to be very successful and increased the footfall so we decided we would enhance it with more "stuff"!! It would be interesting to come to Barrow to see if we could use some of your stock. He has asked if he could come over and meet with us sometime, we have agreed but not set a date yet.

The Secretaries Zoom meeting for February was held while I was on holiday so it was agreed that Steve May would be asked to attend in my absence. Steve was happy to stand in and to also ask a question from David Smith on behalf of our Branch.

Question:-

**'Can the SAC clearly state that if the SA formally adopts Charity Status, all individual Branch funds will not be subject to the Governance Requirements of the Charities Commission's Rules on spending? '**

**It is understood that any expenditure by the SAC of the National Funds would be.**

Response:-

***"Branches will NOT be a Charity and therefore not come under the restrictions of the Charities Commission and will remain to operate as we currently do independently"***

It was also stated that Craig Fulton, an ex-Skipper from HMS Sceptre will be coming along to the AGM to do a brief about becoming a Charity, he did a degree in the subject after leaving the Mob. He has previously assisted and advised other groups to become charities so it will be interesting to see what he has to say.

Finally, the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association have invited our Branch Members to attend the St. George's Day parade on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.

The format of the parade is as follows:

11.30am form up at the Town Hall

11.45am Presentation of red roses to the Standard Bearers by the Mayor of Barrow

12.00 Noon, Standard Bearers take post, the parade marches to St. George's church to attend a short service.

13.15pm (approx.): The parade marches from St. George's church to Atkinsons car park for dismissal.

All are welcome to meet up afterwards at the Royal British Legion on Holker Street for refreshments.

Replies to your attendance can be made to Derek Phillips email (deggs1sky.com) or mobile (07592754981)

Thank you

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

Hi everybody,

February what a great month, my birthday and of course our first footing adventure to breezy Morecambe Bay to meet up with the Jim and his gang. Another full bus, thank goodness for that, otherwise the coach would have cost the branch a little more than it did. Again, another fantastic meet up with our good friends, a good meeting, lots of rum, good food, lots of rum and even a karaoke thrown in and lots of rum.

I have just about finalised the program for this year and it is attached below:

I will not be at the meeting in March, am away visiting my family, but we have our annual trip down to Plymouth the weekend of the 6th – 8th to meet up with those guys and it just keeps getting bigger and better thanks to Grant & Julie Fox's great efforts.

Followed the next weekend by the Buddies in Boats here in Barrow; this is a good weekend, again, meeting up with many friends and raising cash for good causes. All details for this are held by Lee Marshall.

If you are going to the AGM in Liverpool, give them my best and have a great weekend.

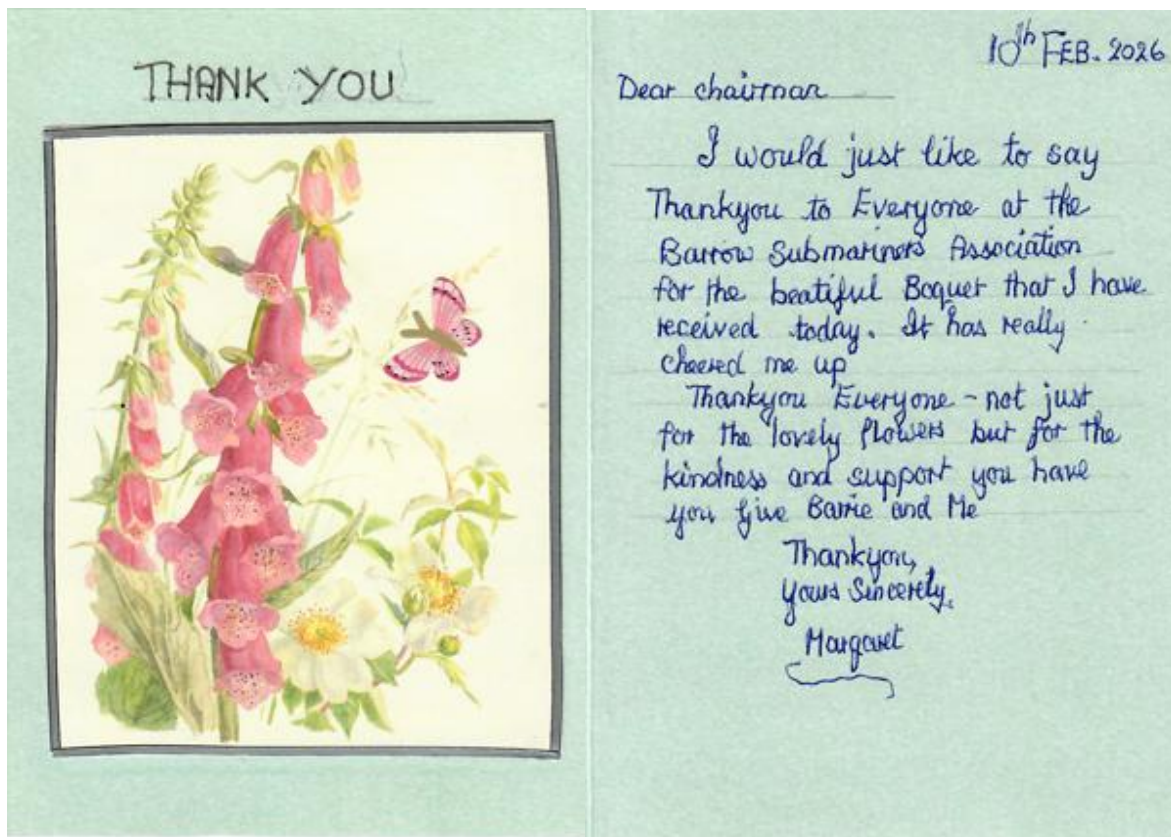
The members' draw was won in February by Big Mac so stands at £20 for the March meeting (but given I won't be there) this will roll over to April's meeting.....Yours aye, Alex

## Submariners Association Social Planner 2026 (mod 2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b><u>January</u></b>				<b><u>July</u></b>			
23rd - 25th	W/E	K13 Weekend	Helensburgh	25th	Sat	DTS	Askam
<b><u>February</u></b>				<b><u>August</u></b>			
6th	Fri	First Footing	Morecambe	29th	Sat	Race Day	Cartmel
<b><u>March</u></b>				<b><u>September</u></b>			
6th - 8th	W/E	SM2 Re-Union	Plymouth	19th	Sat	DTS West Shore Club	Walney
13th - 15th	W/E	BIBs Weekend	Barrow	20th	Sun	Battle of Britain Parade	Barrow
<b><u>April</u></b>				<b><u>October</u></b>			
16th - 21st	W/E	Levante Re-Union	Benidorm	15th	Thur	DTS Hope & Anchor	Ulverston
24th - 26th	W/E	Dreadnought Re-Union	Barrow	23rd	Fri	Trafalgar Night	Fairfield
<b><u>May</u></b>				<b><u>November</u></b>			
1st - 3rd	W/E	Vandal & Untamed	Dunoon	8th - 10th	W/E	Remembrance Parades	Barrow
16th - 18th	W/E	Arboretum Ceremony	Saffordshire	<b><u>December</u></b>			
23rd	Sat	Jenk's Pub Crawl	Lakes	18th	Fri	Christmas Party	Legion
29th - 31st	Sat	BIBs Weekend	Bridlington	27th	Sun	DTS Seaweed Corner	Walney
<b><u>June</u></b>				<b><u>NOTES</u></b>			
12th - 16th	W/E	Upholder Reunion	Malta	<b>1. Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month at 7:30pm</b>			
27th	Sat	Armed Forces Parade	Barrow	<b>2. Meetings include: Rum Issue, Scratchcard, Members Draw &amp; Snacks.</b>			
				<b>3. Prices of Events &amp; Dress Code TBC.</b>			
				<b>4. Quiz Nights TBC Prior to Event.</b>			

Stand Easy.....

11. **Treasurer's Report:** Richard Cambridge
  
12. **Website Managers Report:** Ian Clark reports "there is a change" there is a new look to our website but he's not sure he likes it. The March newsletter is also on the website.
  
13. **Newsletter Editor's Report:** Barrie Downer
  
14. **Welfare & Sick Call:** Margaret Downer has been in hospital and is now recovering at home, see below a beautiful hand-made thank you card from Margaret.



Dave Parsons, a long-standing Branch Member who sadly CTB in September 2023, was married to Brenda, sadly Brenda had a stroke a few weeks ago and is now in St. George's care home. If any members that knew Brenda would like to contact Belinda their stepdaughter, please let our secretary know and he can put you in touch.

15. AOB:

16. The date of the Next Branch Meeting is Tuesday 7th April 2026

**17. Meeting Shut at**

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