



**Agenda for the April 2026 Branch AGM
Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - Submariners Association.
Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 19:30 at the Royal British Legion**

1. **Chairman's welcome.**

2. **Apologies:**
Members: Ian Clark, Steve May, Jim Wright
Associate Members: Ralph Wilson

3. **Attendees:** As per list
Associate Members: As per list

4. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the March 2026 Newsletter.**

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

Reported Via	Date CTB	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
We Remember Submariners	29th January 2026	Andrew (Andy) Gannon	Able Seaman (UC)	Not Reported	57	Submarine Service in REPULSE Joined RN in 1988
Derbyshire Branch Member No. 1208	11th February 2026	Jim Hunt	Able Seaman (TM)	P/J960840	90	Submarine Service in 1957 & 1958 in SCORCHER, TRESPASSER & MAIDSTONE (Spare Crew)
We Remember Submariners	3 rd March 2026	Paul Lillywhite	Leading Cook	D161326R	TBA	Submarine Service from 1976 to 1986 in WALRUS (August 1978 to September 1969), ORPHEUS (November 1979 to May 1980) & OBERON (February 1982 to June 1984)
Submarines Association of Canada	3 rd March 2026	Luc Daniel Rollin	Electrician	RCN	73	Submarine Service in OJIBWA, OKANAGAN, ONONDAGA & CFFS Halifax (as SM Instructor)
We Remember Submariners	12th March 2026	James Foley	Charge Chief Marine Engineering Artificer (ML)	D058044K	TBA	Submarine Service from 1960 to 1984 in TIPTOE, GRAMPUS, OLYMPUS, CHURCHILL & WARSPITE
North Staffs Branch Member No. 6032 & We Remember Submariners	14th March 2026	Graham S Dibley	Marine Engineering Mechanician 1	P064844A	81	Submarine Service from 1966 to 1977 in RORQUAL (1966 to 1969) & RESOLUTION (P) (1975 & on recommissioning at Rosyth on 27th November 1976 to 1977)
Friend of SM Museum	28th March 2026	Alistair Thomas White	Commander (E) (MESM)	Not Given	TBA	Submarine Service from 1972 to 1993 in DOLPHIN, NEPTUNE, SWIFTSURE, DRAKE, DOLPHIN, RESOLUTION (S), FOSM/Subelant, MoD London, MoD Bath & DEFIANCE FMU

The toast is absent friends.

5. Minutes for 2025 AGM The Minutes of the 60th AGM were accepted as correct by a show of hands at the May 2025 meeting.

6. Matters Arising from 2025 AGM:

a. none

7. Chairman's Annual Report.

8. Secretary's Annual Report.

The Branch has continued to support the annual military and civil events throughout the year, there is a lot of time and effort goes into organising these events so it is very much appreciated by all concerned when they are well supported, thank you.

The National Committee which will be named the Submariners Association Committee (SAC) from now on have made some changes this year.

The SAC are currently in the process of creating a new Association Website, when it is ready, original Members will be able to register and check their details are correct, including their Membership numbers. New members will be able to register and check their details are correct and to receive their membership numbers.

The SAC have proposed the new Guidelines to replace the Terms and Conditions, more on this in the National AGM Delegates Report.

To raise funds for the SAC, they have partnered with a Distillery to produce SM125 Rum and Gin, they will soon be ready to order for postal delivery.

The SAC are still very serious about attaining charity status to financially support the running of the committee, but they have said that the Branches will not become a charity. Craig Fulton, an ex-Skipper from HMS Sceptre made presentation at the National Conference about becoming a Charity, he has a degree in the subject. He has also assisted and advised other groups to become charities, we have sent out his presentation along with the minutes of the National AGM, this will be covered in more detail in the delegates report.

It has been a sad year for Veteran Submariners, far too many have Crossed the Bar since April 2025, those Members from our Branch are remembered on our Branch Website. They are Robert (Gabby) Hayes (May 2025), Ken Brumby (Nov 2025), Christopher Brown (Dec 2026), Lawrence Carr (Jan 2026). Many of you will have attended the funerals of our comrades and given support at these solemn occasions to the families, this has been both impressive and very much appreciated by the families.

Thank you.

9. Social Secretary's Annual Report to 2026 AGM.

10. Treasurer's Annual Report to 2026 AGM.

11. Website Managers Annual Report:

**12. Newsletter Editor's Annual Report:
Newsletter Editors report for AGM 2026**

13. Election of Committee Members

- a. The position of Vice President – Steve May has shown interest; do we have a proposer and seconder?
- b. The position of Welfare Officer

14: AGM Declared closed at

STAND EASY, 15 mins, the April Branch Meeting.

April 2026 Branch Meeting (to be held after AGM)

15. Minutes of March 2026 meeting: Propose:
Second:

16. Matters arising from March Branch Meeting:

None

17. Secretary Report:

Hello all,

We have now formed a sub-committee to plan the SM125 event to celebrate the 125th year of the Submarine Branch and to commemorate the launch of our first Submarine HOLLAND 1, built by Vickers here in Barrow and launched on the 2nd of October 1901. The sub-committee members are a cross section of people involved in the building of and serving on our Submarines and the running of the Royal Port of Barrow, these include Commander Ed Higgins and Warrant Officer Jim Wright whom we are proud to have as Members of our Branch, along with our Branch Committee, Maggie from BAE, Lesley and Claire from the Town Hall. Also, Niyall from the Sea Cadets some of you may know him but you may not know that he is moving to Australia for 2 years to progress his career with BAE, we wish him every success down under and thank Niyall for all his input to the Branch events over the years, these duties will now transfer to Phill Burns. There will be more information on this event in the Newsletters from Barrie and on our Branch Website.

We have had an email from David Mathews, it reads,

Good evening. I have recently established that a great uncle of mine -PO Stephen Gilbert - was on AE2 and died as a POW in Turkey. Furthermore I only just found out about the fantastic memorial that you have in Barrow. I live down south in Aylesbury but I am keen to come up and visit the memorial and the Barrow museum. Do you have any events planned for this year? If so I'd be proud to represent PO Gilbert. Thank you. Regards David Mathews, he has since confirmed that he will be planning to attend our Remembrance Service on the 8th of November.

Anzac Day is on Saturday the 25th of April, the Branch will meet at the AE1 and AE2 memorial on Ramsden Square for a short service and the laying of a wreath to remember the crew members from Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain who lost their lives in WW1. We will probably hold this service on Sunday the 26th of April at 10:45 before the St. George's Day Parade, this will be confirmed at the April Branch Meeting.

The Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association have invited our Branch Members to attend the St. George's Day parade on Sunday the 26th 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 at the Royal British Legion on Holker Street for refreshments.

Replies to your attendance can be made to Derek Phillips email

Thank you

18. Social Secretary's Report:

Dependent upon AGM report

19. Treasurer's Report:

Dependent upon AGM report

20. Website Managers Annual Report:

Dependent upon AGM report

21. Newsletter Editor's Report:

Dependent upon AGM report

22. National AGM Delegates Report:

23. Welfare & Sick Call:

24. AOB:

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25. Date of Next Branch Meeting: Should be Tuesday 5th May 2026 but this will be cancelled due to our secretary being on a walking holiday in Scotland, so the next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd June 2026

26. Meeting Shut at.....

27. Up Spirits & Loyal Toast