



Minutes
Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - SA.
May 5th 2026, at 1930 at the Royal British Legion

1. **Chairman's welcome:** The Branch Chairman welcomed the members to the May Branch Meeting.
2. First on the agenda, there are no candidates so far for the position of Welfare representative, would any Members or Associate Members like to put themselves forward for Welfare rep? No takers
3. **New Members:** Jack Fletcher, Chris Findlay, Robert Dutton, Carol Dixon
4. **Visitors:** None
5. **Apologies:**

Members: Ed Higgins, Jim Wright, Malcolm Hogg, Ian Clark, Ralph Wilson, Cliff Shipton

Associate Members: Peter Owen, Gill Owen, Jan Webb, Nikki McKay, Margaret Downer, Phyllis Palmer, Mark Kenny
5. **Attendees:**

Members: as per list.

Associate Members: as per list.
6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the April 2026 Newsletter.**
(Secretary to read out)

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

Reported Via	Date CTB	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
We Remember Submarines	April 2026	John Staines	Chief Petty Officer (MEM) (M)	Not Reported	75	Submarine Service in RESOLUTION (P) on recommissioning at Rosyth on 27th November 1976
Peterborough Branch Member No. 2909	April 2026	David Fail	Chief Petty Officer MEA (L)	D169847T	65	Submarine Service from 1981 to 1986 in REPULSE & CHURCHILL
Submarine Association of Australia ex-Eastern States SA Member No. 2856	12 th April 2026	Timothy Richard Duchesne	Captain RAN	Not reported	96	Submarine Service from June 1952 to January 1985: RN service in TELEMACHUS (52 to 54), ARTEMIS (1954 to 1956), SCYTHIAN (1956 to 197), TALENT (1957 to 1959), SCOTSMAN (159 to 1961), USS SEAWOLF (1962), ASTUTE (1964 to 1965) RAN Service in OXLEY (1968), OTWAY (1970), Cdr SM1 RAN (August 1973 to February 1976) & Cdr RAN SM Squadron (January 1982 to January 1985)
We Remember Submarines	14 th April 2026	John Battersby	WEM (O)	Not Reported	TBA	Submarine Service from REPULSE
We Remember Submarines	14 th April 2026	Darren (Daz) Parsons	Petty Officer Marine Engineering Artificer	Not Reported	TBA	Submarine Service from 1983 to 1994 including TIRELESS
West of Scotland Branch Member No. 2067	15 th April 2026	Andrew K Johnston	Petty Officer Weapons Engineering Artificer	D212432C	74	Submarine Service from January 1988 to 20** in REVENGE (1988 to 1992), RENOWN (1992 to 1993), REPULSE (1993 to 1996), RESOLUTION (1996), VANGUARD (2001), VIGILANT (2001 to 2002), VICTORIOUS (2002 to 2003), VIGILANT (2003 to 20**) & VENGEANCE (?)

We Remember Submariners, 3rd May 2026 aged 72

Charge Chief Marine Engineering Artificer (EL) Richard Leslie (Scaff) Holding O/N D11820D

Submarine Service from September 1979 to August 1993 in RENOWN (S) (February 1979 to March 1981), SPARTAN (August 1982 & 2nd Commission Crew at Devonport on 15th October 1988 to September 1989) & DEVMAT (S & T Class Instructor September 1988 to August

1993), Also served in DIOMEDE (May to December 1971), DEVONSHIRE (March 1973 to December 1974) & ENDURANCE (April 1977 to August 1977), Was also a member of The Submarine Family

Toast to absent friends.

7. **Minutes of AGM and April 2026 meeting:** Proposed: Bob Hagen
Seconded: Bob Arthur
8. **Matters arising from the AGM and April Branch Meeting:** None
9. **Secretary Report:** Julian Talks

Hello all,

Thank you to all who attended the Anzac Remembrance Service on Sunday the 26th of April. We gathered to pay our respects to the Barrow built Australian Submarine Crews of AE1 and AE2, to all Submariners lost in War and in peacetime and to the Anzac troops lost in the Great War. We were joined this year for the service by our Australian friends working in the yard on the AUKUS project, you will see them in the Branch Newsletter photographs along with our Branch members at the Memorial. A special mention to the best flag laundry team ever, the flags were clean, perfectly ironed and blowing proudly in the wind, BZ to Bob and Peter.

The Anzac remembrance service was soon followed by the St. George's Day parade. The tri service squad of Veterans marched to St. George's church for a service and readings. On completion of the march back to the Town Hall, our outgoing Mayor gave a tribute to our servicemen and we dismissed. Refreshments, a raffle and much banter between the services was enjoyed for the rest of the afternoon, all whilst putting money behind the bar at the Royal British Legion, thank you to all who supported this event.

Well, it's that time of year again, the K2B will be held on Saturday the 9th of May. We have the build crews competing again this year and they are looking for sponsorship from our Branch members, please support them by donating on the website by using the link in the email sent by the branch secretary or if you prefer, there will be a sponsor form doing the rounds at the May Branch meeting.

Also, for the K2B we have arranged for Branch Members to Marshall at the finish gate in two-hour shifts between noon and 20:00hrs. Please put yourself forward for this by replying to the branch secretary, the K2B organisers usually make a generous donation to the Branch for our efforts which really helps with the Branch coffers.

Dave Smith has asked me to remind anyone attending the WRS Remembrance Event on the 17th May to make sure they have submitted their names and details to the SA National Secretary to ensure they get their lunch tickets and to book their parking in advance.

We have had an email from down under, Dave Barlow has asked me to give you all his best, if there is anyone who would like to stay in touch with Dave, I could send him your contact details, just let me know.

Hot off the press, the new Submariners Association is up and running, there are apparently a few teething problems, but they are busy sorting them out. To register you need to use Google or whatever you use to search for SubmarinersAssociation.com, you will need to register before you can purchase any Rum or Gin and if you are a newish member to get your membership number. Please could you let me know your number so I can update our Branch records, thank you.

And finally, an email request from Brisbane Infants School. There is a Bright Stars project which is partnering with couple of the guys from dreadnought. The children at the school are making plantable cards and learning British sign language to accompany songs. We are hoping to invite members of the public to a coffee morning on Wednesday the 10th of June at 10am. Cakes, drinks and entertainment are free, though we are inviting guests to purchase one of the made cards if they would like to. I feel it would be good if some veterans were to join us, as you have supported us on numerous occasions over the past few years.

Thank you

10. Social Secretary's Report. Alex Webb

Hi everybody,

April saw 9 of us go over to Spain (Benidorm) for the Levante branch meeting. We had our meet and greet on the Friday afternoon, shower caps was the theme, and none other than Kath and Jules came out winning big style. Anyone says that Kath & Jules has never seen blue peter is an absolute lie.

After that we hit a few of the bars for a couple and ended up back at the hotel for Karaoke. Once again we were upstaged by ol' blue eyes himself our secretary. Saturday was the meeting so we all fronted up in our Barrow branch polo's and enjoyed (what turned out to be a protracted) the meeting. But in the end we had lots of rum, Jules even brought across his birthday rum which added to the disaster. We raised a few quid for their coffers with scratch cards and we put a decent bid in for the bottle of rum celebrating our 125th years of brotherhood, but got gazumped by the Churchill's bar owner Brett. A few of us ended up in the Western Saloon and Silver Dollar before retiring comatose.

Sunday was the branch run ashore, we decided to go down to the old town for a few scoops and had cocktails in Oliver's, pie and pint in O'Mara's?, some stuff called Flugel in Yellow Submarine, a couple in Betty Boops and then more cocktails in Tiki Town bar and destroyed what was left of our souls. Christine and Nikki went for a paddle, what could possibly go wrong, but after last year's disappearing act they made it safely in and out. After dinner most of us retired injured but the chairman and his good lady wife were having none of it and went barmy in town, finishing off back at the Karaoke.

Monday was rabbit day and make sure we could get up for our 8 o'clock departure from the hotel.

Of course last weekend we had our memorial for ANZAC day and the St Georges day parade, I will leave that to others to provide details.

So what's coming up.

1st- 3rd is the Vandal and Untamed memorial run ashore to Dunoon.

16th – 18th is the Arboretum weekend

23rd is Jenks pub crawl, I have ordered a bigger bus for this due to the numbers who wanted to come. We will depart Spoons in town at 1100, a couple pick ups on the way at Dalton, Swarthmoor and Ulverston and then proceed out to our first pub of choice. I will be collecting the money for this over the next couple of weeks (£20pp) and would appreciate payment when you see me at the meeting or give it to a mate to pass onto me – many thanks.

29th – 31st is the BIB in Bridlington weekend.

A full list of the events is below, you will notice we are up to mod 3 now because I have added the ladies afternoon tea on Saturday 12h September and will be sending out the invitation (or Jules will) and asking for assistance to get these ladies to and from the Town house between 12 & 2.

The members' draw was not won in April so stands at £25 for the May meeting. I am thinking big eats will be burgers. Be there, bring change for the scratch cards or be square.

Yours Aye

Alex

Barrow Submariners Association Social Planner 2026 (Mod 3)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
						<u>July</u>	
				25th	Sat	DTS	Askam
				29th	Sat	Race Day	Cartmel
						<u>September</u>	
				12th	Sat	Ladies Lunch	Townhouse
				19th	Sat	DTS West Shore Club	Walney
				20th	Sun	Battle of Britain Parade	Barrow
						<u>October</u>	
				15th	Thur	Jan's Birthday & 50th Anniversary	H & A (Ulv)
				23rd	Fri	Trafalgar Night	Fairfield
						<u>November</u>	
				8th - 10th	W/E	Remembrance Parades	Barrow
						<u>December</u>	
				18th	Fri	Christmas Party	Legion
				27th	Sun	DTS Seaweed Corner	Walney
						<u>NOTES</u>	
						1. Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month at 7:30pm	
						2. Meetings include: Rum Issue, Scratchcard, Members Draw & Snacks.	
						3. Prices of Events & Dress Code TBC.	
						4. Quiz Nights TBC Prior to Event.	
		<u>May</u>					
1st - 3rd	W/E	Vandal & Untamed	Dunoon				
16th - 18th	W/E	Arboretum Ceremony	Staffordshire				
23rd	Sat	Jenk's Pub Crawl	Lakes				
29th -31st	Sat	BIBs Weekend	Bridlington				
		<u>June</u>					
12th - 16th	W/E	Upholder Reunion	Malta				
27th	Sat	Armed Forces Parade	Barrow				

Stand Easy.....

11. **Treasurer's Report:** Richard Cambridge – Business £4626, Savings £4621.
12. **Website Managers Report:** Ian Clark sent his report to say there was no change and the Newsletter is on the website.
13. **Newsletter Editor's Report:** Barrie Downer reported that the newsletter had been posted to the postal members and emailed to the Website Manager to put on the website.
14. **Welfare & Sick Call:**
15. **AOB:**
 - Slops manager reports is still awaiting delivery of a white shirt and Navy/sand Jacket.
 - Jake reported that the black granite for the AE1 & AE2 memorial will take 6 months to come from India.
 - Jake also reported that the grant from BAE for the new flagpoles has been agreed.
 - Steve May made it clear to the members that following the AGM and his balanced delegates report that he is still not in favour of our Branch becoming a charity, he has in fact strengthened his resolve against our Branch becoming a charity.
16. The date of the Next Branch Meeting is Tuesday 2nd June 2026
17. **Meeting Shut at 20:05**
18. **Up Spirits & Loyal Toast:** The President