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COVER PHOTO – AE1 & AE2 MEMORIAL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY 2026

“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

EDITORIAL MAY 2026

Hello Everybody

It's that time of the year again - the K2B Walk is taking place on Saturday the 9th of May and the Branch will be providing Marshals one again. There will be teams in the K2B from the Building Boats and from the Shipyard as well as from the many other local Organisations, Charities and other individual groups. The Building Boats will be looking to repeat last year's performance where they provided the Winning Team and the Individual Winner. Sponsorship of the K2B Teams and individual participants has raised many tens of thousands for Charitable local Groups and causes and long may it continue. Good luck to them all. Please give your full support to all taking part and to the Marshals! The May 2026 Branch Meeting will be held in the Concert Room at the Royal British Legion at 1930 on Tuesday 7th April. I hope you will all be able to attend the Branch Meeting and support the Committee and the Members. I Meanwhile, hopefully, you will find something interesting to read and enjoy in this Issue.

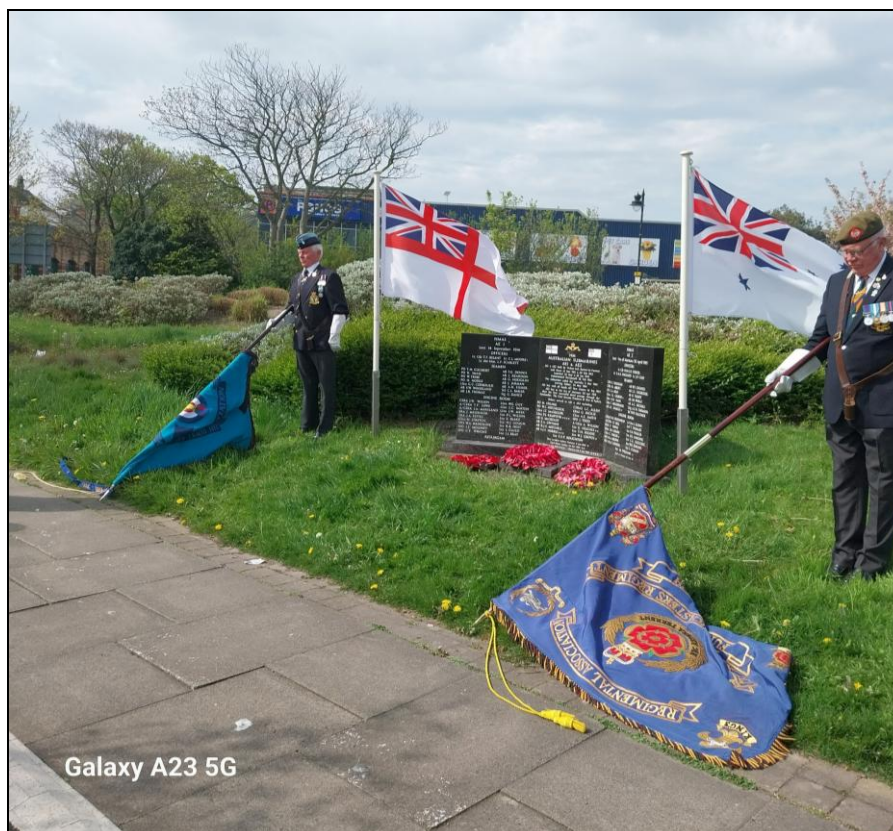
A reminder that if you hope to win in Alex's 'Monthly Member's Draw' remember that you must be at the Monthly Meeting. In the off chance that your name gets drawn out and you are not there - then hard luck! You don't get anything and it rolls over to the next month but - there again, you might get lucky with one of Alex's Scratch Cards – you just need to pick the right Submarine Name!

Best Regards, Barrie

SECRETARY'S REPORT – May 2026

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 Crews of the Barrow built Australian Submarines 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.



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.

Yours aye,

Julian (Jules) Talks

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SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - MAY 2026

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 Levante Branch Meeting so we all fronted up in our Barrow Branch polo's and enjoyed (what turned out to be a (protracted) 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 Ceremony & Wreath Laying for ANZAC Day followed by the St George's 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 Branch 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 12th 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 - and bring change for the Scratch Cards - or be square!

Yours Aye, Alex

MAY BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 5 th May
Committee Meeting	As Required

JUNE BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 2 nd Jun
Committee Meeting	As Required

JULY BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 2 nd Jun
Committee Meeting	As Required

MAY BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

M. (Mary) Hagen (A)	01/05/1945*
H. (Hugh) Porter	03/05/1954*
S (Sue) Sullivan (A)	04/05/1959*
D. (Dale) McLean n	05/05/1990*
D.A. J. (David) Smith	06/05/1952*
D.A. (David) Cooper	07/05/1954*
S (Stephen) Emms	10/05/1960*
N. (George) Hildrew	12/05/1947*
I (Ian) Allen	13/05/1984*
C. (Cynth) Clark	18/05/1945*
G (George) Hyde	19/05/1960*
L. (Lilian) Rankin (A)	24/05/1967*

T.C. (Tim) Chittenden	25/05/1951*
J (Jim) Wright	25/05/1972*
D (David) Woods	28/05/1963*
R. (Ben) Britten	31/05/1955*
B. M. (Brian) Jones	31/05/1934*
N (Nikki) McKay (A)	31/05/1973*

Happy Birthday All!!

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SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Do you have any? Submarine Commissioning, Paying Off, De-commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists – are still wanted, thank you very much. These Crew Lists are required 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 individual details - where and when joined boats, rank or rate, boats served in - with dates if known – Official Numbers are always helpful as well.

I am 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 & SBN. 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

RESURGAM - REMEMBERING FORMER BARROW MEMBERS APRIL

Edward Moffat	1989
Albert Cheale	1990
George Day	1986

Tom McQuade	1993
Kenneth Walker	1996
Ernie Newton	2001
Harry Wetton	2007
Donald Michie	2007
Stuart Hammill	2010
David Jenkins	2013
David Dunford	2013
Robert Hayes	2025

NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFO

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 frozenorth55@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 April for the May2026 Issue. Also, please note that the SA National Newsletter 'In Depth' will be published on 1st April 2026 so, if you have anything for either Newsletter please ensure you have any information with me ideally by the 15th of the previous month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition – keep them stories coming!

BARROW PARADES AND EVENTS FOR 2026

Armed Forces Day Flag Raising 20th June 2026

The Flag will be raised on Saturday 20th June 2026.

All military personnel will assemble in Market Street and Parade to the front of the Town Hall by 10am.

Flt Lt P Lamb will present the Armed Forces Day Flag to the Mayor.

A stage will be positioned at the front of the building.

The Mayor will make a small speech.

Following the ceremony refreshments will be served in the Town Hall.

Full Details are on the Council website

Armed Forces Day Parade – Saturday 27th June

The parade will march from Barrow Town Hall along Abbey Road to the War Memorial in Barrow Park. There will be a Service of Commemoration and the Parade will then return through Barrow Town centre and fall out at the Town Hall.

The Town Hall and Forecourt will be used for Armed Forces Day activities.

'The Bridge' in Portland Walk can be used for stalls and activities.

The Deputy Clerk is seeking the attendance and display of armed forces vehicles.

With this being a Town Centre Event, Barrow BID may be able to support.

A programme of activities/support from various local organisations will be arranged

Battle of Britain – 20th September 2026

The Deputy Clerk will submit the relevant Event Forms to W&F.

Des Murphy has submitted an invitation to the Mayor and Town Councillors, together with details of the Parade Order, Civic Party, Order of wreath laying and route map.

The Parade will leave the Town Hall at 11.30am and proceed to the War Memorial for the commemorative service at 12. Refreshments will be served at the Royal British Legion afterwards

Invites will be sent to the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff.

The Police have will carry out traffic control/management for this event.

Submarine Service 125th Anniversary - Submariners Working Group

Both BAE and the Submarine Service will be involved. This will be a large event covering the weekend of 3rd and 4th October 2026.

An e-mail outlining the tasks that need to be completed and acceptance to join the working group has been promulgated by J Talks.

AE1/AE2 Memorial in Ramsden Square – Future Plans

From Keith Oliver (Jake)Lake

First of all apologies for my any tardy replies to emails but I have been out of the country and with limited internet connection. As there were quite a few of them I hope this generic version suffices for now, but please get back to me for further details if required.

My navy nickname is Jake (aka Keith Lake) and I am a committee member of the Submariners Association (Barrow) and I am working on their behalf (and the town) to enhance and update the above Memorial which until recent improvements at Ramsden Square has remained mainly invisible. A recent visit to the National Arboretum inspired the idea that our Memorial should have the same dignity, care and appearance it deserves.

The aim is not only to be a place of reflection and remembrance (several services take place there on an annual basis) but also a focal point for education, civic pride in Barrow's submarine building prowess, now in its 125th year, its relationship with the submarine service, and also to contribute to the Barrow Town Centre regeneration.

So far the project has received financial support from BAE for two six-meter flagpoles to be placed in situ alongside and slightly behind the Memorial where the Australian and British National Flags/Navy Ensigns are to be flown as occasions demand. Barrow Town Council have given the Submariners Association a grant to employ Mossops of Dalton to add a black granite border in front of the Memorial.

The Submariners Association will be asked to fund the British Flags and, hopefully, our Australian colleagues may provide for theirs.

Some of the existing shrubbery will have to be cut back at the site to facilitate the Flagpole installation, with perhaps, a landscaping plan for the future.

Also in mind are two Memorial type benches and a further Flagpole directly behind the Memorial - a New Zealand national was lost on the AE2.

I hope these ideas strike a chord or two with you as any help would be appreciated.

HMS TRUMP - SHIPS BELL – A BIT OF A MYSTERY?



During their recent Official Visit to America the King and Queen exchanged gifts with Donald Trump and the First Lady, with the Royal couple giving the US President the Ships Bell from a historic submarine. Donald Trump officially welcomed King Charles and Queen Camilla with an unprecedented military ceremony on the lawns of the White House on Tuesday 27th April

King Charles paid tribute to America's 'special relationship' with the UK by giving him the Bell from the HMS TRUMP, a WWII submarine which served in the Pacific in the latter part of the war.

'I'm delighted to present to you the original Bell which hung on the conning tower of your valiant namesake. May it stand as a testimony to our nation's shared history and shining future,' the King said. 'Should you ever need to get hold of us, just give us a ring,' he added, as the crowd laughed.

Branch Member Peter Schofield also served in HMS TRUMP when the Submarine was based in Australia with the 4th Submarine Flotilla in Sydney and is surprised by this gift. Given that it was thought that the HMS TRUMP Ships Bell was held as an artefact by the Submarine Museum Peter wonders where they got the Bell from to gift it to the President. George Malcolmson, who was for many years a fixture in the Submarine Museum also wonders how the Bell became available for gifting to the President.

AUKUS: Key figures back calls for huge investment in Barrow

The Mail 29th April 2024
Barrow in Furness



By Tom Cockburn, Reporter

Key local figures and organisations have backed a report outlining the need for a £1 billion cash injection into Barrow. A report into AUKUS, the United Kingdom's landmark security deal with the United States and Australia, has been published by the House of Commons Defence Committee. It said Barrow urgently needed extra central government funding, alongside private sector cash, to help with its regeneration due to its importance to AUKUS and national security. The total cost of the funding for the regeneration project is estimated to be £1 billion, according to Lord Simon Case, the chair of the Team Barrow Delivery Board.

Team Barrow is tasked with overseeing the town's regeneration.



Michelle Scrogam MP and members of the House of Commons Defence Committee in Barrow

(Image: Michelle Scrogam MP Facebook)

So far, the government has only committed approximately £200 million in funding to Team Barrow via the Barrow Transformation Fund.

Additionally, a 'crucial' and 'timely investment' into BAE Systems' Barrow submarine shipyard is also needed soon, according to the report. There could be 'serious consequences' for UK national security and the nation's credibility with the US and Australia if such investments are not made, the committee warned. Under the landmark AUKUS deal, Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines from the UK and the US.

Michelle Scrogam, MP for Barrow and Furness, a member of the Defence Committee, reiterated much of the language that is seen throughout the published document. In relation to Barrow, Mrs Scrogam said the report highlights "the scale and urgency of the task ahead and the need for additional funding to provide the necessary improvements in housing, healthcare, town regeneration, transport and education."



Lord Simon Case (left), chair of Team Barrow's Delivery Board, seen here as cabinet secretary next to Boris Johnson

(Image: NQ Archive)

The success of regenerating Barrow is key to trying to mitigate any potential 'skills drain' of the UK's submarine industrial base in Barrow, which could also risk national security, the report said. This is because, as part of AUKUS, the Australian government has committed to building new submarine facilities in Perth and Adelaide. As a result, the Defence Committee urged the government to make sure that 'efforts to streamline workforce movements [between AUKUS partners] do not inadvertently create a detriment to the UK's submarine industrial base'.

Reacting to the publishing of the new AUKUS report, a Team Barrow spokesperson said the organisation 'welcomed' the document and its calls for extra government funding for the regeneration project. The spokesperson added: "Team Barrow is committed to transforming the town to enable the successful delivery of the AUKUS programme, by creating a place where people can live, work and thrive, and where our community sees and feels the benefits of this once-in-a-generation opportunity."



BAE Systems in Barrow

Meanwhile, a BAE Systems spokesperson said: "We continue to work closely with our customers and partners on the SSN-AUKUS programme as we advance progress on the detailed design phase and procurement of long-lead items for the new submarines. "Substantial work has also commenced to increase the capability, capacity and resilience of infrastructure, both in Barrow and across the supply chain, to meet future delivery rates and secure the long-term benefits of the submarine enterprise." A spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence said: "As set out in the Strategic Defence Review, we remain fully committed to delivering next-generation capabilities through AUKUS into the Armed Forces of all three countries. "Through our government's record investment in Barrow and Derby, we will produce a submarine every 18 months and will allow us to grow our nuclear-powered attack submarine fleet to up to 12."

THE ONLINE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The new OBOR has now been launched.

You can find it at <https://submarineremembrance.uk/>. This is a new domain but all links to the previous [submarineremembrance.uk/remembrance](https://submarineremembrance.uk/) address, including Google search results and QR code scans will all redirect to the new site.

Please browse around and I hope it will brighten up an otherwise dull Easter weekend! You should find that it (intentionally) looks and works very much the same as the old website but you will find it is much faster.

There are minor issues that need sorting but would be very happy to hear of any problems that you discover.

Once we have fixed all the significant issues we will try to make progress toward incorporating some future developments - top of the list being to add the section on submarine memorials.

There is one annoying issue which the developers are unable to replicate, and we would welcome your help with this. It's intermittent and seems to occur for a while then go away. So what we're seeing is that, when starting to type in the search field of the people or submarines list, we get an error message. Click OK and the letters entered remain and start to narrow down the search. Type a few more letters and the same thing happens.

Eventually the search narrows down to what you were looking for. The same message comes up when clicking any of the page buttons at the bottom, including records per page, but this completely prevents access to the subsequent records.

If you do, or do not, experience this error message, please let me know, together with details of computer, operating system and browser, with version numbers, that you are using.

We have made quite significant progress in adding stories for people, with about 17% achieved to date. But there is clearly a long way to go and I would welcome further assistance from any of you who feel able to help with research and story writing.

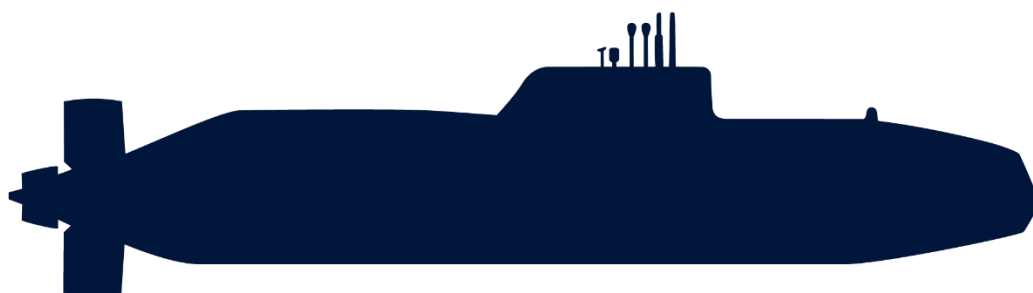
There are quite a few submarines which are lacking a story too.

Peter Jeanneret



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FROM HOLLAND 1 TO AGAMEMNON



125 YEARS OF
HM SUBMARINES

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				

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 (?)