

Minutes
Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - Submariners Association.
July 2nd, 2024, at 1930 at the Royal British Legion

1. **Chairman's welcome:** Chairman
2. **New Members: None**
3. **Visitors:** Ian Devery (RN), Matt Law (RN).
4. **Apologies:**
Members: Martyn Hillier, Ben Britten, Dave Barlow, Ken Brumby, Bob Sherriff, R McMorris.

Associate Members: Sheila Sherriff, Phylis Palmer, Sally Hambling, Lilian Rankin.
5. **Attendees:** as per list.

Associate Members: as per list.
6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the June 2024 Newsletter.**
(Secretary to read out).

Brian Smith BEM Chief Petty Officer (Stores Accountant)
CTB 7TH May, aged 74, O/N TBA.
Submarine service including SOVEREIGN & TRAFALGAR (1986)

James Robert Thornton LET (MESM)
CTB 7TH June, aged 42, O/N TBA.
Submarine service including SMERAS Faslane

Harry A Bewick ME1
CTB June, aged TBA, O/N TBA.
Submarine service including Grampus on recommissioning at Devonport on the 4th of April 1966

Martin Douglas MacPherson OBE Commodore
CTB 16th June, aged 78, O/N TBA.
Submarine service from September 1965 to 2002 in AMBUSH (NO), AMPHION (4TH hand 1966), REPULSE (S) (NO), RORQUAL (1st LT), ONSLAUGHT (CO 1st August 1975), DREADNOUGHT (1st LT), VALIANT (Rider), TRAFALGAR (CO 1982 to 198*)

Steven Alexander 'Rusty' Steele, Leading Seaman (TS)
CTB 17th June, age TBA, O/N TBA.
Submarine Service including OCELOT & SSBNs

Alan James Burnett Laybourne Captain
CTB 21st June aged 90, O/N TBA
Submarine Service from June 1957 to May 1975 in TRENCHANT (1957 to 1958), TALENT (1958), NARWHAL (1958 to 1960), TIRELESS (1960 to 1962), CACHALOT (1962 to 1964), THERMOPYLAE (1964 to 1966), WARSPITE (1968 to 1970), SOVEREIGN 1972 to 1975.

Richard Grenville Sharpe OBE Commodore
CTB June, age TBA, O/N TBA.

Submarine Service from 1959 to 1986 in DOLPHIN, THULE, TEREDO,
NARWHAL, ALDERNEY, TALENT, OBERON (IL), COQC No. 61, AENEAS (CO),
COURAGEOUS, CONQUEROR (IL on commissioning on 9th November 1971),
DOLPHIN, COURAGEOUS (CO 30th December 1974), WARRIOR, NORFOLK
CO), AIB, DN Plans, RCDS & SULTAN

William (Bill) Frederick Archdale Ellison Lieutenant Commander (E) (WESM)
CTB 22nd June aged 85 O/N TBA

Submarine Service from 1964 to 1985 in DOLPHIN, OBERON, DG Ships,
DOLPHIN, CENTURION, NEPTUNE DFM, DOLPHIN, DFM Bath, NATO & FO
Portsmouth

Matthew J Beeson Operator Mechanic (CSM)

CTB June aged 54 O/N D235100M

Submarine Service from June 1994 to August 2001 including VICTORIOUS,
SCEPTRE, SUPERB, SOVEREIGN & VENGEANCE 1st Commission Crew on
27th November 1999.

Toast to absent friends.

7. **Minutes of June 2024 meeting:** Propose: Barrie Downer.
Second: Steve May.

8. **Matter arising from the June Branch Meeting:**

Nil

9. **Secretary Report:** Les Hambling

I would like to thank Dave for the excellent handover of the secretarial duties and paperwork. I have a big pair of shoes to fill.

Where appropriate all correspondence and associated documentation has been forwarded to Branch Members by email for the meeting.

There is very little to say for this month, I haven't received any new communications from SAC.

On the 6th of June myself and one other member attended the town hall event to mark the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. Alex and other members were at Brisbane school. But more about that in the Social Secs report.

On the 8th of June we had a good turnout for the flag ceremony at the town hall in Barrow at 11.00 am.

On the 11th of June myself and Peter Hearn attended the Sea Cadet evening as did Bob Palmer and Des Murphy. The evening went very well and we were fed and watered on completion of the event.

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

Hi Everybody

June, what a great month, started off with the Buddies in Boats in Bridlington; I did not attend this year but apparently it was well attended and a good laugh.

Then we had an amalgamation of D Day celebrations; some of us went to Brisbane school on the 6th with the standard and did a parade for the youngsters who were all dressed up in period clothes; apart from one lad who had an Argentinean shirt on – oh well.

Then Saturday 8th we celebrated D Day proper with our Armed Forces parade outside the town hall. Good turnout and loads of support. Then the afternoon was Dave's Day bike ride; who would have expected 46000 bikers to come to Barrow - must have put a couple quid into the town.

Then a few of us went over to Malta for the Upholder reunion. What a great time. Lots of sun, drink, and remembering the fallen. What a beautiful place to visit with tons of history.

Then we rounded it all off on the 22nd with our annual pilgrimage to the Cross Bay Brew house in Morecambe. 14 of us (not a great turnout) but we made a lot of noise and had a thoroughly good time.

Socials;

I will not be here for the July meeting, getting drunk in Italy for a change. Anyway, the big social event is Cartmel. Saturday 20th July, cost £20 for coach only getting you pain free from here to there and back again; worth every penny. At present I have 14 on a 33-seater. If you want to come along drop me an email/text before the 10th July. I will be collecting the money on the coach. This is a really good run ashore where you can take your own picnic and beer and just sit in the sun and have a laugh. You don't have to bet on the horses they can just be a back drop to a great outing in the country.

The social program is out and the next portion of it appended below; please remember that numbers for all the events are extremely limited so get your names down early to avoid disappointment.

The members draw was not won in June so stands at £40 for the August meeting.

There is one change to the social programme, our Morecambe friends can't make the October meeting so we have rescheduled this for either the September or November meeting – watch this space.

July

5 – 7th Field of Dreams, Haverthwaite
20th Sat, Cartmel Races, Cartmel.

August

24th Sat, Edinburgh Tattoo, Edinburgh.

September

14th Sat, DTS West Shore Club, Walney.
15th Sun, Battle of Britain Parade, Barrow.
27-30 W/E Run Ashore to Gibraltar, Gibraltar

October

1st Tue, Morecambe Boys First Foot, RBL Barrow.

November

8th – 10th W/E Remembrance Parades, Barrow.

December

21st Sat. Christmas Party, RBL Barrow

10 mins Stand Easy.

11. Treasurer's Report: Richard Cambridge

Treasurer's Report: financial year 2024/2025. July 2nd 2024 income and outgoings from sources **verified to date 27th June 2024 handover balances.**

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

Income June 2024

Collection 50p's June £14.00

Peter Hearn refund to A/C £5.05

Interest on Business/Savings £8.39

Total Income £27.44

Expenditure

Alex Webb £143.00 From Petty Cash Gift June 002

Barrie Downer Post £6.80 Post Receipt June 003

Copier Paper Secretary £12.00 Receipt June 004

Total Outgoing £161.80

Summary

Cash in Hand £89.33

+ 2 pfennig, 10p Australian, 1 Euro, 1 Republic Schilling 1x Belgium 10 cents from 1926 worth around £50.? 1 x Jersey 50p piece 1 x 25 cents Espana.

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| Current Acc | £7146.55 |
| Business Acc | £1178.74 |
| Savings Acc | £1074.49 |
| Total | £9,489.11 |
| Less | |
| Charity Chest | £2034.00 |
| Rum Fund | £236.91 |
| Available | £7,218.20 |

12. Website Managers Report:

Nothing to report this time round

- 13. Newsletter Editor's Report:** Periscope View 287 has been published and issued to members. Barrie also reminded members that if they attend any events can they please forward him photographs and if possible, a report for inclusion in the newsletter and National Website.

14. Welfare & Sick Call:

- a. **Ken Brumby:** continues to be poorly but is being well looked after.
- b. **Phylis Palmer:** Is now home and progressing well.

15. AOB:

- a. Our slops bosun asked about the crest which is displayed on our tops and shirts including other items he holds in stock. A floor vote was taken to either keep our original SA crest or change to the one at national level.

29 full members were present and voted unanimously in favour of the original crest.

If there are no objections from full members who were not present at the meeting; we will continue to use the original. Any objections will be addressed by the committee and a decision made on a more formal vote to members, if needed.

- b. Steve May has been approached for contact with Dave Thompson regarding the Onyx memorabilia held at BAE Systems. Barrie Downer has kindly offered to make further contact and see what is needed to retrieve the items and the committee will make a decision on the way forward as to their being kept or disposal of the items to various places like the Museums here in Barrow, Chatham, Gosport, Plymouth, Faslane etc.

I am mindful of the sentiments some may have for these items as they appear; we also need to understand that some items will probably still be of a classified nature. I will collate anyone's ideas who may have suggestions. (remember keep them clean please).

- c. A plea for help from members. We have details of 1 charity Riding For Disabled and I will follow this up.

We need contact details for the North West Air Ambulance and St Marys Hospice locally please.

I will then make contact formally for a ceremonial handover of cheques.

- d. Des Murphy stood and thanked everyone for the support we have given to the ceremonies he has organised to date.

We have also received a formal invitation from Des and RAFA to the annual Battle of Britain Remembrance Parade on Sunday the 15th of September 2024 at Barrow Town Hall at 11.00 am.

I will start a list of members and associates who wish to attend in order to allow the RAFA to organise the catering arrangements. Our support for this very important occasion would be most welcome.

- 16. The date of the Next Branch Meeting is **Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 1930.**
- 17. **Meeting Shut at**
- 18. **Up Spirits & Loyal Toast:** The President gave the Loyal Toast.