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**Chairman's  
&  
Chaplain's Dit**

It's that time again, one, where we sit and reflect on the year that is fast coming to an end, and contemplate the challenges of the year to come. As Chairman I am beholden to thank the collective work of our Committee who put in countless hours behind the scene to help make the branch the success that it is. It is not my intention to highlight any individual member because for me it's a team effort, and that is the way it should always be. This December is our first Christmas under the auspices of the Royal British Legion (RBL) since voluntary decamping from The Harbour. Which on reflection was a wise pre-emptive move, looking at the current sad and forlorn sight of our former base all boarded up and abandoned.

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I am led to believe that our first Christmas Social held at the RBL venue was a great success. I am sorry that I missed it, but duty called namely my Grandson's twenty-first birthday celebration on the same evening. In an endeavour to reduce costs, the new-year will see changes; in the manner we both distribute and publish our newsletter. This has opened up the opportunity for John Houlding our Vice Chairman to write the lead article for our newsletter. This does not mean I shall be abdicating the Chairman's input to our newsletter. It's my intention to continue writing the Combined Chairman and Chaplains Dit, but with more emphasis on Chaplaincy and Welfare issues. Therefore with John volunteering to write a regular input, it seems fitting for the lead article to become his responsibility. As such on a personal level, I own up to being notorious for working to late deadlines, so it will be good for editorial discipline (and Ben's pulse rate) for John to set a new drumbeat. It will also be good for the newsletter to have the views of another regular contributor.

Regards  
Jonsey



**Social Scene  
January 2010**

Hi Folks,

I hope you all had a very good Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

My apologies for being remiss in submitting my Social report for December, I had a bit of a mishap on the M6 and missed the deadline for publication.

Well hopefully everyone who attended the Christmas social at the Legion had a good time for the final social event of 2009, my thanks to those who looked after

the raffle and the night in general in my absence.

I have attached the Social programme for 2010 to this newsletter; there maybe some additions during the year but the dates for the big events are firm. We kick off the year with a first footing visit to our friends at Morecambe on January 8th, all those going should now have their names down on the list. You will notice that there are a few National events on the programme that you might want to attend. I would also like to hold a quiz night on those monthly meetings where the Ladies are attending.

The interest list for a visit next year to the Spanish branch Espana Levante is still open but we do need to finalise the list so that we can look into firm travel arrangements so please declare by the January meeting if you would like to go top what should be a very good weekend.

I have just one plea for the coming year and that is to get your names down early for social events and if you do cancel after the deadline then the ticket must be paid for.

Well that's me for this month  
See you all next month!!

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary

**Chaplains Dit  
January 2010**

Having now put away my Santa's uniform after four separate school outings, and survived the challenge that I am not the real Father Christmas, by some very bright Year Four children. Nevertheless there were some magic moments that have given me time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. I am especially saddened by the report of a namesake Anglican

vicar who has muddied the waters by arguing that it is acceptable to shoplift. If we say that Christmas is the "Season of Goodwill to all men", and that the same spirit of goodwill is the foundation of our civilization. So thou shall not steal stands unchallenged. For me it also follows that the premise of both "Britain's Got Talent" and the "X Factor" TV shows that openly ridicules the weaker entrants during the earlier stages of the competitions, has no place as entertainment during this or any other season. Having said all that, I found that it was refreshing to find both Paul Potts and Susan Boyle confounded their early doubters when their true talents eventually surfaced. I was taught as a child the commonplace idiom that comes from Biblical roots. JUDGE NOT THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED taken from book of Matthew. Teaches us that by being critical of others, we open ourselves up for criticism as well. All of us have faults, and it's better to work on improving ourselves than pointing out the faults in others. There is a post note to my article I have just been asked to don the red suit one more time to visit Peddler's grandchildren who are visiting from down south. So for the children it's that HO! HO! HO! time again. And for you all; my seasonal greetings; and good wishes for 2010.

Regards Jonsey





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 9

## HMS Warspite



**GOING PLACES:** Leading Steward Derek Watson from Douglas Isle of man at the controls of *HMS Warspite* in 1967

**T**HE latest *HMS Warspite* was the third of Britain's nuclear-powered submarines, and the second (and final) of the Valiant class.

She was launched on September 25, 1965 by Mary Wilson, the wife of the then British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, and entered service on April 18, 1967.

In October 1968, *Warspite* is thought to have collided with a Russian Echo 2 submarine it had been shadowing in the Barents Sea, causing serious damage to its large central fin.

The government cover story claimed that *Warspite* had hit an iceberg.

She made her way first to Lerwick, where a carpentry team overnight hastily erected a scaffold over the central fin and covered it with a black tarpaulin, so that on the following day, any spotter planes flying overhead would not see any apparent damage to the vessel.

*Warspite* was then towed to Faslane and later to Barrow, to have her fin replaced with that from her sister ship, *HMS Churchill*.

*Warspite* also suffered a serious fire whilst in Liverpool on May 2 in 1976, caused by a broken coupling spraying oil.

Repairs and refitting took two years. She was finishing her refit just as the Falklands War started.

After the war ended she carried out a



**LATEST RECRUIT:** The new *Warspite* is launched at Barrow in 1965

long patrol around the island and the Argentine coast.

The £20m submarine was decommissioned in 1991 following the discovery of hairline cracks in the primary coolant circuit during a refit.

*Warspite* chiefly operated out of HMNB Clyde, at Faslane (the former

Clyde Submarine Base) with the Third Submarine Squadron (SM3).

The boat is laid up at Devonport Dockyard, Plymouth, Devon.

Notable commanders of this vessel include the Falklands Conflict Battle Group Commander, Rear Admiral Sir John "Sandy" Woodward.

He went on to become the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command and rose to the rank of Admiral.

The Valiant-class was the first fully British nuclear fleet submarine, as the first nuclear submarine, *HMS Dreadnought*, used an American nuclear reactor.

This class was significantly quieter than *Dreadnought* and provided a successful template for the Resolution-class ballistic submarines

**STATS:**

Displacement: 4,200 tons surfaced, 4,900 tons dived.

Length: 285ft (87m)

Beam: 33ft (8.2m)

Propulsion: Rolls-Royce pressurised water reactor; two English Electric steam turbines, one shaft, 15,000hp (11MW), one Paxman diesel-electric generator

Speed: 20 knots (37km) surfaced, 28 knots (52km) dived

Complement: 116

Armament: 6 x 21in (533mm) torpedo tubes. 24 torpedoes in total.



# Barrie Downer Secretary



Hi Everybody

May I wish a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our Members and their families? It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone again I can hardly believe that twelve months has gone by since we last celebrated Christmas and then the New Year!

What have we all been doing in this last month? Hopefully you all got your Christmas Shopping sorted out and all you cards and presents delivered despite the snowy weather. Was Santa good to you this time? So what have your Committee been up to since the last newsletter?.

The monthly Committee Meeting took place on 15th December and we reviewed the minutes of the December meeting which all of you on E-Mail should now have received any comments to me as soon as possible please but you can always raise any points at the January Branch Meeting!

What have we been up to the last month? Well we have had the Christmas Social this time at the Royal British Legion for the first time on Saturday 19th December. This was a bit later in the month than we normally hold it and there was a little concern about the weather but the snow held off and allowed approximately eighty of us to get there to enjoy ourselves.

We had some visitors to boost the numbers as the RAFA team joined us in the Concert Room rather than have a separate smaller party in another room at the same time. We also had a new entertainer this year Black Jack arranged at fairly short notice. He played a variety of Christmas songs and music just right for the occasion and he also showed that he was a good singer.

As ever everyone was generous with their plates of food so there

was plenty for all! Also, as ever, everyone was very generous with their Raffle Prizes - and in buying tickets - and the whole evening more than paid for itself!

Following up on your instructions from the last Branch Meeting we have now made a donation of £250 to the Mayor's Charity Fund. As you will all recall this donation was in recognition of all the help and assistance received from the Council in getting our Memorial Benches sited in Coronation Gardens. It had been hoped that the Mayor might make it along to the Christmas Social to receive the cheque but this was not possible so, instead, we arrange a presentation at the Town Hall on Wednesday 23rd December.

Alan Jones made the presentation and another nine Members and friends were there to support him. Those who couldn't make it missed out on tea, coffee and a mince pie! The Evening Mail was there to record the event so hopefully you will all have seen an item in the Paper.



So what is coming up in the New Year is it really ten years gone by since all that hoo-hah about the Millennium Bug shutting down all the services and computersetc?

The Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th January same place same time as usual. Our 'First Footing' visit to Morecambe Bay is programmed to join them for their Branch Meeting Evening on Friday 8th January. I have some names but it's not too late to let us know if you want to join us. John Houlding has volunteered to drive the RAF Cadet Minibus

which has been made available courtesy of Paul Rose so we have room for up to 16 first come first served so get your names to me as soon as possible and by the Branch Meeting at the latest!

We will be going to Faslane in January for the K13 weekend 22nd to 24th January.

Those of you who have been before will know what a good weekend this is. The list of names has already been sent to Faslane as 'security requirements' mean all names have been sent well in advance. Those going will all need to take some photographic identification with them or you won't get in to the Base.

The Membership Cards for 2010 have arrived and are now with Mick Mailey.

The 2010 Subs are due from 1st Jan 2010 so if you see Mick Mailey with your Subs (still only £10) at the next meeting on 5th January you can get your new Membership Card. You can also send your Subs by post to me or Mick Mailey and we can then get your new Cards sent out.

An updated Members Contact List is in course of production I have received quite a few E-Mail Changes recently and some updated addresses. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your E Mail provider please let us know as soon as possible so that we can keep in touch and make sure you get all your Branch information. I expect there are a few more changes I don't yet know about so don't be shy let me know! For those with BAe 'E Mail' Addresses who also have home 'E Mail' Addresses please let me know the Home 'E Mail' as soon as possible. BAe have been very kind in allowing us to distribute via their system but not during working hours but we mustn't take too much advantage and distribution via your Home 'E Mail' is the way ahead. We can't keep everyone fully informed if we don't know how to get hold of you!



If you can't make it to a Branch Meeting(s) remember to send in your apologies partly so we still know you are alive and well. If you are not keeping too well yourself let us know and we will see if there is anything the Welfare team can help with. Remember to let us know if there are any Branch Members or former Members that you know (or their wives, girlfriends or partners) who are not too well sometimes they may be too busy or pre-occupied with events to let us know themselves. If we don't know we can't help! That's about it for now hopefully I haven't missed out any events or anybody's names I think all the dates are right as well! See you all at the Branch Meeting Tuesday 5th January usual time usual place!

Regards

Barrie

### Remembrance Sunday DVD

I am pleased that I managed to get our DVD ready in time for its first public showing on this November's Remembrance Sunday. I am also aware that there is some work that needs to be undertaken to improve on its quality. Also if we are to make copies to go into wider distribution, there are issues such as copy write that need to be hammered out. To this end the Committee are setting aside an evening during February (date to be organised). With the aim of gathering together all those wish to be involved with DVD Project. The aim of the project will be:

Story line improvement.  
Address constructive comments.  
Copy-write issues.  
DVD Artwork.

If you wish to be involved and or have constructed criticisms then please contact me on my home telephone number 01229-463150 or my email

jonesmoorview@aol.com

Regards Jonsey



Phot. of two of our members taken in 1967 on a diving course. Who are they.

### Nerpa Attack Sub



The nuclear attack submarine Nerpa has been formally inducted in the Russian Navy for subsequent leasing to the Indian Navy next spring.

The submarine was commissioned on Monday after the successful completion of final sea trials. The ceremony was held at the Amur shipyard in Bolshoi Kamen (Big Rock) on the Pacific coast in extreme conditions of gusty winds, storm waves and biting frosts of minus 25C.

The military band had to play ice-covered instruments, the RIA Novosti news wire reported.

The Nerpa induction was delayed due to an onboard accident last November during sea trials, when accidental release of lethal fire-fighting gas had killed 20 civilian technical staff and crewmembers.

Before the submarine is commissioned as INS Chakra in March, the Indian crew would undergo training and sailing together with Russian specialists and servicemen.

The submarine is being leased to the Indian Navy for 10 years under a \$ 650 million deal.

The 12,770-ton Nerpa, an Akula II class nuclear powered attack submarine, is rated one of the world's deadliest and quietest warships.

According to the former Russian envoy to India, Vyacheslav Trubnikov, India's indigenous nuclear submarine, INS Arihant, launched in July, has been designed after Russia's Akula II submarines.

Nerpa is the second Russian submarine India has leased in the past 20 years

### Dismantling The Soviet Submarine Fleet

Russia, with financial and technical assistance from America, Britain, Canada, Japan, Italy and Norway, has been dismantling about 20 retired nuclear submarines a year, and plans to have 191 dismantled by next year. Up through the early 1990s, Russia had built nearly 260 nuclear ships (nearly all submarines). The end of the Cold War in 1991, left the Russians unable to keep most of those subs in service. Russian nukes were expensive to maintain, and many were not worth keeping in service (too noisy, too old, too many other flaws).

Most of the submarine dismantling was paid for by the U.S., which spent over \$15 billion to implement the 1993 Strategic Offense Arms Elimination Implementing Agreement with Russia. Britain, Canada, Japan, Italy and Norway also contributed cash and technical assistance to this effort.

Throughout the 1990s, Russia only decommissioned 2-4 nuclear subs a year. Many nuclear subs were taken out of service in the early 1990s, although lots of older boats were being decommissioned in the late 1980s, before the Cold War even ended.



That's because Russians tend to keep old weapons in service long beyond the time it's worth it. By the end of the 1990s, Russia had 150 decommissioned nuclear subs waiting to be dismantled. Russia hoped to complete dismantling these submarines by 2007, but things went much slower than expected, because there was no money. However, by 2000, things really began to pick, as 18 subs were dismantled in that year.

It costs about \$7 million to dismantle one submarine. The primary task is to safely take apart the nuclear reactor, and get the radioactive components to a secure storage facility. The foreign nations contributing to this effort are all maritime nations that were concerned about the old Soviet subs falling apart while still in the water. What got this aid program going was the discovery that the Soviets were just dumping some radioactive components into Arctic waters. Russia was more willing, than the Soviets, to do the right thing and is determined to safely dispose of all these old nuclear subs.

### Silent Service

The U.S. Navy has revealed that the Chinese Navy has turned its attention to making its submarines quieter. For decades, the Chinese concentrated on just building subs (no easy feat, as few nations can do it) that were reliable enough for wartime use. In the last decade, China has sought to make its subs safe for peacetime use. There have been several bad failures of Chinese subs. In one recent case, the entire crew of one boat was asphyxiated when the diesel engines did not shut down as the sub dived. There have been numerous breakdowns while at sea, and many subs that don't leave port much because of reliability problems

Diesel electric subs are intrinsically very quiet when underwater, operating on battery power. But the Chinese did not train their crews to be

quiet when "running silent." This included tweaking the mechanical items, that run off battery power underwater, to be quiet. Thus U.S. ships, and especially nuclear subs, had an easy time detecting Chinese subs, even the diesel-electric ones running underwater.

This is all changing. Chinese dockyard workers and engineers are silencing noise making components. Crews are trained to operate silently when the ship is running under water. New nuclear boats are also being refurbished to increase quietness.

Despite all this, the U.S. Navy has found that Chinese subs are still noisier than Russian boats were 20-30 years ago. But if past performance is any guide, in 10-20 years, Chinese subs will be very quiet, and much more dangerous. China is in the process of expanding its sub fleet from about 60 boats to, over the next decade, 75 more modern ones.

### A QUICK DRAFT HOME!

Ten British servicewomen on operations in Afghanistan have been sent back to the UK in the past six months after falling pregnant. The servicewomen were evacuated between April 31 and October 31 this year under military rules which ban pregnant women from being on battle duty, according to figures released to the Sunday Mirror by the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

An MoD spokeswoman said "All our forces are expected to behave within the Armed Forces' code of conduct. "If women become or discover they are pregnant on operations, they are returned to the UK at the first opportunity for their own well being and to preserve operational effectiveness." It is not an offence for a servicewoman to be pregnant. But soldiers who abuse their position, or take advantage of a colleague who may be separated from their partner for a long

period of time, are subject to disciplinary procedures which can include dismissal

### ESSEX GIRL

An Essex girl goes to the council to register for child benefit. How many children?" asks the council worker? 10 replies the Essex girl. 10? Says the council worker.

What are their names? "Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne and Wayne." Doesn't that get confusing? "Naah. says the Essex girl It's great because if they are out playing in the street I just have to shout WAAYNE, YER DINNER'S READY, or WAAYNE GO TO BED NOW and they all do it.

What if you want to speak to one individually? says the perturbed council worker. That's easy, says the Essex girl. I just use their Surnames

### BLOND JOKE

A husband comes home from work and finds his blond wife painting the kitchen. She is wearing an overcoat and a raincoat on top of that. He asks why she is dressed like that? She said I read the instructions and it said For best results put on two coats!



Lord These Departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chest are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without doubt they are the best in the land. So heavenly father add their names to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol let them know that we who survive will always keep there memories alive

The names of those members reported in December to have 'Crossed the Bar'



Gosport Branch  
1st December 2009  
J R (John) Hunt  
Chief Mechanician  
P/K 934867  
Aged 73  
Submarine Service 1955-1961  
Scotsman, Andrew  
Thule



Dolphin Branch  
October 2009  
J H (John) Venn  
Able seaman (UW2)  
P/J 925182  
Aged 73  
Submarine Service 1956-1965  
Tireless(57), Tabbard(58-59)  
Teredo(59), Oberon(60-63)  
Auriga (64)



Gatwick Branch  
December 2009  
B F (Frank) Brown  
Petty Officer Electrician  
D/MX 856453  
Aged 83  
Submarine Service 1944-1950  
Otway, Seraph, Sea Devil,  
Astute, Affray  
Unbending



Non Member  
December 2009  
J F T G ( Sam) Salt  
Rear Admiral  
Aged 69  
Submarine Service including  
Finwhale  
Dreadnought



Non Member  
30th October 2009  
C P H Gibbon  
Captain (E)  
Aged 86  
Submarine Service from 1943  
Otus(I), P551, Vampire  
Auriga & Taciturn



Non Member  
September 2009  
Jim Marsh  
Commander (E)  
Submarine Service  
Including HMS Valiant



Non Member  
14th December 2009  
Mark Jones Agar  
Chief Marine Artificer  
Aged 76  
Submarine Service including  
Auriga, Porpoise, Cachalot  
Sealion



Non Member  
2nd November 2009  
John Andrews  
RO2(G)  
Aged 66  
Submarine Service including  
Amphion

## The Editor

Happy new year to everyone

As we start the new decade a number of events that took place over the last 10 years spring to mind I am sure we can all recall the millennium Bug issues which fizzled out to nothing on 1st Jan 2000, as submarine events go there was the Kursk disaster, the Submarine centenary, fire on HMCS Chicoutimi, explosion on HMS Tireless, numerous groundings and collisions and s/m decommissionings. What will the next decade bring us, Women on uk subs?, Trident replacement or more that 4 Astutes.

Changing tack slightly, after some discussion regarding the newsletter it is felt that we can make some improvements in a number of area's in the newsletters content, how we distribute it and when best to publish it.

The changes in content are purely cosmetic with John Houlding taking over from Alan Jones on the front page, Alan will continue to contribute to the newsletter in various forms including his Chaplains Dit. As ever I continue to need your support in contributions to the monthly news letter and I am grateful to all members that contributed last year.

We currently try to publish the newsletter by the end of the month however this has not always been achievable, resulting with publication and printing more likely on the day of the Branch meetings. Issues with late publication are normally to do with printing equipment failures and late contributions being the main culprits.

I hope to start publishing the newsletter to a revised schedule starting with the February edition to be published hopefully on Monday 25th January.

This will allow us to cater for late contributions and equipment break downs and get the news letter to you well before the branch meeting.

There are benefits to the branch socially in that events can be better advertised earlier hopefully enabling positive responses to proposed functions. Publishing earlier also means the distribution on the newsletter can be better targeted to members and guests. All members who receive their newsletter by E-mail will continue to receive it in this format but much earlier and well before the monthly meeting. All Members who receive their newsletter by post will continue to do so but will receive it before the branch meeting instead of after.

This effectively means that the need to give out newsletters at branch meetings has been greatly reduced as all members should have already received one. I will cater for guests and have a few spares as required.

If you have any comments on the content or the change in how we distribute the newsletter, please get intouch.

A final request if I may, if you intend to send an article / dit to me for inclusion in the newsletter and you send it by Royal Mail can you please ensure the correct postage is applied otherwise I will have to visit the main Post office and pay to retrieve it.


I thank you for your cooperation

Regards

Ben Britten


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January 2010

## Members Birthdays



H. Cable	02/01
S. Cook	02/01
A. Greenwood	02/01
S. Appleyard	04/01
A. Cundell	08/01
D. Burnside	09/01
J. Byrne	10/01
R. Sherriff	10/01
P. McGovern	11/01
P. Campbell	12/01
H. Sibbit	21/01
P. Hearn	22/01
A. Hines	22/01
J. Oldfield	22/01
R. Dixon	25/01
B. Reed	27/01
I. Moore	29/01
S. Campbell	30/01
L. Willcox	31/01



[www.hmsresolution.org.uk](http://www.hmsresolution.org.uk)

### Billy Connelly Statement of the Century

'If women are so bloody perfect at multi-tasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?'

A summary by Admiral Sir Max Horton summarising his ruthless insistence on high standards to his Officers and men in harbour at Malta Sep 1941.

'... It is not a kindness to overlook slackness or mistakes. It is really great cruelty to do so cruelty to wives and relatives of the man you let off and his shipmates and to yourself.

There is no margin for mistakes in submarines: you are either alive or dead'



## News Letter

### Contact Information

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the news letter then ring Ben Britten on 01229 820265 (evenings) or if you wish to send me an article please ring for postal address. or send your contribution by e-mail to:

[Rwbritten1@msn.com](mailto:Rwbritten1@msn.com)

Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month IE last week of January for the February 2010 issue please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.



## Oz Humour

One thing about blokes from Oz is that their hearts and humour are always in the right place!

T. B. Bechtel, a City Councillor from Newcastle, Australia, was asked on a local live radio talk show, just what he thought about the allegations of Torture of suspected terrorists.

His reply prompted his ejection from the studio, but to thunderous applause from the audience.

### HIS STATEMENT

'If hooking up one raghead terrorist prisoner's testicles to a car battery to get the truth out of the lying little camelsha\*\*er will save just one Australian life, then I have only three things to say,' 'Red is positive,

Black is negative, and Make sure his testicles are wet.'





# Solve the submarine quiz of the decade

We hope you enjoyed last month's submarine wordsquare.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page. This month we have a crossword with clues based on the past decade of activity linked to submarines

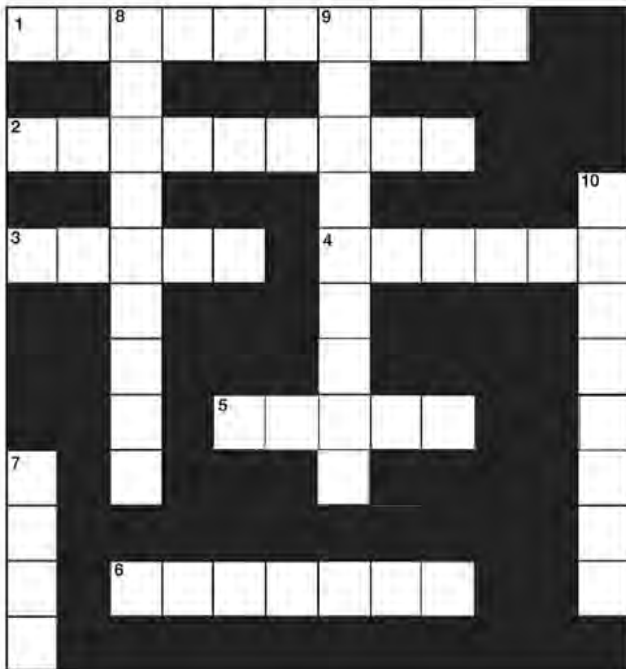
If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at [bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk](mailto:bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk)

## Down

- 7: Sub named like a stone which found a new home on show in Barrow
- 8: Last submariner VC crosses the bar (3 letters and 6)
- 9: Latest sub to be decommissioned from Naval service
- 10: Special training course led to submarine damage

## Across

- 1: A former British submarine caught fire in 2005 after joining the Canadian Navy under what name?
- 2: What major anniversary was celebrated in Barrow by the Submarine Service?
- 3: This Russian sub sparked an international rescue bid in 2000
- 4: The latest sub off the Barrow production line
- 5: Similar subs, like peas in a pod
- 6: Arguments have started over a replacement for this submarine missile system



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



PICTURE CLUE: Name the last of the Submarine Service Victoria Cross winners (shown left) on a visit to Barrow. **8 Down**



PICTURE CLUE: A former British submarine caught fire in 2005 after joining the Canadian Navy under what name? **1 ACROSS**

**Barrow - in - Furness**  
**Submariners Association**  
**Social Calendar 2010**



Jan	5	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	8	Fri	First footing Morecambe branch		Morecambe
	19	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	22/24	W/E	K13 memorial Weekend		HMNB Clyde
Feb	2	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
	16	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Mar	2	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	19/20	W/E	Faslane visit date available		HMNB Clyde
	23	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	25/27	W/E	SA Annual Conference		Weymouth
Apr	6	Tue	Annual General Meeting	1930	RBL
	16/18	W/E	Espana Levanta AGM Weekend		Benidorm
	20	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	24	Sat	Annual Dinner Dance	1900 for 1930	Lisdoonie
	25	Sun	St Georges day Parade		Barrow
May	4	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	18	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Jun	1	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
	18	Fri	Brewery Run		TBC
	22	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Jul	6	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies)	2000	RBL
	17	Sat	Branch Barbeque		RBL
	20	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Aug	3	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	17	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Sep	7	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
	21	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Oct	1/3	W/E	SA Reunion Britannia Hotel		Nottingham
	5	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	19	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	17	Fri	Trafalgar Ball	1930	Lisdoonie
	23/24	W/E	50 Years of Nuclear Submarines Celebration		TBC
Nov	2	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	7	Sun	Embankment Parade		London
	12	Fri	Ladies Night D/D (Black Tie)	1900	Lisdoonie
	14	Sun	Remembrance Parade	1015	Barrow
	16	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	19/20	W/E	Faslane visit date available		HMNB Clyde
Dec	2	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	11	Sat	Christmas Social	1930	RBL
	15	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL