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NEW BARROW BRANCH MEMBERS

The following new Members have recently joined the Barrow Branch. They are all very welcome.

Name	Rank/Rate	Submarine Service
Gary J (Jimmy) Jewell	Warrant Officer 1 MEA (EL) (SM)	1977 to 2004 in SUPERB (77-79), SCEPTRE (79-84), TORBAY (84-87), VANGUARD (90-92) & VENGEANCE (96-99)
Craig D Stannard	CMEM (M) (SM)	1989 to 2013 in SPARTAN (90-93), TRENCHANT (93-99), TURBULENT (00-05), TRENCHANT (05-09) & ARTFUL (11-13)
Graham T Wynn	Charge Chief MEA	1960 to 1985 in DREADNOUGHT (61-65), RESOLUTION (66-68) COURAGEOUS (71-72) (78-82) SUPERB (74-76) & DREADNOUGHT (82-83)

Cover Pictures: Branch Members at the Christmas Party

CHAIRMANS DIT – JANUARY 2014



It is mid afternoon on New Year's Day. As I look out of the window writing this Chairman's Word it is pouring with rain, windy, not too warm and my shed has no roof. Having said that a Happy New Year to you all and I trust that it brings you good health and lets also have some decent weather – pleeease!! I also hope you also had a Merry Christmas (but not too merry – hic)

I have had no PC or internet for a couple of days but I can't let that be an excuse for not getting this to Barrie sooner. I could have done it long hand as in the old days. Yeah right!! I must thank Barrie for stepping into the breach and continuing with the branch newsletter. He has a hard act to follow but if the National Newsletter is anything to go by which Barrie also edits it will be very good. I thank all those who also applied to be the editor but failed the strict skills examination. Finally - another thanks to Ben who finished off his many years as editor with an excellent edition in December.

The Christmas Social at the RBL was one of the best I have attended. A really good night, a very good buffet and for the members plus one it was free. Can't do better than that now can we? This was courtesy of the remains of the 50th Anniversary Funding so all in all there has been something for everyone. Once again – well done Alex and your support team.

As we have in the last couple of years we provided a Christmas Hamper to our widows along with a 50th Anniversary mug. All those I delivered to were very grateful and asked me to pass on their sincere thanks, which I now do. My thanks go to Ben Britten and Jan Mead who also helped deliver some of the hampers. I have received a lovely letter from Mary Whetton, which I have included in full as a separate article.

The 2014 Submariners Association diaries finally arrived and I have passed these on to Mick Mailey who will distribute at the January meeting to those who ordered.

Friends of Ted Budgen should be aware that Ted is back in Furness General as his leg is still playing him up – if you can spare some time he will be more than happy to see visitors for a chat.

Well for those masochist men who don't want to see January out here are a few tips for your wife/partner/girlfriend. Please don't let Fiona read this.

Not that I'm giving them excuses - but this just might answer a few life-long questions about men.....

The man fights back!! Tell your ladies, the 20th Century man is dead... Long live the 21st century.

To the lady in your life below is how it REALLY is...

If you think you might be fat, you are. Don't ask us. Just get your arse in a gym.

Learn to work the toilet seat: if it's up, put the bloody thing down.

Don't cut your hair. Ever. It causes arguments when we comment on it.

Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if we can find the perfect present..... again.

If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

Sometimes, we're not thinking about you. Live with it.

Saturday = Football/Rugby/Cricket/ Any other sport. Let it be.

Shopping is not a sport!

Crying is blackmail. Use it if you must, but don't expect us to respond to it.

Anything you wear is fine. Really!

Ask for what you want. Subtle hints don't work.

Yes, peeing standing up is more difficult than peeing from point blank range. We're bound to miss sometimes.

Most blokes own two to three pairs of shoes, so what makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress?

'Yes', 'No' and 'Mmm' are perfectly acceptable answers.

A headache that lasts for 17 months is a problem. See a doctor.

Your Mum doesn't have to be our best friend.

Check your oil. It is an essential part of the car.

The relationship is never going to be like it was the first two months we were going out.

Anything we said 6 or 8 months ago is inadmissible in an argument.

All comments become null and void after 7 days.

Telling us that the models in the men's magazines are airbrushed makes you look jealous and petty and it's certainly not going to deter us from reading them.

The male models with the great bodies you see in magazines are all gay.

If something we said could be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad and angry, we meant the other one.

Let us ogle. If we don't look at other women, how can we rate how pretty you are?

Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during the commercials.

When we are in bed and look tired this means that we are tired and does not mean that we want to discuss the relationship.

If you want some dessert after a meal - have some. You don't have to finish it. You can just taste it if you like but don't say, "No I couldn't / shouldn't / don't want any" and then eat half of mine.

If you're on a diet it doesn't mean I have to eat rabbit food with you.

A man's four essential food groups are: white meat, red meat, cold beer and cold beer. Please ensure all meals contain a good balance of the above in good quantities - everything else falls under the category 'garnish'.

Do not question our sense of direction. Ever!

All the best lads see you in out-patients!!

Best Regards, Dave Barlow

Letter from Mary Whetton

Dear Dave

Thank you again for the lovely hamper, also for the lovely Mr & Mrs Claus for yet again coming all the way to Morecambe to deliver it. Well this year I clocked up 2500 sea miles plus I finally got to St Nazaire overland and walked along the top of the pig pens. Harry talked about it but kept quiet about losing 5 – 0 to the local football team. I finally got the newspaper cutting translated. Harry blamed it on the run ashore the night before with the French team in other words they were nobbled.

Is there anyone who was there still about – late 56 or early 57. There were two ships there at the time, Harry with the Thule based at Gosport at the time.

Wishing you all the best for a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Mary Whetton

SECRETARY'S REPORT



By the time the newsletter is issued we will be into the New Year 2014, doesn't time fly. I hope you have all recovered from any excess you may have indulged in over the festive period. I shall not be at the January meeting due to business commitments in London. Barrie will therefore be standing in for me and I tender my thanks to him.

There are two positions available on the NMC with no takers at this moment. If you feel you would like to join the NMC

and feel you could make a contribution please let Dave Barlow or me know and we will pass to National.

On a local matter the Branch AGM is April and any amendments to the Branch rules will need to be ratified by the Branch Committee prior to the AGM. Therefore if you have any ideas please let the Committee know before. It is also the Chairman to be re-elected, but if you feel you would like to put your name forward please let a committee member know.

This is the first newsletter following Ben's retirement from the editorship and I would like to express my thanks to Ben for all his efforts over the many years he has been in post. I am sure you will join me in thanking Barrie for stepping into the breach.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year

Regards

Ron

Branch and National Subscriptions

It's that time of year when your Subscription for your 2014 Branch and National Membership is due. The Subscription remains the same as last year at £12.50 of which £5.00 is the Branch Share and £7.50 is the National Association Share. If you are a Branch Life Member you only need to pay the £7.50 National Share.

Those of you paying by cheque should make it payable to 'Submariners Association - Barrow' or 'SA Barrow' and send your cheques to Mick Mailey – the Branch Treasurer - or bring it along to a Branch Meeting.

Those of you who pay by Standing Order - please check that your Bank is paying the correct amount to the Barrow Branch Account.

If your Standing Order is still payable to the National Account it is requested that you make out a new Standing Order in favour of the Branch – this makes it easier for the Treasurer to keep track of the accounts and Membership. If you require a new Standing Order Form these are available from the Treasurer and the Secretary and a copy is also attached to this Newsletter.

Don't forget you can also pay using old fashioned 'CASH' which you can pay to the Treasurer at the Branch Meeting. When your Subscription has been paid the Treasurer will give you (or send you) your new Membership Card which, from this year on, will be a Plastic Card - credit card size to fit easily in your wallet – the Card will be marked with your unique National Association Membership Number

SOCIAL SECRETARY



Hi Shipmates,

Firstly, may I add my Happy New Year wishes to the list. Also I would like to thank the 103 people who attended the Christmas party, a special thanks goes to my victims for the Mr. & Mrs. Competition; Ron, Lyn, Ken and Lillian. Also thanks goes to Eddie and the boys off the Artful who supplied the buffet and my many little helpers on the night. Next year I promise it will be bigger and better with a disco that plays on after the live act has finished.

Also we had our Children's Christmas party on Saturday 21st and that was a success, attended by 48 children and lots of parents. My thanks go to Cheryl Hagen who was instrumental in this being added to our social calendar and thanks to her team of specialists. On our side I would like to thank Phyllis

& Bob Palmer who stood by me throughout and were much needed support. It all went like clockwork.

As always, my thanks goes to the Royal British Legion and the wonderful staff there who help me in my endeavours.

Diary Check:

The first event for 2014 is the 'First Footing' to Morecambe planned for Friday 7th Feb so get your name down. Coach is provisionally booked but if the numbers don't support this event then you may have to travel by train. So please give some thought to this and get your names down; the final decision will be made Thursday 30th Jan. It is a great evening with a lot of laughs, please support this.

The corporate footie will be Saturday 22nd Feb and is against Oxford City; who has NEARLY lost more than we have. It is a stonking good day. Starts at 12 with a complimentary bar, pre match meal and wine, match day programme, talk from

Barrow AFC management, reserved seating, half time drink and eats, and a complimentary bar until we get thrown out; approx 6pm. Cost is £35 which the social fund will subsidise down to £30 and if I can get over 25 people coming I will negotiate further reductions. Limited to a maximum of 40 persons, the list is open and will close at the February Meeting. If you like football this is great, if you want to support the local team this is for you, if you just like to drink, eat, and get a bit of fresh air whilst watching 22 lads (to begin with) kick a bag of wind around whilst having a laugh then this is a must. Friday 14th March is a night at the Dogs; similar to the horses but smaller jockeys. As with the Christmas bash this will be free to members and their first guest; all others will be charged £3 to cover food costs. The night is a fund raiser for Motor Neurone Disease and the Association; profits will be split equally between the two. I will be giving out the tickets at the meetings, again please only take them if you are going to attend as catering (Kath Brown's pie and peas – best in the county) will be ordered on the strength of the list. These are really good evenings with lots of fun and we really need your support.

The Members dinner is a 5 course dinner, with reception drink, ½ bottle of wine and copious amounts of port at the Crofters in Holbeck. The entertainment will be speakers both

Alex Webb, Social Secretary

A SCOTTISH STORY

A Scotsman walks into a bank in Glasgow and asks for the loans officer. He tells the loan officer that he is going to Australia on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000.

The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, so the canny Scots lad hands over the keys and documents of new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank.

He produces the Log Book and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The Bank's Manager and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the rough looking Scotsman for using a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral against a £5000 loan. An employee of the bank then

from our membership and imported with background music only in between 'dits'. This event is aimed at all (male & female), but specifically at members who do not want to go to a disco or place where a female guest is perceived as being part of the dress code. It is limited to 50 on a first come basis and costs £30. This will be a formal function but not a 'black tie' affair.

I have booked the luxury canal boat party, the date has changed from the Sat 10th May to Sat 17th May; this is to de-conflict it with the Keswick to Barrow run. This includes transport to and from Barton (near Lancaster). One and half hour cruise with food, a one hour stop over at the Old Tithe Barn in Garstang and then one and half hour cruise back with live entertainment on the way home (total time 4 hours). The cost is £35 but will be subsidised by the social fund to JUST £30. This is going to be a great afternoon/evening out and is limited to the first 50. Those attending will determine the food and entertainment by majority vote.

As always at the meetings I run a raffle and the members (free) draw which in January has rolled over to £20; all you have to do to win is be there, have paid your subs and get your number drawn – easy, ask Kenny Collins.

Come along and give these events a try.

drives the Ferrari in to the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41.

The loan officer says, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi millionaire. So what puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow £5,000?"

The Scotsman replies: "Where else in Glasgow can I park my car for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be there when I return"

Ah, the mind of the Scotsman... This is why they survive!!!

HMS EXPLORER – 2nd COMMISSION MEMORIES



By Alan West

Alan joined HMS EXPLORER in 'refit' at Barrow in Furness shortly before the Submarine moved from the Graving Dock to a berth at the in the Dock System at the Admiralty Development Establishment, Barrow (ADEB). The 'refit' completed in August 1959 after a slight delay owing to a fire in the Turbine Room - caused by a VSEL Coppersmith working with a blow lamp in a cramped bilge space. Alan's comment 'Nasty.'

Alan recalled that he joined the boat with another ERA and they were allocated the Engine Room - one 'U' Class

Submarine Diesel Generator sited in the Fore-ends and the Outside ERA's duties whilst the 'Experts' got on with the H.T.P. 'bits'. All crew members joining the boat were given a laboratory demonstration of the volatility of H.T.P. under various conditions – which was not very comforting.

The Plant Layout The Turbine Room was isolated from the rest of the Boat at its Forward Bulkhead during Plant operation. Small observation windows were fitted in the bulkhead but they 'fogged up' progressively during plant

operation. It was possible to see red glows in the combustion chamber area – proven!

The Main Motor operational controls were forward of the Turbine Control Platform.

The H.T.P. was stored in ‘kidney shaped’ bags to suit the contours of the Ballast Tanks. No H.T.P. was stored within the Boat when the Plant was ‘Shut Down.’

The Equipment consisted of the Triple Pump which was used to pump the H.T.P., water and fuel, the Proportioning Device which was used to control the required quantities of H.T.P., water and fuel, the Catalyst Chambers which was used to activate the H.T.P., the Combustion Chambers which burnt off the excess Oxygen by injecting and igniting fossil fuel entering the chamber and the de- superheating with water in the lower regions of the chamber.

A CO2 Compressor removed CO2 from the Condenser but was prone to water ‘carry over’. Shear keys were fitted to prevent damage if the ‘carry over’ was excessive and the plant shut down. Propulsion was via a Single Stage Steam Turbine. An Excess Water Pump was fitted to remove water from the system - water was re-formed during H.T.P. operations. The Triple Pumps operated in their own bilge spaces which were maintained at a suitable level to dilute any H.T.P. leakage or draining after shutting down.

After ‘Commissioning’ HMS EXPLORER went to Faslane for the usual ‘Work Up’ during which there were no H.T.P. operations and the post ‘Work Up’ Divisions ended with Captain SM saying it was nice to see us before we went to Campbeltown to run our own private little Navy!

It was around this time when CERA Charlie Aldridge went ‘Nuclear’ and as I’d passed I was offered the job. After a bit of roster skulduggery it came to pass end of quiet number!!

EXPLORER and EXCALIBUR each had their own little Depot Ship – MINER 8 for EXPLORER and MINER 1 for EXCALIBUR but ‘they’ decided that both should be given names. EXCALIBUR’s Depot Ship became HMS MINSTREL and the crew devised a musical motif for its funnel as a bar of music consisting of the first six notes of that ‘sod’s opera’ masterpiece ‘We’re a Shower of Bastards’

I wasn’t aware of any change in the crew up until the time that we all locked up the boat and left Barrow in Furness but Mike Kirk reckons that EXPLORER should have become HMS MINDFUL. MINER 8 had its own basic crew of half a dozen personnel or so and had the only radar between the two of us.

Operations The EXPLORER & EXCALIBUR were not designed for being anything other than fast underwater

targets and due to the limited provision of bunks, fresh water and domestic facilities it was basically ‘day running’ only. Further, if the plant was running, it was virtually ‘watch on, stop on’ for the operators. Running from Campbeltown consisted of leaving early a.m. to get to the exercise area at reasonable time at our 6 knots surface speed followed by rendezvous with our playmate(s) and exercise until:-

- (a) The playmate had had enough or had other plans
- (b) We ran out of H.T.P.
- (c) We had plant problems

If we were due back out again the ‘turn round’ time was a minimum of 24 hours due to the refuelling process taking a very considerable time in the capable hands of the Chief Stoker. Refuelling was from the RFA SPARBECK who topped up from the bulk H.T.P. storage at Faslane.

Two annual ‘Jollies’ were granted during the Second Commission. The first was to Ghent in Belgium and the second was to Copenhagen. The first was enjoyable - but uneventful with the submarine leading the way and MINSTREL a respectful distance behind and in radio contact. Copenhagen was a different kettle of fish. No problems going apart from the requirement to hit the Pentland Firth at the right time to avoid going against the 6 knot current. The return was different – first night out our little ‘U’ Class main propulsion generator had a camshaft problem. Fortunately Gothenberg was quite handy so we dropped in. We arranged for a spare which was delivered about four days later. There was a slight problem – ‘U’ class engines are P & S and guess what!!! We turned our attention to the old camshaft, and with a few bits off the new one, effected a repair which actually lasted for the rest of the commission.

Towards the end of the Commission the Combustion Chamber steam outlet had to be replaced as the pipe wall had corroded through however a quick visit to Scott’s shipyard across the river fixed that for us.

At the end of the Commission HMS EXPLORER returned to Barrow in Furness in March 1962 and ‘Paid Off.’ In April 1963, after a gradual reduction in the number of ‘refit’ crew personnel, it was decided that another ‘refit’ was not practicable – now the ‘Nuclear’ programme was in full swing. Locking devices were fashioned and fitted to the hatches and the last five ‘refit’ crew members went their separate ways after handing over the keys to the Reserve Fleet, Barrow. All in all EXPLORER had a reasonably successful Second Commission but H.T.P. was pretty obviously not the way ahead.

Submarine Victoria Cross Holders of WWI

This is the first article of a series in this, the 100th year since the outbreak of the 1st World War, commemorating those Submariners who were awarded the Victoria Cross during that War.

Lieutenant Norman Douglas Holbrook, VC, Royal Navy

Norman Holbrook was born in Southsea, Hants on 9th Jul 1888 and he was the son of Sir Arthur Holbrook – a newspaper proprietor (one of the founders of Holbrook’s Printers in Hilsea, Portsmouth) and Amelia M Holbrook. At the time of the 1891 Census two year old Norman was listed as being at home with his parents, two sisters and three brothers at 25, Victoria Road North, Portsea, Hants. By the time of the 1901 Census the family had increased by another two daughters and another two sons and the family had moved to Warleigh House, Grove Road South, Portsmouth. Norman Holbrook was educated privately and at Portsmouth Grammar School.



He joined the Royal Navy as a Cadet at the Britannia, Royal Naval College in 1903 and was promoted to Midshipman on 30th Jan 1905.

He was appointed to the 14,900 ton Twin Screw Battle Ship HMS JUPITER in the Channel Fleet on 20th Sep 1905. This was followed by an appointment to the 9,800 ton Twin Screw Armoured Cruiser HMS MONMOUTH 'on commissioning at Devonport for service on the China Station' on 10th Apr 1906. He was promoted to Sub Lieutenant on 30th Mar 1908. Lieutenant Holbrook (Seniority 30th Sep 1909) joined Submarines in 1910 when, on 4th Jan 1910, he was appointed to HMS MERCURY at Portsmouth 'for Training'. This was followed, on 11th Apr 1910, by a further appointment to HMS MERCURY 'for Submarines' in Submarine Section IV which, at that time consisted of fifteen submarines of the 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Classes. At the time of the 1911 Census, which was conducted on Sunday 2nd April 1911 Norman Holbrook – who was listed as an officer in the Navy and serving in the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MERCURY - was living at home with his family in Warleigh House. His next appointment was to HMS BONAVENTURE 'for Submarines' on 4th Apr 1911 followed by an appointment to HMS THAMES (5th and 6th Flotillas) – both of 'C' Class boats 'for Submarines' on 12th Jan 1912. On 15th Oct 1912 he was re-appointed to HMS BONAVENTURE 'for Submarines'. His first Command then followed with the appointment, on 19th Mar 1913 to HMS DOLPHIN 'for Submarine A13 in Command'. An appointment to HMS EGMONT at Malta 'for Submarine B11 in Command' followed on 30th Dec 1913.

Lieutenant Norman D Holbrook was awarded the Victoria Cross (London Gazette of 22nd December 1914) for his action in successfully sinking the Turkish Battleship MESSUDIEH at the Dardanelles on 13th Dec 1914.

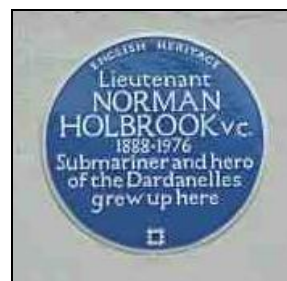
The King has been Graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant Norman Douglas Holbrook, Royal Navy for the conspicuous act of bravery as specified below. For most conspicuous bravery on 13th December, when in command of the Submarine B11, he entered the Dardanelles, and, notwithstanding the very difficult current, dived his vessel under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish Battleship "Messudiyeh", which was guarding the minefield. Lieutenant Holbrook succeeded in bringing the B11 safely back, although assailed by gun fire and torpedo boats, having been submerged on occasion for nine hours.

This was the first Victoria Cross awarded to the Royal Navy in the First World War and the first ever to a Submariner. On 5th Jul 1915 Lieutenant Holbrook was transferred, with Submarine B11, to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ADAMANT. On 7th Oct 1915 he was reported as being appointed to HMS DOLPHIN as 'Sick'. Then followed an appointment to HMS ARROGANT for 'Submarine F3 in Command – Building' to date 1st Jan 1916 – see Nominal List of 10th Feb 1916. Submarine F3 was built by Thornycroft of Woolston, Southampton and was 'Launched' on 15th Feb 1916 and 'Completed' on 15th Jul 1916. On commissioning Submarine F3 was attached to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ALECTO (8th Submarine Flotilla). His next appointment was to HMS ALECTO 'for Submarine V4 in Command' on 8th Dec 1916 (Nominal List of 1st Jan 1917). Norman Holbrook was appointed a 'Chevalier of the Legion of Honour' (France) – see London Gazette dated 7th Apr 1916 and an 'Officer of the Order of St. Michael and St. Lazarus' (Italy) – see London Gazette dated 14th Jul 1916. Norman Holbrook was next appointed to 'Submarine E41 in Command - Standing by whilst refitting' to date 14th Feb 1917 – Nominal List of 1st Mar 1917. The refit followed the accidental sinking of E41 in a collision with Submarine E4 on 15th Aug 1916. Submarine E41 a mine-laying Submarine, re-joined the 9th Submarine Flotilla based on HMS

MAIDSTONE at Harwich on re-commissioning. Norman Holbrook was promoted Lieutenant Commander on 30th Sep 1917 and, on 26th Jan 1918, he was appointed to HMS TITANIA (11th Submarine Flotilla) at Blyth 'for Submarine J2 in Command' (Nominal List of 1st Feb 1918). On 30th Oct 1918, returned to General Service and was appointed to HMS GLORY IV 'for Gunnery Duties'. Norman Holbrook was married to Viva Dixon at St George's, Hanover Square, London in 1919. In January 1920 he was listed without an appointment. Norman Holbrook was transferred to the Retired List at his own request on 30th Sep 1920. He then became a Director of Holbrook's Printers. He was promoted to Commander on the Retired List on 9th Jul 1928. He was recalled for duty on 25th Aug 1939 and was appointed to HMS PRESIDENT 'for service in the Admiralty Trade Division'. Norman Holbrook died at Steadham Mill, Sussex on 3rd Jun 1976. He is buried in the St. James' Churchyard at Midhurst, Sussex.

A Blue Plaque commemorating Norman Holbrook is sited at 18, Grove Road South, Southsea, Hants where Norman Holbrook once lived.

There is also a memorial plaque, unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh in the Royal Naval and Royal Albert Yacht Club in Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth



Norman Holbrook's Headstone in the St. James Old Churchyard, Stedham, West Sussex

The grave is in the North East corner behind the church

NOTE. After the outbreak of the War in 1914 the population of Germantown in New South Wales decided that they needed to change the name of their town to something a little more patriotic. Following the award of the Victoria Cross to Norman Holbrook it was decided to change the name to Holbrook. The name and the achievements of Norman Holbrook are commemorated annually by the town of Holbrook on ANZAC Day.

Norman Holbrook's Victoria Cross and other medals are on display at The Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Branch Birthdays January 2014

H. B. (Bruce) Cable

02/01

S. (Steve) Appleyard	04/01
A .M. (Andy) Cundell	08/01
D. (David) Burnside	09/01
R. .S. (Robert) Sherriff	10/01
P. J. (Rocky) McGovern	11/01
E. Hamer	12/01
H. D. (Henry) Sibbitt	21/01
P. C. (Peter) Hearn	22/01
J. R. (John) Oldfield	22/01
R. N. (Ralph) Dixon	25/01
B. (Brian) Reed	27/01
I. W. (Ian) Moore	29/01

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this- the first issue of the new format Barrow Branch Newsletter. Ben Britten has stood down as the Editor after thirteen years in which he edited all except six issues of the one hundred and sixty two issues to date. In order that the Branch Newsletter continues to be published on a monthly basis I have taken over as Editor but you will see that there are a few changes in the layout and I will continue the numbering sequence so this is issue No. 163.

You will see some similarities to the layout of the National Newsletter 'In Depth' but that is because I edit that Newsletter as well and the format seems to work.

The 'Barrow Built' section and the Word Search page have been discontinued as they were produced separately for Ben to include and are no longer available. However the usual contributions from the Chairman, Secretary and Social Secretary will appear as usual as will any events of interest to Branch Members.

I have started off a new series this month which will be biographies of World War One Submariner VC's and will then move on to winners of other Gallantry awards such as Submariner Conspicuous Gallantry Medals, DSOs, DSCs and DSMs.

I hope that you will all enjoy this first issue in the new format and will continue to support the Branch Newsletter by sending in contributions and any comments you think relevant

Barrie Downer
Newsletter Editor

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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 listed above under Committee Members. You may also send your contribution by e-mail to me barrie@downer55.freemove.co.uk. 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 January for the February 2014 issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of each month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition – keep them stories coming

Barrie Downer
Editor

January Calendar

Next Branch Meeting Tuesday 7th January at 2000

The following Poem is from HMS MEDWAY's Line Book whilst she was stationed in Alexandria towards the end of the Second World War

“Peatie” & “Toothy”

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander
Is a rank which few can attain.
You should know just a bit about medicine
And it's not a bad thing to have brain.
But if in addition your 'Dental'
A knowledge of how to cause pain.
Is generally thought to be useful
For you too, I'd recommend brain.

But professional duties in Medway
Are quite unimportant, I think –
Your chief jobs are censoring letters,
Amenities – eating and drink.
So here's to you 'peatie' and 'toothie'
And pray don't take action for slander.
For I hope I'll still be here to toast you
When you each become Surgeon Commander

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Full Membership Application Form

Please note that the National Membership Secretary and the Branch Sec/Branch Membership Sec keep your address and contact details. They are NOT divulged to a third party without your permission.

Surname		First Name	
Initials	Title:	Official No.	
Address		Decorations	
		Rank/Rate	
		D.O.B.	
County			
Post Code			
Home Phone:		Home e-mail:	
Mobile Phone:			
Work Phone:		Work e-mail:	
Dates Joined & Left Submarine Service			
Which Branch do you wish to join?			
Have you previously been a member of the Submariners Association or SOCA?			YES NO
Do you agree to have some of the above details (Name, Rank/Rate, Branch to which you belong, boats served in) displayed on the Association Website?			YES NO
Do you agree to have your email address displayed on the Association Website?			YES NO
Submarines Served On		Date From	Date To
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
Current membership fees are £7.50 pa. plus Branch subscriptions which are a branch matter. Please forward the completed form by email or snail mail to the national membership secretary for forwarding to your elected branch. The branch secretary will then contact you re subscriptions.		Branch Secretary: Ron Hiseman Esq. 17 Leeds Ave, Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria. LA14 4Aq ronhiseman@tiscali.co.uk	

Submariners Association - Standing Order Mandate

Please make the payments detailed below and debit my/our account

Name of A/c to be debited _____
(Your name as shown on your Bank Account)

A/c No. _____

Sort Code _____

Name of Payee: _____ Date: _____
(Name of Own Bank)

Address of Payee _____
(Address of own Bank)

Bank & Branch to which payment is to be made

Barclays Bank

A/c Name; Submariners Association Barrow Branch

A/c No 10609536

Code No. 20-04-68

86-90 Dalton Road

Barrow-in-Furness

Cumbria

LA14 1JH

Amount (in words) Twelve Pounds and Fifty Pence only

£12.50

Date of Payments 31st December Annually

(Input date in December you wish payment to be made)

Date of First payment _____

(Usually Now)

Special Instructions (if any) _____

* Payments are to continue until _____
(date of last payment inclusive)

* Payments are to continue until you receive further notice in writing

This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of the Payee named above under this reference

Signature: _____

* **Delete as necessary**

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS – CROSSED THE BAR – NOVEMBER 2013

RESURGAM

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	O/N	Age	Submarine Service
Non Member	1st Dec 2013	Stanley Frederick Warner	Able Seaman	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service from 1947 to 1952 in THOROUGH (47), ALCIDE (50) & TRESPASSER (51-52)
Submarine Officers Association	29 th Nov 2013	Humphrey Michael Woolrych, GM	Lieutenant Commander	N/A	87	Submarine Service from 1948 in TACTICIAN, STURDY, SIRDAR
Submarines Association of Australia	7 th Dec 2013	Bryan Louis Cleary	Commodore, RAN	N/A	89	Submarine Service from Sep 1943 to Nov 1945 in K9, VARNE (NO) & SUPREME (NO)
Plymouth Branch	11th Dec 2013	John G G Rowat	Able Seaman (UC)	P/JX 368609	89	Submarine Service from Feb 1943 to Sep 1945 in SERAPH
Submarine Officers Association	12 th Dec 2013	Paul Hind	Commander	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service from 1970 in ALLIANCE Sep- Dec 1970), FINWHALE (Dec 1970 to Mar 1972), RENOWN (S) Jan 1973 to Nov 1975), DREADNOUGHT Dec 1975 to Nov 1978), OLYMPUS (CO) Nov 1980 to Jul 1982), RENOWN (P) (Jan 1986 to Oct 1987)
Leicestershire & Rutland Branch	13th Dec 2013	Richard (Chuck) Bacon	Stoker Mechanic	P/KX 785850	85	Submarine Service 1946 to 1948 in SENTINEL & ALARIC
Norfolk Branch	15 th Dec 2013	Jack Negus	Petty Officer (2 nd Coxswain)	C/JX 236408	92	Submarine Service 1940 to 1946 in H33, P512, UNRIVALLED, VOLATILE & TOTEM
Non Member	Dec 2013	Charles William 'Charlie' Naylor	Medical Technician 1st Class	D081112	TBA	Submarine Service from Jul 1967 in RENOWN (S) (1st Commission) on 15th Nov 1968, SWIFTSURE (1st Commission) on 17th Oct 1972, SCEPTRE (1st Commission) on 14th Feb 1978, TRAFALGAR & TALENT (1st Commission) on 12th May 1990
Welsh Branch	19th Dec 2013	Kenneth Higgins	Able Seaman	D/JX 564856	88	Submarine Service from Nov 1943 to Oct 1946 in UNRIVALLED, SAGA & TANTALUS
Eastern States Australia Branch	21st Nov 2013	Richard John Hill	Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer	D/M 928967	TBA	Submarine Service from 1961 to 1968 in TRUNCHEON (61-65) & TABARD (65-68)
Gosport Branch	25 th Dec 2013	Norman G Woodruff	Charge Chief (WEA)	P/MX 883649	78	Submarine Service from 1958 to 1980 in EXCALIBUR, FINWHALE, GRAMPUS, CACHALOT, OPOSSUM, OPPORTUNE & ORACLE