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### **Cover Picture: HMS ARTFUL LEAVING WET DOCK QUAY FOR HER TRIM DIVE**

Photograph by Mike Vallance (BAE)

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### EDITORIAL

Hello everyone – here is your November Edition of the Newsletter. The cover picture shows the latest ASTUTE Class Submarine HMS ARTFUL leaving the Wet Dock Quay for her ‘Trim and Incline’ Dive in Devonshire Dock – one of the important milestones in her preparations to leave Barrow Early next year. Meantime in Faslane HMS ASTUTE has arrived back home from eight months away from home and after covering 27,000 miles and with a different Commanding Officer from the one who commenced the deployment. Additionally HMS AMBUSH arrived back in Faslane after completing her first operational deployment. All indications are that the Astute Class Submarines are a great success and are performing well and far better than many had anticipated.

This month the Newsletter includes Bob Faragher’s report of the recent visit to the KORBRA Social at Fleetwood, another of Peter Schofield’s WWII Warship Week articles, the next in the series covering WWII Submariner Victoria Cross holders and an item about the two WWI ‘D’ Class Submarines lost in November 1914. There is also an item about the US Navy’s early consideration of a new design SSN to follow on from the Virginia Class Submarines with building starting in the 2030’s and ‘in service dates’ in the mid-2040s. This design is currently designated SSN-(X) – but wasn’t that the original designation for the Trafalgar Class ‘follow on’ design or was it SSN20?

Please enjoy your November Edition of ‘Periscope View’ and don’t forget that you too can help by sending in your contributions – everyone has a story to tell - and any comments you think relevant – polite ones only – of course!

Regards to all, **Barrie Downer**

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### CHAIRMAN'S DIT

OCTOBER 2014



### **Hi to you all**

Back from my holiday to the rubbish British weather. My thanks to Ken Collins for standing in for me at the last meeting.

This weekend is the National Submarine Memorial at the London Embankment. It gets bigger every year, over 400 veterans and this year it is expected that the serving submariners will exceed this. A far cry from the 50 or so of us and half a dozen serving lads. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Boyce is an ever present and the number of

Admirals and captains alone could set up their own platoon.

Next Friday sees us enjoying our annual Ladies night at the Fairways Hotel. We have not used this venue before but whenever I have gone the food has been terrific. See Alec if there are any last minute tickets if you want to attend. He says it is a James Bond theme so I expect he will have a couple of surprises up his sleeve.

Mick Mailey represented the Branch at the K2B presentation this week. This money always helps us to carry out our charitable work for which are well renowned in the community.

The second batch of Submariners Poppy Badges have finally arrived. If you want one or more then be at the meeting on Tuesday or contact Jan Mead - our Slops Manager

As I have to go to Scotland the morning after our Ladies night I give my apologies that I will therefore not be able to attend our own Remembrance Day Parade.

That's all for now, see you Tuesday.

**Dave**

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**



Hello

A busy month for the Branch with the Monthly Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November followed by Ladies Night on 7<sup>th</sup> November and the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This year we have been invited to the Askam Ceremony – also on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> but at 1400 in the afternoon so if you free please support this request.

Alex is trying a new venue for Ladies Night this year. I believe Stroke One has had a major overhaul so it should be a good night so please support Alex and attend the events he puts on for the Branch

On the Secretary front I am still working out of the London office so again I have to rely on Barrie to step in and do a sterling job. My laptop has returned from the fixer and I have lost everything I had before with the exception of my address book. Although IO have all the addresses I do not have the names that go with them so I am now trawling the list trying to match addresses with names, so I hope to be back on-line as soon as possible. I have not received any proposed Resolutions for National Council Conference and as the deadline is next month's (December) meeting I assume the Branch is happy with the way National is run

Kindest regards

Ron

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## **SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**



Hi Shipmates,

October saw the race night. We had a few away on the high seas etc but we didn't get a very good turnout, sadly; 4 members supported me on this one. However, everyone there seemed to enjoy themselves, they had a drink a flutter a laugh and some food. Owners Ginge Cundell and Dave Barlow made the winning post and have some dosh coming their way. Takings/profit on the night amounted to just £72 pounds; better than nothing and thank you to all who did support this evening.

Diary Check:

Tickets are on sale for the Ladies Night Dinner Dance: James Bond style. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Fairways Hotel from 7pm. Cost is £37:50 per person and this will give you a ticket to the best party in town; also you will get a reception drink (shaken not stirred), 3 course meal, half bottle of wine, port toast, ladies favours, 2 live entertainers and a disco to late in the evening. If you have already put your name down - great, if not then what are you waiting for; this is going to be a fantastic evening. I don't want to ruin any of the surprises but I have it on good authority that Sean Connery, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig will be there! Anyone who hasn't given me their money or picked up their tickets then that will be all sorted at this month's meeting.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December children's Christmas party from 1 – 4 at the Legion, cost is £5 with your child getting a gift from Santa, food, drink and a disco. Limited to 50 so

please don't miss out; tickets go on sale at the November meeting with the list closing on the 30th November.

Saturday 20th December is the adult Christmas party, cost is £3 which gives you live entertainment from Steve Silver, disco and food. Also there will be a raffle and a good time to be had to all. This event is heavily subsidised so it really is your chance to get your money's worth out of the social fund.

As always at the meetings I run a raffle and the members (free) draw which was not won in October (although it

would have been funny, if at the only meeting he's missed for some time, Dave Barlow won the members draw) we are now at £25. Talking big money now and all you have to do to win is be there, have paid your subs and get your number drawn – easy, ask Kenny, Hugh, Bob, Peter, or Ian.

Join in and please support these functions.

**Alex Webb**  
**Social Secretary**

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE**

It's that time of year again when we remember all those lost in War and those they left behind. It is especially important to remember them this year – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. This year's Parade is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Timings are muster at the Town Hall Square at 1010 for a March Off at 1035 to the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Service, the Two Minutes Silence and Wreath Laying. On completion we march back to the Royal British Legion for a Tot and a few pints plus Pie & Peas. Please make every effort to be on Parade this year.

### **THE ROYAL NAVAL SUBMARINE MUSEUM**

From Commander Jeff Tall

#### **Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

After seven years involvement with the Royal Naval Submarine Museum, with the ALLIANCE project very successfully completed and the Royal Navy Submarine Museum fully integrated into the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Vice Admiral Sir Tim McClement has decided to step down as Chairman of Trustees. He has handed over to Captain Dan Conley.

Thanks to Sir Tim's tremendous commitment and drive together with his very successful fundraising efforts, ALLIANCE is in excellent shape and proving a first rate visitor attraction reflected by visitor numbers which since April have approached the 100,000 total.

### **US Navy Starting Work on New SSN(X) Nuclear Attack Submarine**

By: **Dave Majumdar**

Oct 23, 2014

The U.S. Navy is starting early preparation work to design a new nuclear attack submarine to replace the Virginia-class boats (SSN-774) in the 2030s. The new attack boat would become operational in 2044 after the last Block VII Virginias are built.

“The long range shipbuilding plan is for a new SSN authorized in 2034 in lieu of the eighth block of Virginia-class,” Rear Adm. Dave Johnson, Naval Sea Systems Command's program executive officer for submarines told the Naval Submarine League Symposium in Falls Church, Va., on Thursday, “2034 may seem far off, but

the design research community needs to take action now.”



Virginia-class attack submarine Pre-commissioning unit (PCU) John Warner (SSN 785) on Sept. 1, 2014.

US Navy Photo

There will likely be an analysis of alternative for the new submarine—which has tentatively dubbed SSN(X) — in about 10 years or 2024.

That, Johnson said, leaves nine years to identify, design and demonstrate the new technologies the new attack boat will need.

Johnson said that he has formed a small team to work on a five-year plan to begin to do some of that work. The team will consult with industry and will identify the threat environment and technologies the submarine will need to operate against in the 2050 plus timeframe, Johnson said.

One of the areas Johnson has already identified as critical for SSN(X) is integration with off-board systems. Vice Adm. Mike Connor, Commander of Submarine Force, Atlantic (COMSUBLANT), said that future submarine weapons for both the Virginia and the future SSN(X) would be networked extremely long-ranged weapons.

Some of the concepts include a new prototype torpedo propulsion system from Pennsylvania State University — a torpedo that could hit targets more than 200 nautical miles away.

“I'm not sure I'm mentally prepared to employ a 200-mile torpedo, but I'm going to put some thought into that,” Connor said.

Connor said that while an attack boat like the Virginia or SSN(X) might launch a torpedo, the targeting data might come from another platform.

Those other platforms could include an aircraft like an unmanned aerial vehicle launched from the submarine or something like a Boeing P-8 Poseidon. In fact, in the submarine might not even guide the weapon to its target in the terminal phase of the engagement, Connor said.

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### **THE MEDALS, HONOURS & AWARDS PROCESS**

In recent years there have been several petitions for the award of Campaign Medals 'for services rendered' in earlier years. One of these petitions was for recognition of Bomber Command in WWII and another was for recognition of the Arctic Convoys. More recently there has been discussions about the need to recognise service during the Cold War – particularly for Submariners who participated in 'Patrols Up North' otherwise known as 'Sneakies'. It is believed to be the case that the United States Navy recognise such patrols as 'War Patrols'. The institution in recent years of the 'Bomber Patrol Pin' for the SSBN fraternity highlighted the apparent differences in perceived worth of the efforts of SSK and SSN Submariners versus SSBN Submariners. Completion of between one and nineteen SSBN patrols is recognised by a Silver Pin and twenty or more by a Gold Pin.

During the moves for the recognition of Bomber Command by the award of a Campaign Medal a letter was received from the MoD by one of the campaigners which explained the process and reasoning for not awarding back dated Campaign Medals. The gist of the letter is as follows:

*'Thank you for your letter concerning a campaign medal and recognition for those who served with Bomber Command during World War II.*

*There is undoubtedly widespread admiration for the major contribution that the crews of Bomber Command made to the Allied victory in World War II and their commitment in the face of significant losses. However, as I am sure you will appreciate, the institution of medals is not in the gift of politicians.*

*The process which leads to the institution of a British award has been followed for many years with only minor changes. The policy that informs this process is settled by long practice and is owned by an independent committee, which is in no way influenced by either Ministers or Politicians. Whilst the Armed Forces can prepare a case that seeks to justify the institution of a new medal, there are many processes through which submissions must first pass. Ultimately these submissions will need to be approved by HM The Queen for a new medal to be instituted.*

*In the case of campaign service or an emergency situation, the process starts if the Commander in Chief considers that service in that theatre, or under particularly rigorous circumstances, justifies a medal. His recommendation is passed to senior military officers who, if they are in agreement, submit the case for a medal to the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS). If the CDS approves the proposal, the Defence Services Secretary submits the case to the independent Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals, known as the HD Committee, through the Ceremonial Officer at the Cabinet Office. The HD Committee consider the case and, if it agrees it has merit, submits it to The Sovereign for*

*approval. There is no direct Ministerial or political involvement with the Committee.*

*Since the end of World War II, the HD Committee has maintained a consistent policy that it will not consider the belated institution of awards and medals for service given many years earlier. The reason for this policy is that the present HD Committee cannot put itself in the place of the Committee which made the original decision and which would have been able to take account of the views of all interested parties at the time. In addition, if an exception were to be made for one case, then it would be almost impossible to refuse to re-consider every other claim for the retrospective institution of an award or medal. A dedicated medal for Bomber Command was considered by the HD Committee of the time and it was decided that the institution of such a medal, or indeed one for Coastal Command, South East Asia Command etc., was not appropriate.*

*It should also be pointed out that there were no medals awarded purely for service in a particular Command during World War II. Those who completed the minimum qualifying period of service in operational areas were eligible for the 1939-45 Star and those with long service in non-operational areas received the Defence Medal. In addition to the 1939-45 Star and Defence Medal, a series of Campaign Stars were created for participants in particularly hazardous campaigns, and many Bomber Command personnel qualified for the much prized Aircrew Europe Star or, for example, the France and Germany Star.'*

Of course the above explanation refers to WWII Service where various Campaigns were conducted in various theatres by the various Arms of the Services and, if a specific Campaign Medal was not instituted, there was the award of the 1939/1945 Star and/or the Defence Medal - so everyone got at least some form of recognition.

However it may be conjectured that the 'Cold War' was a Campaign which ran for many years from the end of WWII until the late 1980s/early 1990s but no one in authority ever considered it to be a Campaign worthy of recognition or considered that a Campaign was in progress. Therefore the procedures/processes detailed above were never instituted by the Chiefs of Staff and the HD Committee has never been required to re-consider the decision of a previous Committee. As the 'Cold War' has been recognised to have ended and the 'Peace Dividend' has been taken many times over perhaps it is timely for the situation to be reviewed and the institution of a 'Cold War' award might be appropriate— however it may be that 'Rules is Rules!'

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### **NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH PRE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

Davey George tells me that the Northern Ireland Branch are having a bit of a 'get together' in the RNA in Belfast on Friday 12th December. There will be a two course buffet but no entertainment is programmed. Any Barrow Branch Members who will be in Belfast at that time are welcome to attend but Davey will need to know if you are going well in advance for catering purposes.

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### **SUBMARINER VICTORIA CROSS HOLDERS OF WWII**

The following is the eleventh article of a series commemorating those Submariners who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and this article covers the third of the World War II Submariners.

## Commander John Wallace Linton, VC, DSO, DSC, Royal Navy

John Linton was born in Newport in Monmouthshire on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1905 and he was the son of Edward Maples Linton and Margaret Gertrude Linton. On leaving School he joined the Royal Navy. After service in the Cruiser HMS DAUNTLESS in the Mediterranean and then his Lieutenant's Courses at Greenwich and Portsmouth he joined Submarines on 25<sup>th</sup> Jul 1927 when he was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN 'for the Submarine Course'. He was appointed to the Submarine Tender HMS ROSS (Experimental Half Flotilla) at Portsmouth 'for Submarine L22 as 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand' on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1927. This was followed by an appointment to HMS DOLPHIN (5<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine HMS OBERON as 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand' on 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 1928). He returned to the Submarine Tender HMS ROSS and the Experimental Half Flotilla on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 1929 'for Submarine H43 as First Lieutenant'. John Linton was sent to the Far East on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1932 when he was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MEDWAY (4<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla) at Hong Kong initially 'for Submarines' and then 'for Submarine HMS OSWALD as First Lieutenant'.

On his return home from the Far East John Linton was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ALECTO (attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla) at Portsmouth 'for the Commanding Officers Qualifying Course' on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1934. On successful completion of the 'Perisher' he was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN (5<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine L21 in Command' on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1935 and this was followed by 'Submarine HMS SNAPPER in Command' on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1935. He returned to General Service for his 'Big Ship' time in the Battle Ship HMS IRON DUKE on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1936. Two years later returned to the Far East on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1938 with an appointment to HMS MEDWAY 'for Submarine HMS PANDORA in Command'. After the outbreak of WWII HMS PANDORA was transferred to the Mediterranean and was based with the 8<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla at Gibraltar. John Linton was awarded the DSC – see London Gazette dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 1941 for the sinking of two Italian supply ships. He returned home on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1941 with an appointment to HMS DOLPHIN (5<sup>th</sup> Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarines' and on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1941 'for Submarine HMS TURBULENT – standing by whilst completing' at the Vickers Armstrong Shipyard at Barrow in Furness 'and in Command on Commissioning'. HMS TURBULENT was completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1941 and, after 'Commissioning' and 'Work Up' the Submarine was sent to the Mediterranean to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Submarine Flotilla based on HMS MEDWAY – now based at Alexandria in Egypt. On 29<sup>th</sup> May 1942 John Linton was awarded the DSO – see London Gazette dated 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 1942 for the sinking of the Italian Destroyer EMANUELE PESSAGNO on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1942.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1943 HMS TURBULENT sailed from Algiers for a patrol in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

TURBULENT did not respond to any further messages and did not return when expected on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It is thought that TURBULENT fell victim to a mine off La Maddalena, Sardinia and the later discovery of her wreck in this area supports this theory.

John Linton was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1943. Unusually the award was not for any one specific incident but for sustained effort.

The citation read as follows:

*'Commander Linton has been in command of submarines throughout the War. He has been responsible for the destruction of 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 20 merchant vessels, 6 schooners and 2 trains. A total of 81,000 tons of enemy shipping sunk. From 1st Jan 1942 to 1st Jan 1943 he spent 254 days at sea, including 2,970 hours diving. During this period he was hunted 13 times and had 250 depth charges dropped on him. His career has been one of conspicuous gallantry and extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.'*

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2013 a Blue Plaque was unveiled by the Submariners Association President, Admiral Sir James Perowne K.B.E., at St. Joseph's Convent in Newport Gwent. The building is the birthplace of Commander John Wallace (Tubby) Linton V.C., D.S.O., D.S.C. Royal Navy.



**Jim McMaster and Sir James Perowne at the unveiling of the Blue Plaque to John Wallace Linton, VC, DSP, DSC Royal Navy**

Commander Linton's Victoria Cross and his other medals are on display in the Ashcroft Gallery in the Imperial War Museum in London.

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### **POSTSCRIPT**

As a very sad postscript to the story of 'Tubby' Linton his son (Sub Lieutenant William Linton) also joined the Royal Navy and volunteered for Submarine Service. His 'Officer Training Class' was sent to sea in HMS AFFRAY in 1951. HMS AFFRAY, as we all know, was lost with all seventy five hands in the Hurd Deep in the English Channel in somewhat controversial circumstances overnight 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April 1951.

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## **BRANCH CALENDAR**

November Branch Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> November
Ladies Night Dinner/Dance	7 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day Parade	9th November
Committee Meeting	As required

## **BRANCH BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 2014**

G. (George) Hockey	03/11/1944
D.J. (Dave) Duncombe	08/11/1960
J.E. (John) Smith	08/11/1943
P. (Peter) Schofield	09/11/1946
T. (Tim) Fry	11/11/1966
S.J. (Simon) Hutton	16/11/1964
A.R. (Vernon) Miles	17/11/1953
R (Bob) Pointer	18/11/1948
I.A. (Ian) Clark	18/11/1945
M. (John) Davenport	22/11/1942
M.S. (Mike) Lacey	22/11/1946
N. (Neil) Lambert	27/11/1957
T.J. (Trevor) Janes	29/11/1948
J. (Jeff) Thomas	30/11/1943

Happy Birthday to you all!

## **SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWI**

This is the third article in a series listing Submarine losses month by month during WWI and the Crew Members lost. Last month we heard about the Royal Navy Submarine E3 which was lost in October 1914. Two Submarines (the Barrow built D5 and the Chatham built D8) were lost in November 1914.

The first of the 'D' Class to be lost was D5 (Lieutenant Commander Godfrey Herbert, Royal Navy). This Officer had survived the near fatal accident to A4 in 1907 and had, in 1912, taken one of the 'C' Class submarines to Hong Kong. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1914 Submarine D5 was on the surface, at night, off the East Coast hastening to sea to intercept a German Raiding Force. Herbert, a short while previously, had relieved his Second Captain as 'Officer of the Watch' and was on the bridge when the submarine struck a mine and was sunk. Herbert found himself in the water and after a while he was rescued with his 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand and three of the crew. His Second Captain and twenty others of his crew were not so lucky. The survivors were:

### **Officers:**

Lt Cdr Godfrey Herbert, Royal Navy  
Sub Lt Ian Agnew Patterson MacIntyre, Royal Navy

### **Ratings:**

Chief Petty Officer Robert Spiers O/N 154380  
Leading Seaman Alfred Dearlove Suttill O/N J7463  
Able Seaman Charles Henry Sexton O/N J23950

Those lost were:

### **Officers:**

Lt Donald Francis O'Callaghan Brodie, Royal Navy

### **Ratings:**

Petty Officer Frederick Drury Blunsdon O/N 203087  
Leading Seaman Wright Boardman O/N 239913  
Leading Seaman George W Crimp O/N 217450  
Leading Seaman Albert Norris O/N 187835

Able Seaman Joseph Dunn O/N J14000  
Able Seaman Ernest Wilcox O/N 222115  
Signalman William Rider Cass Dowsett O/N J8219  
Telegraphist George Clarence King O/N J5894  
CERA Arthur Cecil Smith DSM O/N 270627  
ERA William John Copland O/N 271454  
ERA Edward Houlcroft O/N M2924  
ERA John Thomas Percival Tilley O/N 272256  
Stoker Petty Officer Timothy Smith O/N 344519  
Leading Stoker Frederick Bradley O/N 302220  
Acting Leading Stoker John Robert Leake O/N 304084  
Stoker 1st Class Thomas Ingham O/N K7494  
Stoker 1st Class Richard Penhaligon O/N 223326  
Stoker 1st Class Sidney Simmons O/N K1975  
Stoker 1st Class Henry (Harry) Whiting O/N K7502  
Stoker 1st Class Ernest Worth O/N K2292

The second Submarine lost was Submarine D2 but there was another unfortunate event a day previously. On the night of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November 1914 the Commanding Officer – Lieutenant Commander Arthur George Jameson, Royal Navy – was washed overboard in rough weather and drowned. After returning to harbour Lieutenant Commander Clement G W Head, Royal Navy was appointed 'in Command' as his replacement. On the 24th November Submarine D2 sailed again from Harwich for a patrol off the German Coast. The Submarine did not return from patrol and was lost with all hands. It is believed that D2 was trapped in shallow water off the Ems estuary and was destroyed by German Patrol Craft. Those lost in D2 were:

### **Officers:**

Lt Cdr Clement Gordon Wakefield Head, Royal Navy  
Lt Francis Eckley Oakley, Royal Navy  
Lt Cdr (Retd) Frederick Lewis Coplestone, Royal Navy

### **Ratings:**

Petty Officer Frederick Hibbs O/N 212178  
Petty Officer Arthur Hiscock DSM O/N 191423  
Leading Seaman Charles Henry Dawe O/N 221373  
Leading Seaman William Thomas Peters O/N 229227  
Leading Seaman Charles Burt Rolfe O/N 226345  
Able Seaman Samuel Frederick Cox O/N 239274  
Able Seaman Thomas Edward Kennett O/N 19592  
Able Seaman Walter Henry Lock O/N 205253  
Able Seaman Eli Pethick O/N J1209  
Telegraphist Joseph Wilkinson O/N J9962  
ERA 2nd Class George William Smith O/N 272616  
ERA 3rd Class Charlie Edwards Kilburn O/N M848  
ERA 3rd Class Joseph Lumb O/N M1674  
ERA 4th Class Edgar John Killham O/N M776  
Stoker Petty Officer George Dalton O/N 291703  
Leading Stoker Frederick Fish O/N 283286  
Stoker Alfred Artis O/N K3712  
Stoker Alfred Barnett O/N 310969  
Stoker Herbert Charles James Bird O/N K5470  
Stoker George Hobson O/N K2805  
Stoker Frederick James Kemp O/N K8777  
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## WALNEY ISLAND WALK

Barrow Branch Member Bob Pointer accompanied the Barrow Mayor's Consort, Steve Derbyshire, on a sponsored walk round Walney on Sunday 5th October, to raise funds for the Mayor's charities.

Bob completed the Walk successfully so if you sponsored him – now is the time to pay up!

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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 December for the January 2015 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

## **CHORLEY WARSHIP WEEK AND HMS UPHOLDER**

From:

Lancashire Evening Post, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1943

### **Ursula's Jolly Roger Flies at Chorley**

The Jolly Roger flew at Chorley Town Hall yesterday. It was the flag of the submarine Ursula adopted by Chorley for Warship Week last year and the crew of the vessel were visiting the town. They were given a civic reception by the Mayor (Ald. F Brindle) at a gathering of representatives of the borough and of Withnell and Adlington and the other districts which took part in the effort which raised £387,354. The members of the crew numbered 11 and included a DSM and an OBE and DSM. Lieutenant Davis commander of the submarine was in charge of the party. He presented an Admiralty plaque to the mayor, who in return presented him with a plaque bearing the towns crest to be carried in the submarine. Lt Davis said they could see by the markings on the Jolly Roger that the Ursula had an excellent

record. Where there was war on the high seas it was no exaggeration to say that the Ursula was there. It had escorted convoys to Russia and had served in the Mediterranean. Last year it took part in landing operations in North Africa and in fact, from the Ursula and her consorts the first men were landed. He mentioned that her previous commander Lt Cdr. R. Barclay Lakin, DSO, DSC and bar won his decorations on the Ursula. Lt. Davis thanked the Mayor for the great reception the men had been given, and said they would be proud to serve in the ship which carried the plaque of Chorley and the Jolly Roger. The crew were afterwards entertained to dinner and later at the Odeon Cinema the Mayor handed Lt. Davis a cheque for £100 for the ship's comfort fund.

The two plaques shown are on display at the 'Chorley Remembers Experience exhibition' which is in the former Gallery of the Coach House in Astley Hall, Chorley. It comprises of 1,500 square feet of exhibition and display space, divided into three 'zones' – remembrance, conflicts and activity. The interactive exhibition focuses on Chorley's involvement and military history over the years. The ideas and designs are from Trustees of the Chorley Pals Memorial, who manage and run the Chorley Remembers project. Stuart Clewlow whose father served in submarines is one of the trustees of the project and has also written a book 'HMS Ursula, the Chorley and District Submarine'



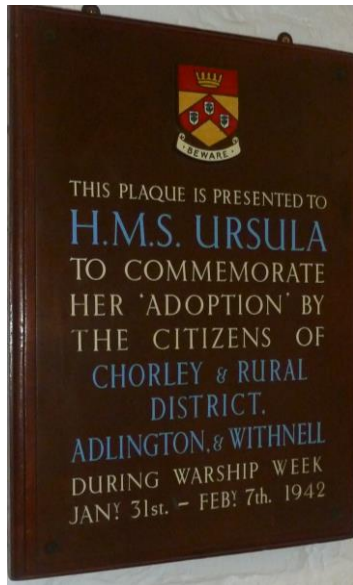
The plaque reads:

**Presented by  
The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty  
To Chorley and District (Lancs)  
To commemorate the adoption of  
HMS URSULA  
During Warship Week Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1942**

A second adoption plaque is held in storage with the following inscription:

**Presented by:  
The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty  
To  
Chorley Rural District  
To Commemorate the Adoption of  
HMS Ursula  
During Warship Week Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1942.**





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### **Barrow Branch Visit to KORBRA Comrades Club, Fleetwood**

By Bob Faragher

As per our invitation from Albert Brennan, we made arrangements for our visit to Fleetwood. This included getting a driver to take us, and collect us the following day. The idea was for us to travel in my car, and Stainless Steve would drive us and collect us. The rooms were booked at the New Boston hotel, and everything was organised right down to the pickup points and times. What could possibly go wrong!

The travellers were, Ginge Cundall, Dudley Davenport, Dave Oakes, and myself. Unfortunately, the day before our departure, my car got very poorly and needed a new clutch. We needed a vehicle which would carry four of us plus the driver. The only answer was to hire one at short notice. We managed to get one from Enterprise and so we were able to proceed. We set off at 0930 on our adventure. All went well until our skilled and competent driver left the motorway at the wrong turn off and we had to negotiate the traffic through Lancaster. This in itself was something of an ordeal since Lancaster was designed for horses and carts. Eventually we managed to get on to the Fleetwood road only to run in to compulsory road works! Why do people work on roads at the weekend?

However, we arrived in Fleetwood at around lunch time and booked in to our accommodation. It must be said the Landlady was a bit tasty, and recognised us from last year. Stainless then dropped us off at the club. We had finally arrived! The soldiers had laid on a buffet lunch for us and some musical entertainment. At first we were ready for a drink or two after our efforts to get there. However as true Submariners we took it all in our stride although the language on occasions had been a bit strong.

We spent the afternoon drinking and yarning, telling lies to each other, met some old friends and made some new ones. We were fairly sensible, realising we had to go out again in the evening. We decided to make our way back to our digs for a siesta before the evening's festivities.

On our way back we called in a pub known as 'The Bug' - anyone who goes in there will quickly realise why it's known as 'The Bug'. We then proceeded back to base for a Kip.

We all surfaced at about 1900 and proceeded back to the club. On our arrival the Fleetwood Sea Cadet Old Boys band was playing in the bar. They were actually very good. Once we got past them we went upstairs to where our squad were. The drinking and yarning carried on. We were entertained by a lady running a karaoke. Also we were provided with refreshments, which was just as well in order to soak up the booze.

After some considerable time, it was decided to explore a couple of local watering holes. We took our leave and repaired to the Steamer. This is a pub we are familiar with and know some of the customers. There is always entertainment provided by some group or another and the price of the ale is very reasonable. After a while, the words are getting slurred, and we met a young lady who had served in the RN as an aircraft fitter. She adopted us for some time. It seems we left there at about 0100 - I can't be sure but I've checked with Dave Oakes and that's the time he gave me. He also tells me that Dud's and Ginge disappeared at this time. Dave, myself and Laura the aircraft fitter repaired to Ma Murphy's excellent Pub. Things after this became a bit hazy although Dave tells me we left at about 0230 and made our way back to the Digs.

The following morning I personally skipped breakfast, on account of I wouldn't get up. We departed our digs and got a taxi back to the Club - walking there was out of the question. We were to be collected there by our driver at 1400 and this gave us ample time for a few scoops before we departed. On arrival at the club the White Ensign Society were having their meeting. The society is made up of mainly former Icelandic trawler skippers and crew who were also RNR and RNVR personnel. We had a good crack with these guys as can be imagined.

We were collected by our transport at about 1400 as arranged. I remember little of the return journey but I do remember us dropping Dud's off at the Masons Arms - his Dalton watering hole on the way back. Great run!!!

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### **Northern Ireland Branch 'Cold War Pin'**

Last month there was an item about the 'Cold War Pin' sponsored by the Northern Ireland Branch. Davey George says that these are going fast but none have been requested by the Barrow Branch. Anyone wanting a 'Pin' should let the Committee know as soon as possible so some pins can be ordered before it is too late. A List will be circulated at the Branch Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

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<b>Branch</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank/Rating</b>	<b>O/N</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Submarine Service</b>
Medway Towns Branch (Hon. National Vice President)	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2014	Peter William Charles (Bill) Elliot, MBE	Able Seaman (LR2)	L/DX 5096	94	Submarine Service Nov 1942 to Jan 1946 in H44, H50, SUNFISH, VISIGOTH & TEMPLAR
Non Member	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2014	Robert Glaiser (Bob) Little	Fleet Chief Radio Electrician	P/MX 872541	TBA	Submarine Service from Sep 1953 to 1977 in ASTUTE, ALLIANCE, THOROUGH, AUROCHS on 17th May 1958, TELEMACHUS, ANDREW, TABARD (Jul 1961) & REPULSE (S) (Jul 1967 & 1st Commission Crew on 28th Sep 1968)
Northern Ireland Branch	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Charles McCulloch	Able Seaman (SD)	TBA	90	Submarine Service from 1943 to 1945 in H43, OTWAY, TRESPASSER & SEADEVIL
New Zealand Branch	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	C P (Con) Thode, OBE	Lieutenant Commander	N/A	103	Submarine Service from 1941 to 1945 in PROTEUS (41-42), TORBAY (42), H28 (42), H50 (42), ULTOR (42-43), TUNA (43), H33 (CO 43) & SCYTHIAN (CO 43-45)
Australia Branch (Vice President)	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	John Boycott	Leading Electrical Mechanic	P/MX 893291	79	Submarine Service from Feb 1955 to Sep 1965 in SEA SCOUT, SLEUTH, AMPHION, EXPLORER, ARTFUL & THERMOPYLAE
Middlesex Branch (former member)	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	R E (Bob) Burtenshaw	Leading Seaman (ST)	P/JX 918522	80	Submarine Service from 1956 to 1966 in SEASCOUT, TEREDO, SEADEVIL, TAPIR & TOKEN
Australia Branch	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Brian Vine	Leading Seaman (UW2) (SM)	P/JX 871452	80	Submarine Service from May 1953 to May 1974 in TRADEWIND, SEA DEVIL, TRUNCHEON, EXPLORER, TALENT & AUROCHS
Essex & Colchester Branch	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Maurice E Campion	Chief Petty Officer Coxswain	D066531S	TBA	Submarine Service Mar 1965 to Feb 1984 in ALDERNEY, NARWHAL, OSIRIS, REPULSE, RESOLUTION (S) (1st Commission Crew) on 3rd Oct 1967, REVENGE & TALENT
Norfolk Branch	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Ray Metcalfe	Petty Officer M(E)	P051818	72	Submarines from 1963 to 1969 in ALCIDE, AENEAS & OLYMPUS
Non Member	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	James Gatrell	CCWEA	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service in REVENGE & RENOWN
Gosport Branch	Oct 2014	J (Paddy) Corkill	Chief Petty Officer (SA)	TBA	75	Submarine Service from 1972 to 1982 in ONYX, OBERON, OSIRIS & CHURCHILL
Dolphin Branch	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	John Anderson	Leading Seaman	TBA	93	Submarine Service from Feb 1941 to Apr 1946 in TRIBUNE, UNA, SPORTSMAN & SEAROVER
Australia Branch	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	David Gilbertson	Able Seaman Radar/ST	PJX 554480	89	Submarine Service from Jun 1943 to Dec 1946 in UNRIVALLED, TIRELESS & TAPIR