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COVER PHOTO: DREADNOUGHT Forward Section on the way to the Devonshire Dock Hall

“Nothing in the world, nothing that you may think or dream of, or anyone may tell you, no arguments however specious, no appeals however seductive, must lead you to abandon that naval supremacy on which the life of our country depends.”

WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody,

How are you all? Keeping well I hope!? I hope you all remembered to alter your clocks last Weekend and get your extra hour in bed!! Here is the November edition of our Periscope View Newsletter. As usual Dave Smith's Secretary report updates you all on recently received correspondence from the SA Committee and Alex's Social Report covers planned events up to the end of the year!

We will soon be into the Remembrance events and the all details are in Dave's Report for the Submariners Ceremony in London -there are a few changes to the timings this year but otherwise the format of the Ceremonies remain the same. For those attending Remembrance events in London Dave has included details of Travel Concessions for Serving Members and Veterans for both the SA Remembrance on 5th November and the National Remembrance on 12th November.

BAE have also provided details of their Crane Memorial Remembrance at the Dock Museum on 10th November as follows:

BAE Crane Memorial Service

Dock Museum Friday 10th November 2023

Running order for the day:

10.45am – Arrival at the Dock Museum

10.50am – Opening words and prayers

10.55am – Laying of the Wreaths

11.00am – 2 Minutes Silence signified by member of the Sea Cadets playing the bugle
11.05am – Closing words
11.15am – Refreshments at The Dock Museum
11.45am – Depart from The Dock Museum

Mark Lister and Jim Halliwell have sent in a report of their Branch Trafalgar Dinner at the Midland Hotel – their Guest of Honour was COSM - Commodore Dunn. No Barrow Branch attendees there this year unfortunately but, from their group photograph it looks like they all enjoyed the evening.

The Sea Cadets Trafalgar Dinner at the Fairfield Masonic Hall took place last Friday and was well attended. The Guest of Honor was John Hudson – formerly BAE MD and ASTUTE Project Manager at MoD Abbey Wood who gave the traditional speech in Memory of Admiral Lord Nelson but linked it in to this year's 91st Anniversary of the Barrow Sea Cadets. Following the speech yours truly was invited to propose the toast 'The Immortal Memory'. Other guests included several Barrow and other town Mayors & Mayoresses (Past & Present) and the Barrow and Furness Member of Parliament – Simon Fell and his wife. You may recall that Simon Fell is the Chairman of the AUKUS All Party Parliamentary Group. I had a chat to him after the Dinner and he has agreed to write an Article on the AUKUS Project for me to go in the next Edition of In Depth. One of the main intentions of the Sea Cadet Dinner is to raise funds for the Cadet Unit and each Table had a Captain whose duty was to fine transgressors for things like elbows on the table, talking football etc. There was also a fine array of prizes in the raffle. Not sure how much was raised in all! A bit disappointing that Jake Lake, myself and our better halves were the only Barrow Branch attendees.

I hope to see you all at the November Branch Meeting – Tuesday 7th November – usual time and usual place so don't be late.

Best Regards
Barrie

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello Everyone

A quiet month for correspondence but a number of Trafalgar Night celebrations took place during October with a final one at the Abbey House on 1st November. I hope you managed to attend at least one of them. I attended the WRS dinner at the Mercure Hotel Haydock.

It will also be a busy month for the Branch in November as it is Remembrance Season.

The SA National Remembrance in London on 5th. November

Barrow Maritime Museum BAE Crane Ceremony on Friday 10 November

The main Barrow Remembrance event on the 12th November followed by the Ulverston event in the afternoon.

Emails from National Secretary, where necessary attachments have been forwarded to Members.

It has become apparent recently that some members of the Association are of the understanding that the recent funds awarded to the SA (£22k) by the Submarine Family (ISF) are to be shared out amongst the Branches. This is not the case, the £22k is purely to cover the running costs of the Association for the next financial year.

The Staff Brief reference train travel to our Embankment Service on Sun 5th Nov and Remembrance Sunday 12th Nov at the Cenotaph.

*London Free travel will be offered to serving military personnel and veterans attending the Submariners' Remembrance Service on Sunday 5 November and the Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Sunday 12 November. For those attending the Submariners' Remembrance Service, **free travel is allowed to any London Terminal station on either Saturday 4 or Sunday 5 November and returning from any London Terminal on Sunday 5 November only.***

For those attending the Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, free travel is allowed to any London Terminal station on either Saturday 11 or Sunday 12 November and returning from any London Terminal on Sunday 12 November only.

Rest of Great Britain as in previous years, free return travel to attend a Service of Remembrance outside of London will be offered on Sunday 12 November only. This offer is open to serving military personnel and veterans. Free travel is allowed for current serving Armed Forces personnel in uniform or serving military personnel and veterans on production of the following: a current MOD90 Ministry of Defence-issued identity card (see examples below); a Veterans Railcard, Veterans Oyster card, Ministry of Defence-issued Veterans ID or other form of identification showing the customer is a

veteran (e.g., proof of pension). There may be situations where a veteran may not be able to produce the above identification, so frontline colleagues are asked to show discretion in helping people complete their journeys. **Please note, this offer does not apply to companions/spouses or dependents.**

There is a vacancy on the SAC. Please forward the names of any volunteers to the National Secretary. (If you wish to put your name forward, please let the Branch Secretary know).

The Submarine Family Newsletter, featuring:

The Submarine Service Awards held in Glasgow,

CO's supersession on the Clyde at FOST, SMQ students supported local charities in Garelochhead.

The submarine family website has also gone under major changes to the admin end of the site. This should not affect the user experience.

TSF reached a milestone in going over the 2000 mark for its members.

TSF showed its gratitude to some of our supporters by hosting them at the RM band tour in various locations across the UK.

SSBN's family's welcome home their loved ones.

Branch Matters

Thanks to all those who attended Raymond 'Joe' Cornelius's funeral. With special thanks to Pete Hearn for arranging transport.

Email from Kim Cornelius (Joe's daughter):

I just wanted to ask if you would thank the Submariners Association for their contribution towards my dad's funeral on Friday.

Having them there had such an impact on us and those that attended, it was very emotional.

I also wanted to let you know I have £125, taken in donations at my dad's wake, for Barrow Submariners Association (I'm not sure if there is more with the funeral directors). Please let me know how you would like me to get this to you.

Once again, I thank you so very much for the support you have given us as a family at this time.

Kind regards

Kim Cornelius

Volunteers are needed to attend the Museum Crane event on Friday 10th November and maximum numbers are encouraged to attend the Barrow Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November. Muster at the Town Hall at 0930.

Regards

David A J Smith, Branch Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hello Shipmates.

Chairman, ladies & gentlemen.

Hi everybody,

October saw us have our DTS at the West Shore Club over on Walney, great afternoon where 30 of us got together to take the mickey out of Dicky Cambridge. Lots of rum, pie and peas and the odd scratchcard. Good afternoon had by all.

Socials:

Thursday 23rd November to see the Three Kings (Elvis, Roy & Buddy) at the Forum. If you fancy joining us then you will need to purchase your own tickets and we will see you in the aisles and at the bar – starts off at the Hope and Anchor at 2, Forum for pre-show drinks at 7pm and finishes up at the Spoons – to whenever.

Then we have our Christmas party on Saturday 16th December at the Legion. £6 per person, bring a plate, top drawer raffle and lots of great company. I will be selling the tickets for this at the November & December meetings.

Then finally topping of the year with another DTS at Seaweed Corner, provisionally Thursday 28th December (but given that is normally Hope & Anchor day it may change). I will be providing chips butties and the first drink is on the social fund.

The members draw was not won in October so stands at £20 for the November meeting.

Very soon I will be putting together the social program for next year, if you want anything added or have any suggestions then now is a very good time to get them to me.

Yours Aye
Alex.

NOVEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Embankment Parade	Sun 5 th Nov
Branch Meeting	Tues 7 th Nov
BAE Crane Memorial Service	Fri 10 th Nov
Railway Remembrance Parade	Sat 11 th Nov
Remembrance Parade	Sun 12 th Nov
3 Kings at the Forum	Thu 23 rd Nov
Committee Meeting	As Required

DECEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 5 th Dec
Christmas Party	Sat 16 th Dec
Seaweed Corner DTS	Thu 28 th Dec
Committee Meeting	As Required

JANUARY BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 2 nd Jan
Committee Meeting	As Required

NOVEMBER BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

P. (Pete) Schofield	09/11/1946
I.A. (Ian) Clark	18/11/1945
M.S. (Mike) Lacey	22/11/1946
T.J. (Trevor) Janes	29/11/1948
J. (Jeffrey) Thomas	30/11/1943

Happy Birthday All!!

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SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREWS

Commissioning, De-commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists – are still wanted, thank you very much. This is for an ongoing project to compile a Chronological Record of Submariners. If you don't have any Crew Lists and you wish to be added to the Record you can always send me your details - where and when joined

boats, rank or rate, boats served in - with dates if known – Official Numbers are lays helpful as well.

I am still looking for 'First Commission' Crew Lists as follows: PORPOISE, GRAMPUS, CACHALOT, WALRUS, OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN, OTUS, UNICORN, AUDACIOUS and ANSON. Also looking for copies of Crew Lists for subsequent Commissions of any 'O' Class, 'P' Class or Nuclear Boat – SSN & SSBN. Crew Lists for any Commissioning or Decommissioning of any Diesel 'A,' 'S' or 'T' Class Boat refitting in Home Dockyards or in Malta, Singapore or Sydney are also required. Have a look through your records and 'Ditty Boxes' and see what you can find. You can contact me by E Mail, Snail Mail or Telephone. Thanks, Barrie Downer

REMEMBERING FORMER BARROW BRANCH MEMBERS - NOVEMBER

Montague Lee	1979
Raymond Hetherington	1994
Christopher Crossman	2002
John Graham	2003
Fred Scheunig	2006
Bill Cole	2006
John Byrth	2007
Tony Evans	2016
David Wilson	2017
Joseph Sharpe	2017
Alan West	2020
Robert (Bob) Faragher	2022

RESURGAM

NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the Newsletter - then ring Barrie Downer on 01229 820963 or, if you wish to send me an article, my postal address is The Firs, Dundalk Street, Barrow Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 2RZ You may also send your contribution by e-mail to me on frozennorth55@gmail.com. Come on – every Submariner has a story to tell – some more than one! Let's see yours in print!

Constructive suggestions about the Newsletter are also very welcome. The Newsletter will be published in the last week of each month i.e., the last week in November 2023 for the December 2023 Issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of the month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition – keep them stories coming!

SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWII
NOVEMBER 1943

One Submarine was 'lost with all hands' on 19th November 1943. One other Submariner was lost. The Submarine lost was:

Submarine HMS SIMOOM

The crew members were:

Officers:

Lt Geoffrey Deryik Nicholson Milner DSC, RN
Lieutenant Basil Maitland Garbett, Royal Navy
Sub Lieutenant Louis Fleming Jones, RNVR
Sub Lieutenant Charles Michael Cross, RNVR
Sub Lieutenant Thomas Scott Shanks, RNVR
Warrant Engineer L F C Balson

Ratings:

CPO James Alexander Rawe P/JX 136102
PO William Wilson P/SSX 18131
PO Robert John Mortimer-Lamb C/JX145875
PO Ben Griffith J113001
L/Sea Maurice Arthur Bedford D/SSX 27992
AB Ernest Albert Lovell P/SSX 18599
AB Alfred William Salmon P/JX 295724
AB Arthur Saunders P/JX 155201
AB William Gillon Adam P/JX 344969
AB Norman Herstatt P/JX 347783
AB Robert John Johnson C/SSX 26525
Able Seaman Sidney James May C/SSX 30974
AB Bernard Phillip Schofield C/JX 241234
AB Charles William Hatton C/JX 169095
AB Geoffrey Gill C/JX 235129
AB James Henry Hannant D/JX 202875
AB Norman Sharp D/JX 223594
AB William Robert Gowland D/SSX 15958

AB Irvine George Wardale D/JX 303574
O/Sea Robert Elliott P/JX 322974
O/Sea Charles Edmond Herd P/JX 381907
PO Tel Sidney Ellin C/JX 135616
L/Tel Gordon Alexander Kennedy D/JX 154462
L/Tel Harold Benjamin Wilson McLennan C/JX 259236
Tel George Edward Caspell C/JX 163711
Sig Horace Charles Day C/JX 207606
EA4 Michael Thomas O'Leary D/MX 49539
CERA Walter George Olding P/MX 46951
ERA4 Thomas Marsden P/MX 79301
ERA4 David Arthur Kerr P/MX 55013
ERA4 James Taylor C/MX 77617
ERA5 John Anglesea D/MX 102924
APO Edward Cole P/KX 83973
L/Sto John Landing P/KX 84477
L/Sto George Hunter Mason P/KX 90779
L/Sto William Joseph Ronald Seaborne D/KX 94051
Sto1 Roland James Francis D/KX 137871
Sto1 William John Smith D/KX 145306
Sto1 Walter Harris D/KX 134758
Sto1 Thomas James Songhurst C/KX 83463
Sto1 John Vernon Shepherd P/KX 83132
Sto1 Francis William Lillicrop P/KX 145412

HMS TUNA

One member of the crew of Submarine HMS TUNA is reported to have died on 21st Nov 1943. It is understood that he died as the result of an accident. He was:

L/Tel William Thomas Brown P/SSX 15710

THE SILENT SERVICE CELEBRATES SUCCESS WITH A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE HMNBC 36/23 Tuesday, 3 October 2023

The red carpet was rolled out in true Hollywood style at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel last weekend for the annual Submarine Service Awards, known colloquially as ‘The Submarine Oscars.’

Serving and retired Submariners, their families, friends, and affiliates all dressed up in their best bib and tucker for an evening of glitz and glamour to celebrate the very best in the service.

The ballroom was at maximum capacity as 350 people enjoyed the 2023 Submarine Awards ceremony, hosted by Commodore Paul Dunn OBE Commander Submarine Flotilla.

Commodore Dunn performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies for the evening and as well as presenting the awards he did an excellent job of keeping the audience entertained.

“It was a real privilege to host the Submarine Awards and my thanks go to everyone involved in the organisation of the evening,” said the Commodore. “Gathering so many people from the Submarine Family together to recognise those individuals who have been at the forefront of submarine operations and also supporting our serving members and families made for a very special evening.”

Sponsors and additional support were provided by The Submarine Family, Babcock, Thales, We Remember Submariners, Shearwater Marine Services, FAST-TSL, QinetiQ, Highland Park, Atlas Elektronik, Tunnocks confectionery, RB Safety and Rolls-Royce.

Awards presented during the ceremony included:

- **The Valiant Trophy.** Awarded to HMS VIGILANT (Port) as the first crew to excel in every element of Operational Sea Training for over ten years and presented to Cdr Iain Fergusson.
- **The Conqueror Trophy-For operational excellence in the underwater battlespace.** Awarded to HMS AUDACIOUS.
- **Naval Families Federation Award.** Awarded to NFF advocates who enable naval families. Nicola Trollope won the award for continued support to all within the naval community.
- **The Royal Navy Family and People Support Award.** Awarded to Emer Flett, in recognition of the role as Service Pupil Advisor and providing the highest level of educational care to the children of the submarine community.
- **The Thomas Tunnock award.** Presented to Chief Petty Officer Iain Hamblin of HMS TRIUMPH for providing the greatest influence of morale on board thereby generating an essential component of Operational Capability.
- **Submarine Engineering Excellence Award.** Awarded to the Marine Engineering department of HMS AUDACIOUS for delivering engineering excellence.
- **The Sovereign Bowl.** Awarded to HMS ARTFUL Marine Engineering department for delivering a superior performance during Manoeuvring Room Training. Lieutenant Commanders Paul McElroy and Sam Cameron received the award on the night.
- **The Orpheus Trophy.** Sponsored by RB Safety and awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to submarine safety. Petty Officer Robert Evans received this award on behalf of HMS AMBUSH Weapons Section.
- **The Submariners Association Award.** Awarded to the Vanguard-class submarine trainee who has displayed the qualities and ethos of the submarine cadre and stood above their peers during initial training. Presented to Chef Ellie Brown for displaying determination to succeed during Submarine Qualification.
- **The Molyneux Prize.** Awarded to the Astute-class submarine trainee who has who has displayed the qualities and ethos of the submarine cadre and stood above their peers during initial training. Gill Molyneux presented this award to Able Seaman Jack Viner for displaying courage, loyalty, discipline, integrity, and respect for others throughout training.
- **The Dean Rogers MBE Submarine Family Award.** Sponsored by The Rogers Family and awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of the submarine community. WO1 Dave Bathgate won this award for his sterling work in establishing the Military Vs Cancer charity and raising over £250,000 so far.



Commodore Paul Dunn with all the award winners.



Commander Iain Fergusson receives his award.



Gill Molyneux presents AB Jack Viner with his award.

Chief Petty Officer Mark Jones, the event planner said; “It’s been a pleasure to organise an event of this scale, bringing the Submarine Service, their Industrial Partners and affiliates together for a night of enjoyment whilst strengthening liaison.” The Submarine Family also held a raffle with amazing prizes including a hamper with £600 worth of items from Bremont UK, a bespoke piece of submarine art from Military in Art, a weekend break in the China Fleet Club in Devon with one lucky individual winning a Mulberry Handbag worth over £1,000.



WO1 Dave Bathgate is presented the Dean Rogers MBE Submarine Family Award.



Everyone who attended the 2023 Submarine Oscars

Morecambe Bay Submariners Association Trafalgar Night Dinner – 21 October 2023

Having secured the outgoing COSM for the Morecambe Bay Submariners Association Trafalgar Night dinner in 2022, the Blackpool Branch of the Submariners Association challenged the Morecambe Bay Secretary to have the current COSM as the Guest of Honour at the 2023 dinner. Not one to back away from a challenge, the Secretary accepted and duly invited Commodore Paul E Dunn OBE Royal Navy to be the Guest of Honour at the MBSA dinner in 2023. He accepted and we then had to wait some 10 months hoping that his commitments would not change and that he would indeed address the assembled throng on this most special of Naval Ceremonies.

With a number of venue changes, the Morecambe Bay Submariners Association held their Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Midland Hotel, an Art Deco hotel on the bay, and with attendees from Blackpool they celebrated the great victory of 1805, against the combined navies of Spain and France. All 16 attendees joined in the reading of Despatches, detailing the efforts of those involved, which led nicely into the Cdre's Speech and how that sense of professionalism and duty is reflected in the Sailors of today.

The Cdre was asked to speak about the recent media reports regarding the submarine service. Speaking with Candor, he answered the call and laid out the negative and more importantly the positive media coverage of the last year. He detailed what the navy of today is doing on our behalf and specifically the role of the Submarine Service and the challenges he faces in HMNB Clyde, the Home of the Submarine Service. Infrastructure, Material and Personnel challenges abound but we are still maintaining Operation Relentless, after some 54 Years, with some particularly long patrols. The sailors are dealing with the long patrols with their usual aplomb, but the families have been the real bearers of the burden of this important but onerous duty. The Cdre stated that the Submarine Family had been instrumental in their support of the team in the Area and this will continue while the submarine service is in a period of 2BA and beyond. The SSN force has been equally challenged and yet even the oldest submarine in the fleet continues to answer the call to duty after some 32 years of valued service.

After a fine dinner and a few glasses of wine, we retired to the bar to continue discussions with the Cdre who stayed until closing time, as you would expect of the Head of the Submarine Fighting Arm. Blackpool members congratulated the Secretary on his completing the challenge and threw down the gauntlet once again, stating that a 1* was good but that the Secretary should be able to do better than that for next year. Challenge accepted, so all 2*, 3* and 4* submariners look out for an invitation from the Morecambe Bay Submarine Association Branch!



The Morecambe Bay Branch Trafalgar Dinner
The Group Photo

Dreadnought on the move as largest submarine section yet is completed

From the Royal Navy Website 18 October 2023

Protected against the elements by what must be the world's largest black bin bag, this is a huge section of HMS DREADNOUGHT on the move.

In fact, this section of the first of the Submarine Service's next-generation strategic deterrent boats is the largest segment or 'mega unit' of DREADNOUGHT yet completed.

It's also the longest section of a submarine moved through the streets of Barrow-in-Furness from BAE Systems' fabrication facility to the cavernous Devonshire Dock Hall which dominates the skyline of the Cumbrian town.

No-one at BAE Submarines has moved a submarine section of this size (22 metres long) in 30 years, when a low-loader carefully transported the 34-metre-long fore-end 'mega unit' of HMS VENGEANCE, the last of the Vanguard-class submarines.



With those beginning to near the end of their active lives, four successors will be built, of which DREADNOUGHT leads the way, ahead of HMS WARSPITE and VALIANT (also under construction), with work yet to start on Boat No.4, HMS KING GEORGE VI. All will be assembled under cover in the dock hall – 260 metres long, 58 wide and 51 high, making it almost large enough to accommodate the TITANIC – where the final two Astute-class submarines, HMS AGAMEMNON and AGINCOURT, are in the later stages of construction/completion, and where the ‘mega unit’ will take its place on the Dreadnought build line. DREADNOUGHT is due to enter service in the early 2030s while the V-boats begin retiring after four decades carrying out Operation Relentless, the UK’s strategic deterrence mission.



FIRST PLASTIC-FREE POPPIES GO ON SALE AT HMNB CLYDE

ROYAL NAVY MEDIA RELEASE

HMNBC 40/23 Thursday, 26 October 2023

Military and Civilian personnel at HM Naval Base Clyde came together on Wednesday, October 25, to help launch the 2023 Poppy Scotland Appeal. Naval Base staff lined up in the HMS Neptune Supermess to make their donations and receive one of the first 100% paper poppies which will be available to buy in various locations across the site.

This is the first year that the poppy, made entirely from paper, has gone on sale. It has taken three years to develop the new plastic-free design, which is more economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment, while still maintaining the iconic four petals of the Scottish poppy.

Captain Elaine Boyd, Captain of the Base, was there to buy one of the first plastic-free poppies on sale in the Naval Base. “It was wonderful to see the One Clyde community coming together today and wearing a paper poppy with pride, as a show of support for our Armed Forces and their sacrifice.” Said Captain Boyd

The poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance since 1921 when the first nine million poppies were made and sold at the request of Earl Haig. Earl Haig's first poppy factory was in Richmond in 1922 but demand for poppies was so high that very few reached Scotland. And so, the four-petalled Scottish poppy was born when Lady Haig established a factory in

Edinburgh in 1926 to produce them exclusively for Scotland. Lady Haig's Poppy Factory is still there today and a team of around 34 disabled veterans produce around three million poppies by hand for the Scottish Poppy Appeal each year. The Scottish Poppy Appeal is Scotland's largest fundraising campaign and takes place annually in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday in November. Money raised during the Scottish Poppy Appeal is used to provide vital life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland. Donations help provide vital support for service families, veterans and those currently serving.

Sent by: Royal Navy Communications & Influence, HM Naval Base Clyde, T: 01436 677205.

HMS TAMAR uses Trafalgar Night to cement Royal Australian Navy friendship

23rd October 2023

Sydney Harbour provided the stunning setting for a memorable Trafalgar Night for patrol ship HMS TAMAR.

The Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley was the guest of honour alongside High Commissioner Vicki Treadell.

In view of Sydney Opera House, members of the Royal Marines Band Service performed, as the ship's company hosted the dinner and celebrated the shared partnership between Australia and the United Kingdom.

Since arriving in the western Pacific at the beginning of 2022, TAMAR and her sister ship HMS SPEY have made extensive use of Australian hospitality, training opportunities and port/naval base facilities.

A Trafalgar Night dinner was the perfect way of saying 'thank you' said Commanding Officer Commander Teilo Elliot-Smith.

"It is excellent to bring our two Navies together to celebrate and commemorate here in Sydney Harbour. Trafalgar Night provides an opportunity for us to consider how the past can be mirrored on to our future operations.



"It is an honour to host the Head of State, His Excellency the Governor General, onboard TAMAR alongside our colleagues from the British High Commission and the Royal Australian Navy."

During the celebration, Commander Nick Doyle of the Royal Australian Navy was recognised. Commander Doyle has served across the Royal and Royal Australian Navies for more than 50 years and holds a special connection to HMS TAMAR, having served as gunner officer on her predecessor in 1997.

HMS TAMAR is in Australia to develop sea bed warfare techniques and capabilities alongside the Royal Australian Navy and United States Navy in an impending exercise.

The ship recently completed Operational Sea Training delivered by FOST in Cairns and will spend the remainder of the year conducting maritime security patrols and working alongside island nations in the Pacific.

Commander Teilo Elliot-Smith

Work starts on gigantic new Hall to build Navy's Type 26 frigates

16th October 2023

Work has begun on a huge new ship hall which will transform construction of the Navy's next-generation frigates – and beyond.

When complete, two Type 26 frigates will be built side-by-side in the new facility – considerably speeding up construction of a class of ship which will safeguard the Navy from submarine attack well into the 2060s.

Eight Type 26s have been ordered – all named after major UK cities, led by HMS Glasgow.

The bulk of the construction is carried out at BAE's Govan yard, before the ships are transferred to the firm's facility at Scotstoun for completion, testing and acceptance.

The existing sheds at Govan only allow for fore and rear sections of the frigates to be built under cover – the giant segments are then joined together on the standing at Govan (which is where HMS Cardiff currently sits).

That means for months on end the ships are exposed to the elements – slowing/restricting work on the vessels which will replace the eight dedicated submarine-hunting Type 23s in service.



THE NEW SHIP HALL VIEWED FROM ELDER PARK

Work on the foundations – filling in a basin – has been completed and piling started on the new hall which is more than one and half times the length of Hampden Park pitch at 170 metres long and ten wider at 80 metres across.

Once complete, the New Ship Build Hall will be equipped with two 100-tonne cranes and a further two 20-tonne cranes, with up to 500 workers employed per shift on frigate construction.

As well as being spared batterings from the Scottish weather, ships will emerge from the new hall in a more complete state. The new complex is part of a £300m investment in BAE's facilities on both sides of the Clyde, not least increased digitisation of work processes.

“This new hall will give us some of the best facilities in the world and completely modernise our approach to shipbuilding,” said Simon Lister, Managing Director of Naval Ships at BAE Systems.

“It, alongside the investments already under way to digitise our processes, will ensure Govan continues to be something that the city of Glasgow can be truly proud of.”

This new hall will give us some of the best facilities in the world and completely modernise our approach to shipbuilding.

Simon Lister, Managing Director of Naval Ships at BAE Systems

SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN OCTOBER 2023

Reported via	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Fisgard Association	15 th September 2023	John Francis Austin	Engine Room Artificer 1 st Class	TBA	80	Submarine Service including GRAMPUS, OLYMPUS, OSIRIS & DOLPHIN
Manchester Branch	20 th September 2023	Brian S Johnston	Petty Officer Radio Electrician	P/M933391	87	Submarine Service from 1963 to 1966 in TIPTOE (1963 to 1966)
Ex Dolphin & SOCA Northants	October 2023	John A Cumberpatch	Leading Seaman (Underwater Weapons)	P/JX 921795	86	Submarine Service from April 1955 to April 1964 in SEA SCOUT, TAPIR, THULE, TRUNCHEON on 'Commissioning' at Devonport in February 1960 & AURIGA on 'Commissioning' at Devonport on 31st May 1962
We Remember Submariners	10 th October 2023	Simon Phillip Bromiley	Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineering Artificer	N/A	N/A	Submarine Service including CONQUEROR
Barrow in Furness Branch	12 th October 2023	Raymond 'Joe' Cornelius	Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineering Artificer (P)	D0769148	76	Submarine Service from 1974 to 1987 in OPOSSUM (1974 to 1977), REPULSE (S) (1978 to 1980), WALRUS (1980 to 1985) & FINWHALE (1985 to 1987)
Blackpool & Fylde Branch	13 th October 2023	Stephen P Shirras	Radio Operator	D169202G	64	Submarine Service in RESOLUTION & REPULSE
Friend of Submarine Museum	17 th October 2023	Andrew Philip Johnson	Commander	N/A	TBA	Submarine Service from 1971 to 1988 in DOLPHIN (1971), ARTEMIS (1971 to 1973), SUPERB (1977 to 1979), NEPTUNE (1980), ONYX (CO 1981 to 1983), SWIFTSURE (IL 1984 to 1985), USN Exchange (1986 to 1987) & FOSM Subelant (1988)
Northern Ireland Branch	23 rd October 2023	Eamon Doyle	Petty Officer (ME)	P/K970467	85	Submarine Service from November 1958 to June 1962 in TOKEN, TRUNCHEON on 'Commissioning' at Devonport in February 1960 & AUROCHS

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Friend of Submarine Museum	31 st October 2023	Roger Malcolm Venables	Captain	N/A	88	Submarine Service from 195* to 1989 in ANCHORITE (IL 1st November 1961 & on commissioning on 11th October 1962), ORPHEUS (IL 16th December 1963), AURIGA (CO 5th December 1966 to 1968), OPPORTUNE CO 15th October 1970 to 1971), DIS (1972 to 1973), RALEIGH (1974 to 1975), DOLPHIN (1976 to 1978), RESOLUTION (CO 1979 to 1980), DWCA (1981), MoD Central Staff (1982), NA Bonn (1983 to 1985), SULTAN (1986) & DOLPHIN (1987 to 1989)
We Remember Submariners	October 2023	'Brum' Newbold	Not given	Not given	TBA	Submarine Service to be advised

