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**Chairman  
and  
Lay Chaplain Dit  
October 2009.**

It is has always been my habit to work to tight deadlines. I also know that in the past I have written on the subject of writers' block/cramp. No matter how many times I sit at the keyboard to knock up an article for such as our news letter. Or in my case having to structure an act of worship for any given Sunday, and that includes the Sermon. Now I am not complaining as I would not have it any other way, but when it happens, it becomes a growing nightmare the closer the deadline gets. This month has been the worse for a long time so I want to thank Ben our editor for his endless patience. I am aware that since my last article several Branch members have been giving up their free time to represent our Branch in several areas.

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HMS Solent, in the Solent, 1956





Other than one-liners

- Remembrance Benches
- Collecting Model Submarine
- Poppy Making Schools Visit
- Dundee (HMS Ambrose) Memorial

I will not expand further as I have no doubt feed back on these events will be reported by other members concerned.

In the October edition of the Navy News there was a full article on the Dundee memorial service and pictures that included the Guard of Honour. (See small snapshot).



What I am now asking is: Am losing the plot? Or has the modern Royal Navy changed by allowing shades to be worn on parade. I think Tic Tock of Whale Island early 60's fame would have had erupted into a purple fit. And the rating along with the Guard Commanders feet would not have touched the ground for weeks.

I shall end with a different thought attributed to Dag Hammarskjoid the former United Nations Secretary

Evening Affirmation

Night is drawing nigh  
For all that has been Thanks!  
For all that shall be Yes!

Regards Jonsey

Social Scene  
October 2009



We are fast approaching our next main social event which will be the Ladies night dinner dance to be held at the Lisdoonie on November 6th, Cost per head is £27:00, Shindig will be bringing out their Dinner dance act and I have been told they do a very good dinner dance and will

play what ever you want (Stand fast the Birdy dance and Agadoo), the list will be circulated again at the next meeting. To date the requests for tickets has been very slow despite ample advertising and e mails sent to members, if we cannot make around 86 guests then the event will not be viable so will have to be cancelled. It helps with planning i.e numbers for the hotel and table plans if I get your bids in early and also payment before the event would be appreciated.

There are still places available for the visit to Faslane on the weekend of 20th to 22nd November, if you would like to go pass your names to Barrie at the October meeting. There is a deposit of £20 required to show intent and go towards cost of transport, please pay your deposit at the October meeting. The interest list for a visit next year to the Spanish branch Espana Levante is still open and looks like good there is very good interest, if you would like to declare an interest then please contact me so I can add you to the list.

I will not be able to attend the October meeting due to work commitments so Barrie will be handling any social issues you may have.

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

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary

HMS TRAFALGAR



Decommissions at Devonport on 4th Dec 2009 No 9 wharf, Devonport Naval Base starting at 1000.

Tickets are available for all who served in HMS TRAFALGAR

or who have a strong interest in the Submarine.

If you are an ex TRAFALGAR and wish to take part in the events arranged to mark this event please contact the De-Commissioning Officer - Lieutenant R Phillmore, Royal Navy with details of your connection with the submarine and your contact details. He can be contacted at:

HMS TRAFALGAR, BFPO 404 (snail Mail) or on 404-tso@a.dii.mod.uk or by phone on 01752 552750.

For Serving Members details are in RNTM 136/09

Blond Girl

On a bitterly cold winters morning a husband and wife in Belfast were listening to the radio during breakfast.

They heard the announcer Say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even numbered side of the street, so the Snowploughs can get through.

"So the good wife went out and moved her car..

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out.

The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, " I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowploughs can get through?"

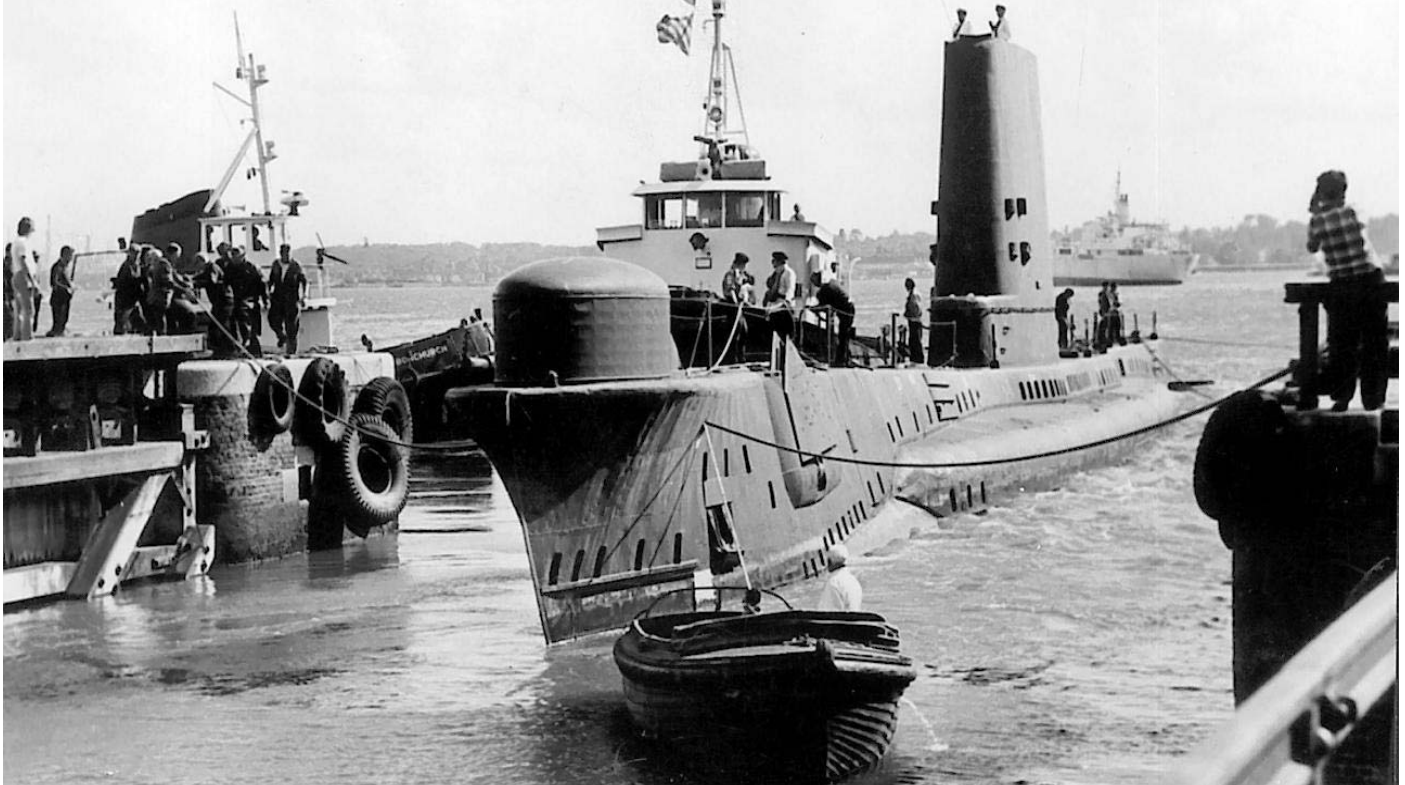
Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the bloody car in the garage this time."





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 6

## HMS Alliance



**UNIQUE:** The Barrow-built submarine *HMS Alliance* is the only survivor of her class and is now a memorial

*HMS Alliance* is a Royal Navy A-class, Amphion class or Acheron class submarine, laid down towards the end of the Second World War and completed in 1947.

She is the sole surviving example of the class and has been a memorial and museum ship since 1981.

The Amphion class submarines were designed for use in the Far East, where the size of the Pacific Ocean made long range, high surface speed and relative comfort for the crew important features on much larger patrols.

In 1947 *Alliance* undertook a lengthy experimental cruise in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa to investigate the limits of the short mast, remaining submerged for 30 days.

Between 1958 and 1960 the deck gun and external torpedo tubes were removed, the hull streamlined and the sail replaced with a larger more streamlined one constructed of aluminium.

This all made the submarine quieter and faster underwater.

From 1973 until 1979 *Alliance* was the static training boat at the *HMS Dolphin* shore establishment, replacing *HMS Tabard* in this role.

In August 1979, she was towed to Vosper Ship Repairers Limited's yard at Southampton to have her keel strengthened so that she could be lifted out of the water and preserved as a memorial to those British submariners



**ROYAL VISIT:** Prince William takes a look around *Alliance* last year

who have died in service.

Since 1981 the submarine has been a museum ship, raised out of the water and on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport.

**STATS:**

Ordered: 1943 in the emergency war programme

- Builder: Vickers Armstrong, Barrow
- Laid down: 13 March 1945
- Launched: 28 July 1945
- Commissioned: 14 May 1947
- Decommissioned: 1973, static training boat until August 1979
- Displacement: 1,360/1,590 tons (surface/submerged)
- Length: 281 ft 4.75in (85.769m)
- Beam: 22 ft 3 in (6.8m)
- Draught: 17 ft (5.2m)
- Propulsion: Two 2,150 hp (at 450 rpm) supercharged Vickers 8-cylinder diesel engine, Two 625 hp electric motors for use underwater, driving two shafts
- Speed: 18.5/8 knots (surface/submerged)
- Range: 10,500 nautical miles (19,400 km) at 11 knots (20 km/h) surfaced
- 16 nautical miles (30 km) at 8 knots (15 km/h) submerged
- Endurance: 36 hours submerged at 2.5 knots
- Test depth: 500 ft (150m)
- Complement: Five officers, 56 ratings (63 ratings after modernisation in 1960)
- Armament: Six 21-inch bow torpedo tubes. Four 21-inch stern torpedo tubes
- Mark V mines could be launched from the internal tubes
- External tubes removed during streamlining/modernisation.
- One QF 4 inch Mark XXIII deck gun on S2 mounting
- One 20 mm AA Oerlikon 20 mm gun on Mark VII mounting.



## Barrie Downer Secretary



Well how is everyone? Keeping well I hope? Did you notice that the appalling weather we had over the summer suddenly changed for the better as soon as the kids went back to school how predictable was that!

What have we been up to this month? By the time you read this Branch Members will have attended the Dedication of the new Memorial to the 9th Submarine Flotilla which was based in Dundee during WWII.

This Flotilla included many of the Allied Navy Submarine including Dutch, Polish, Norwegian and French. Hopefully we will have a Report on this Event held on 17th September for our next Newsletter.

We will also have supported the Battle of Britain Parade from the Town Hall to the Cenotaph on Sunday 20th September which included a short Service at the Cenotaph, a Wreath laying and a march back to the RBL on completion.

The monthly Committee Meeting took place on 15th September and again, part of the discussion was about concerns both nationally and locally at Branch level about how to recruit more members, how to keep members and how to organise events so as to keep the Membership levels up. Currently there are some 2,300 Members of the Association in 61 branches in UK, Australia, New Zealand and Spain.

The National Management Committee set up a small Sub Committee to review Membership how do we attract new Members and how do we keep the ones we have, how might we run the National Association better, why are there so many different 'one Boat' Submarine Associations whose Members don't join the Submariners Association.

The Sub Committee is due to report in the New Year so that any suggestions and proposals made can be discussed by the NMC and assessed for impact and decisions made on whether any are worthy of implementing after consideration by Branch Membership at a National Council Conference.

The Sub Committee has produced a Questionnaire for consideration and suggestions by Association Members which I shall be circulating for comments. As I said last time our Branch is lucky in that we have a large and growing Membership (177 to date) and we have a large recruiting base locally but other Branches struggle to stay in business. However in the Barrow area there are a lot of retired and serving submariners who are not Members so the Branch could be bigger. Any ideas about how to attract new Members and to retain them and current members will be welcomed! What do you think?

As discussed and agreed at the last Branch Meeting we will continue with the change in the running order of meeting to include a 20 minute break after the first part of the Meeting which includes up to the Social Secretary's Report while we top up our glasses and circulate the lists for the forthcoming Events and sell you all some Raffle Tickets. Then we can go through the remainder of the Reports and Any other Business and then have the Raffle and carry on with the social part of the evening.

As agreed this will run as an experiment for a number of meetings after which we can decide whether to make it a permanent change or whether to revert to the previous routine

So what is coming up in the near future. On 9th October we travel to Nottingham for the Annual Reunion at the Britannia Hotel. Then there is the Sea Cadets Trafalgar Night Ball at the Lisdoonie on 23rd October and, on 24th October the KORBRA have arranged a Coach Trip to the Fleetwood Branch for a Social event and we are invited

to attend the coach will leave at 1000 am and return at 2330 pm. Our Branch Ladies Night Dinner Dance is at the Lisdoonie on Friday 6th November.

As usual the Annual Remembrance Day Parade will be on Sunday 8th November. This year, again the Co-op Funeral Service have offered the use of two cars to pick up Members unable to take part in the Parade but who still wish to attend at the Cenotaph.

The cars will pick up those wishing to make use of this kind offer from their homes, take them to the Cenotaph and then back to the RBL or home afterwards. Our Submariners Remembrance Ceremony this year will be at the RBL after the Parade and will be followed by Pie and Peas!

I have been advised that the Derby Branch to Barrow is now confirmed for 13th to 15th November – they have been invited by HMS AMBUSH (Derby is their adoptive town!) to have a look at the Yard and how AMBUSH is progressing. Also the Branch visit to Faslane is arranged for 20th to 22nd November. As ever you can attend any of all of the events Lists for some of these events will be circulated at the next Branch Meeting on 6th October.

And now the usual boring reminders are you outstanding Branch Subs for this year (and even some for last year).

You can pay any member of the Committee and then you will be sent your Membership Card you know the nice Lilac ones (or is it Mauve?). If you have paid up and you haven't yet got your Membership Card see any Committee Member and we can sort it out! Any way if you are outstanding Mick Mailey will only be pleased to take your money and John Houlding is still trying to get rid of those cards!

As ever if you have moved, changed your phone number or your e mail provider please let us know as soon as possible so that we can keep in touch and make sure you get all your Branch information.





E Mail Address updates are still coming in slowly three in the last three weeks and I expect there are a few more I don't yet know about so don't be shy let me know!

We can't keep everyone fully informed if we don't know how to get hold of you!

Also if you can't make it to a Branch Meeting remember to send in your apologies partly so we still know you are well. If you are not keeping too well yourself let us know and we will see if there is anything the Welfare team can help with. Remember to let us know if there are any Branch Members that you know (or their wives, girlfriends or partners) who are not too well sometimes they may be too busy or pre-occupied with events to let us know themselves. If we don't know we can't help!

One final thing as many of you know I have been a Committee Member on the National Management Committee of the Association for the best part of four years. At the last National Management Committee Meeting I advised the Committee of my intention to stand down from the National Committee following this years Reunion to concentrate on my day job, the Barrow Branch and my own private interests. I will continue to edit the 'In Depth' News Letter and complete a few jobs I started for the NMC but now some one else can have their chance to serve the Association nationally.

That's about it for now see you all at the Branch Meeting Tuesday 6th October usual time usual place!

Regards

Barrie

## Re-Union Conversation Piece

What's yours then Gilly, a pint and a 'Tot'  
 Right then I'll have the same  
 Drink it down man, it's  
 Re-Union weekend  
 And drinking's the name of the

game  
 Remember those long weary  
 weeks on patrol  
 When we were forever on  
 watch  
 What was the name of you're  
 'Jimmy' again  
 "Yes" I'll have a pint and a  
 scotch  
 See that old bastard, he's  
 turned eighty two  
 Still he looks healthy and frisky  
 My shout old fellow, sure you  
 bought the last  
 Same again then, a pint and a  
 whisky  
 The bar was so crowded I  
 doubled them up  
 And 'Scratch' sent you over a  
 rum  
 You drank that down fast, you  
 must have been parched  
 Yes, I'll have the same again  
 'chum'  
 Remember when God there's  
 our Stoker PO  
 That tall fellow just coming in  
 Hello there 'Old Chap' it's been  
 thirty five years  
 Yes, I'll have a drink, mine's a  
 Gin  
 What was I saying, Oh! Christ  
 I've forgot  
 My memory's gone on the  
 'Blink'  
 It comes to us all with the  
 passing of years  
 Now what are you having to  
 drink  
 I enjoy having these  
 conversations with you  
 When we meet down here every  
 October  
 God! Look at the time, go get  
 the drink's in  
 Were sitting here "Bloody near  
 sober"

## Letters

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to ask for assistance. I currently hold the position of submarine ship keeper at the Australian national maritime museum and have recently offered to write an article for the museums quarterly magazine, Signals. The article will be a means of recognising the 40th anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Onslow and I hope to devote much of it to the experiences of the commissioning crew, their training here and in England and immense task of getting Onslow operational.

I was hoping that you may be

able to get me in contact with some of the original crew, or the training personnel from HMS Dolphin and other establishments so that I may conduct some interviews via the telephone or email. My contact details are below and I was hoping that you could forward them on to anyone that you feel may be willing to assist me in this endeavour. If I could talk with any members of the commissioning crews of the first four Australian "O" boats, Oxley, Otway, Ovens and Onslow, it would be of great assistance, but submariners who had also worked on the "A" and "T" boats of the fourth submarine flotilla or those who transferred to the RAN from the royal navy would be a bonus. I hope to give as broad a picture as possible of the years between 1961, when the Royal Navy formally announced the withdrawal of the fourth submarine flotilla, until 1970 and the arrival of HMAS Onslow in Australian waters.

I would like to see more attention paid to our submarine, in the form of research and published articles by the museum, and I hope that the planned story will stimulate more interest in HMAS Onslow and the submarine squadron more generally, as we build up to the 50th anniversary of Onslows commissioning in 2019.

>  
 I have a first draft dead line of the 19th of October and have made little head way with my limited contacts within the submarine fraternity, your assistance in making contact with potential interviewees would be invaluable for I am; as Onslows motto describes, Festina Lente, hastening slowly.

Many thanks,

Peter Lightbody  
 Shipkeeper,  
 Fleet Section,  
 Australian National Maritime  
 Museum,  
 2 Murray street,  
 Sydney,  
 NSW,  
 2000



**Re-union Saturday**

'Twas on re-union Saturday in  
the Junior Ratings bar  
Fred and I were sitting with a  
noggin and a jar  
Knocking back the Whisky as if  
it were on the house  
I'm sure we drank a bottle and  
a half of bloody Grouse

A tall chap then approached us  
and gave to us his name  
He said "My friend is Richard,  
and you can call me Ian"  
I said "Sit down and have a  
drink, I'll get it in a tick,  
My fat friend here is Freddy  
and you can call me Mick"

And so we sat and chatted of  
how we'd won the War  
We told each other dirty jokes  
until they shut the bar  
I asked him what is rating was,  
his face was torn with grief  
When I said "were you a sea-  
man, I'll bet you were a Chief

He said "Well I was seaman  
branch", to that I must admit  
"But now I am an Admiral, you  
stupid Irish Git"

Next year on re-union day,  
we'll have a drink again  
I said "well you can call me  
Mick", He said "just call me  
Ian"

"Oh me Lads, you should have  
seen us boozing  
Sitting there beside the bar, it  
was so amusing  
There was me and Freddy Cun-  
cliffe, and a bloke who talked  
so posh  
My Old mate the Admiral Sir  
Ian Macintosh"

**Israeli Dolphins  
Rule The Waves**



Three years after it signed a deal with Germany, Israel has received two more German built Dolphin class submarines. Israel already had three Dolphins, which they received 8-9 years ago. These have since been upgraded to include larger fuel capacity, converting more torpedo tubes to the larger 650mm size, and installing new electronics. The fuel and torpedo tube mods appear to have something to do with stationing the subs off the coast of Iran. Larger torpedo tubes allow the subs to carry longer range missiles. The larger fuel capacity makes it easier to move Dolphins from the Mediterranean to the Indian ocean. Although Israel has a naval base on the Red Sea, Egypt had, until recently, had not allowed Israeli subs to use the Suez canal. So the Dolphins were modified to go around Africa, if they had to.

Larger fuel capacity also allows the subs to spend more time on station off the Iranian coast. Currently the Dolphins can stay at sea for about 40 days (moving at about 14 kilometers an hour, on the surface, for up to 8,000 kilometers). Larger fuel capacity extends range to over 10,000 kilometers, and endurance to about 50 days.

The two new Dolphins cost about \$650 million each, with Germany picking up a third of the cost, as part of their reparations for World War II atrocities against Jews. The Dolphins have a fuel cell based propulsion system which enable them to stay under waters for over a week at a time. The Dolphins are also very quiet, and very difficult for the Iranians to hunt down and destroy. The first three Dolphins didn't have the AIP (Air Independent

Propulsion) system.

Israel equipped it's new Dolphin class submarines with nuclear cruise missiles in 2002. Israel also fitted their 135 kilometer range Harpoon missiles with nuclear warheads. These missiles are fired from the subs torpedo tubes. The 1,625 ton Dolphins can carry 16 torpedoes or missiles and have ten forward torpedo tubes (four of them the larger 650mm -26 inch- size). The Dolphins are considered the most modern non-nuclear subs in the world. The first three cost \$320 million each. All have a crew of 35 and can dive to a depth of more than 600 feet. The Dolphin design is based on the German 209 class subs, but has been so heavily modified that it is considered a different class.



The Israelis have developed a cruise missile, which has a range of 1,500 kilometers and carries a 200 kiloton nuclear warhead. The objective of deploying nukes on subs is to further enhance deterrence to any nation launching a nuclear strike against Israel. If one of the Dolphins are always at sea, even a first strike against Israel would not prevent a nuclear strike by submarine launched nukes. Israel is reported to be trying to set up a base in the Red Sea, because the most likely nuclear attackers are Iran







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

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



**Dolphin Branch**  
September 2009  
F.J.(Fred) Dyer  
CERA  
Aged 87  
Submarine Service 1935-1953  
H28, L26,L27, Sealion, Sturdy  
P552, Artful, Affray  
Telemachus & Trusty



**Auckland New Zeland**  
18th September 2009  
I.A.(Ivor) Stinton  
Stoker PO  
C/SSX 819442  
Submarine Service 1948-1953  
Token, Trespasser, Tabard,  
Solent & Talent



**Dolphin Branch**  
&  
**Former Barrow Branch**  
Member  
23rd September 2009  
Nigel Buckley  
Commander  
Submarine Service 1953-1976  
Trespasser, Astute, Sturdy,  
Andrew, Telemachus, Aurochs  
Sentinel (CO), Sealion (CO)  
Churchill (CO)



**Non Member**  
September 2009  
John Barrett  
Chief Petty Officer (WEA)  
Aged 42  
Submarine Service  
to  
Dec 2008  
Superb, Sceptre & Sovereign



**Non Member**  
31st July 2009  
Paul Whitwell  
Chief Petty Officer (MEA)  
Aged 42  
Submarine Service  
Including  
Sceptre



**Non Member**  
31st August 2009  
Roland Arthur(Roly) Harding  
Commander MESM  
Submarine Service  
Including  
Dreadnought & Trafalgar



**Exeter Branch**  
9th September 2009  
Herbert (Jolly) Rogers  
Telegraphist (T/O)  
D/JX 246111  
Aged 84  
Submarine Service 1943-1948  
Oberon & Amphion



**Australia SA**  
Ken (Ginger) Peters  
28th September 2009  
Chief Petty Officer  
Submarine Service  
in  
Truncheon, Amphion,  
Seascout, Odin & Warspite



**Non Member**  
24th August 2009  
Neil (Mussa) Murray  
Warrant Officer 2 (MEA)  
Aged 49  
  
Submarine Service  
Including  
Superb & "R" Class



**Non Member**  
28th August 2009  
John Bailey  
Commander



**Non Member**  
September 2009  
Robert S Robinson  
Engine Room Artificer  
Aged 87  
Submarine Service 1942-1945  
H43 & Rover

Taken from the Yorkshire  
Evening post

#### Obituaries

#### WILLIAM KEVIN NICHOLS

(ex Royal Navy Submarine Service)

#### A Sailor Died Today

He was getting old and paunchy,  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat about the boozier,  
Telling stories of the past,  
Of the Navy he had served in,  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his Oppo's,  
Heroes, everyone,  
And though sometimes to doubters,  
His tales became a joke,  
His friends they did listen,  
For they knew the truth he spoke,  
But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For "Our Kev" has passed away,  
And the worlds a little poorer,  
For "A sailor died today".  
May you find safe anchorage in calmer  
waters dear brother.  
Your loving brother Chris & Family.



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A man was riding his Harley along a California beach when suddenly the sky cleared above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, 'Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

The Lord said, 'Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things.

Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.'

The Lord replied, 'You want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?'

October 2009  
**Members Birthdays**

W. Gentles	02/10
M. Mailey	02/10
W. Russan	02/10
J. W. Rogers	10/10
D. Young	14/10
M. Willey	16/10
C. Jones	17/10
C. Taylor	17/10
M. Allan	18/10
C. Burgher	18/10
A. Stevens	18/10
B. Russell	20/10
L. Carr	25/10
D. Morris	26/10
E. Skelton	30/10



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### News Letter

#### Contact Information

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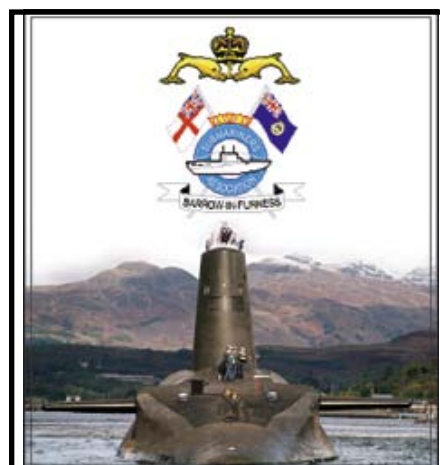
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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month IE last week of October for the November 2009 issue please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.



### SOCIAL CALENDAR 2009 - LOOK AHEAD

October	November	December
6th Monthly meeting	1st Embankment	1st Monthly meeting
9/11 SA Reunion w/e	3rd Monthly Meeting	15th Branch Committee Meeting
17th Trafalgar Ball	6th Ladies Night	19th Xmas Social
20th Branch committee meeting	8th Remembrance parade	



#### New Member

Lt Cdr (MESM)  
Neil Weaver

SMS from 1985  
in

Cougeoues,  
ONYX, ORPHEUS,  
TRENCHANT & TALENT

A warm welcome to you.





# Solve the submarine crossword

We hope you enjoyed last month's submarine wordsquare.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page. This month we return to a crossword with a dozen Barrow ship and submarine names to find from the clues.

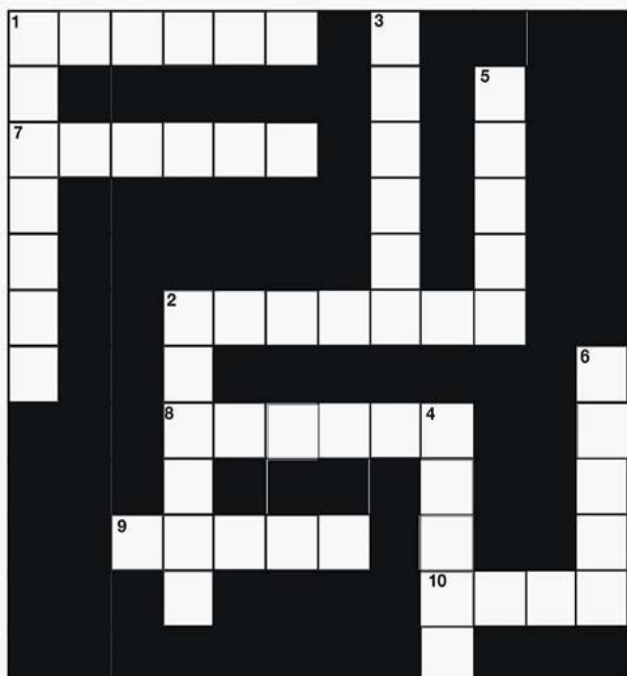
If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at [bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk](mailto:bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk)

## Down

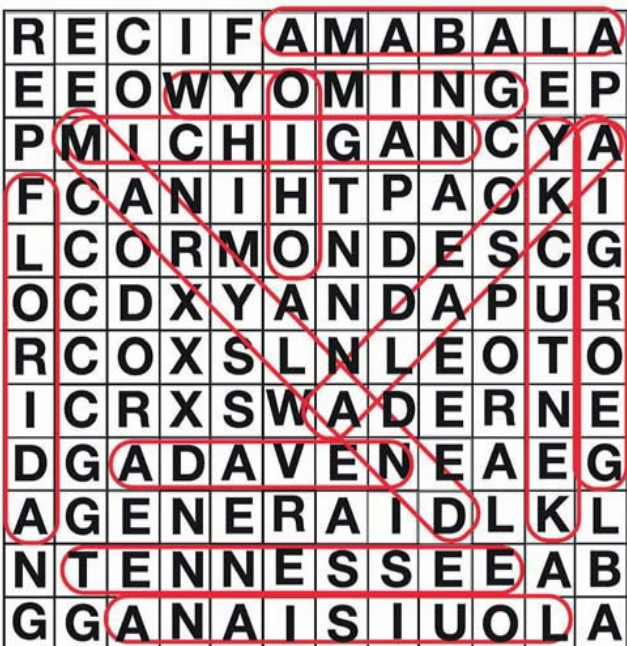
- 1: Hint at monarchy which sounds like a cooker heat setting
- 2: Young chap not keen on going to school
- 3: MP with a Cheeky Girl
- 4: William Tell could be the skipper of this one
- 5: Scottish river of shipbuilding fame
- 6: Girl's name shared with blonde singer and movie star of 1950s

## Across

- 1: Standing in for the king
- 2: Prickly Scottish emblem
- 7: Sea bird with huge appetite
- 8: Think Bond Girl emerging from the waves
- 9: Bring it all together
- 10: Sounds like first name of a US "king of Soul"



## Last month's wordsquare solution



COMING ABOARD: Prince William starts a tour of the Barrow-built HMS Alliance at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, in Gosport, last year

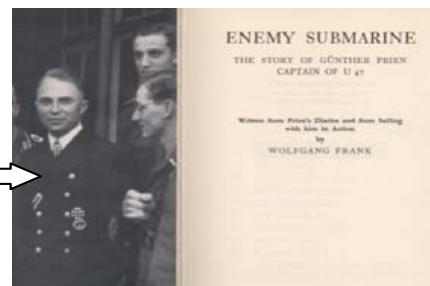


To expand on my thoughts surrounding last month's introduction of a possible Branch Bookshelf, I want to explain where I am coming from. It is traditional for Local Preachers when they have been ***Called to Higher Service (Crossed the Bar)*** for any of their theological books of reference to be passed on to the remaining Preachers in His/ Hers Circuit in my case South West Cumbria. These books are freely distributed to fellow Preachers for their bookshelves, or sold on as the case may be. Be rest assured that I am not planning to shuffle off my mortal coil any day soon, but it did lead to the thought what about all the submarine genre books resting on my bookshelf's that will eventually need a new home. So following this line thinking, I considered that perhaps the Branch could have a book collection in its own right. That with clear management and direction could even become recognized as the Northern England's "Definitive Submarine Book Collection" under the auspices of the Submariners Association National Committee. I realise there are many problems to overcome for such a plan to become a reality, so I will leave these initial thoughts with you. In the mean time let me turn my intention to this month's book review. I have never shown more than a passing interest in history that was until my involvement with the Submarine Heritage Centre. As I said last time I am now forever seeking out sources of second hand books with the hope of finding

something of interest. This month's book is no exception, knowing nothing more than the bare bones of the Trafalgar Story I picked it up earlier this during our North East Holiday, and found I could not put it down. ***My bottom line review: – A Good Read: – Fully Recommended: – Go For It.***



My second book review tells the story of Gunter Prien the Captain of World



War2 U47 fame. It traces his days from Merchant seamen through to his Scapa Flow success and beyond. I can honestly say prior to reading this book I knew of him but precious little else. Now the empty spaces have been more than adequately filled.

This book by Robert Preston despite having some images I have not seen before did not hold my interest the same as other books read recently. I have no doubt that there will others with different opinions so I am inviting you to read it and perhaps write an opposing review. See you at the next meeting – Temp. Librarian







The standard bearers at the memorial



The captain of Norwegian submarines and his good lady in tradional dress

Phots from the dedication of the submarine war memorial on the 17th September. Branch members attending Dave Barlow, Ginge Cundell, Micky Dak, Duddley Davenport, Bob Faragar

The Dundee Submarine Base was home to the 2nd and 9th Flotillas and was commissioned as HMS Ambrose on April 18, 1940. Six vessels operating from the base were lost during the war. The title of the memorial, Still on Patrol, refers to those who never returned.

From 1940 to 1946 Dundee was the home port of the Royal Navy's 9th Submarine Flotilla a unique international force composed of British units along with Free French, Dutch, Norwegian and Polish crews after the countries had been overrun by the Nazis.

Russian submarine crews were also based in Dundee in the summer of 1944.

