



We Remember Submariners Newsletter

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On behalf of the Chairman and the trustees, we would like to thank you all for your continued generosity and support as We Remember Submariners (WRS) continues to mature as a charity. We achieved charity status in December 2017.

There has been a lot going on behind the scenes, Webmaster David Woolterton and Ian Atkinson have been updating the website's content, adding a shop page and a better method of paying whilst continuing to remembering serving submariners and pledged veterans that are sadly no longer with us.

The list for the 2018 Pin closed on 31st December 2017. This was to enable the organisers to design the new pin encompassing all of the eligible gold poppies from the latter half of 2017. For those that have pledged to buy the pin, you will be able to pay for it on the 'My Pin Pledge' page from Friday 1st June 2018. Please ensure your contact details are correct, as many postcodes were lost as the result of a recent glitch. The 2018 pin will then go on general sale from August 2018 and will be available to buy from the shop <https://we-remember-submariners.com/shop> or from the various outstations including Portsmouth, Faslane, Plymouth, Bristol, Barrow-in-Furness.



The 2019 list is now open to register your pledges.



Why not promote We Remember Submariners at the Army v Navy rugby match on 5th May with this attractive rugby shirt that has been designed by Steve Thorpe and sports the WRS logo front and back, the white ensign on one sleeve and the badges of the Royal Navy and ARA San Juan on the other.

The shirt and sizing information are both available from the online shop, priced from £30. A donation from every shirt sold goes towards the Family's Fund of the ARA San Juan that was tragically lost on 15th November 2017.

World Pay Cards Accepted
Debit or Credit Cards



Since the last Newsletter in January, we have introduced World Pay as an easier payment mechanism when paying for merchandise from the shop. Using this method allows us to accept Debit and Credit Cards. In addition, from the 1st June, you will be able to pay for pledged pins on line via the Pin Pledge page.

If you have recently discovered We Remember Submariners, you may be interested to learn that back – issues of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 pin are still available from the [shop](#), priced at £5.50 per pin. Each pin comes with a certificate of authenticity and lists the recipients of the gold and red poppies for that year. Please note that the shop will be shut from 16th June to 11th July for staff holidays.



A polite message from the Webmaster, David Woolterton, “It is important for users to note that your name and contact information is recorded in two places on the website, firstly in the Shop under [Order History](#) and secondly as your user profile, which is used for the pin pledge.

Following a recent glitch, a lot of post code details were lost, therefore I cannot emphasise enough how vitally important it is that this information is checked and corrected via the [My Pin Pledge page](#) if you want your pins delivered to the right address.”



We Remember Submariners, using the donations raised, have been buying and placing benches at various locations around the country. Voting Member and former submarine Warrant Officer Coxswain Grant Fox is pictured with the bench that has been placed in Plymouth town centre, near to the anchor of HMS Ark Royal.

Gold Poppy Qualification Criteria

There has been some confusion on exactly who qualifies for a gold poppy on the annual pin and what is the qualification period.

To qualify for a gold poppy on the 2019 pin for example, the recipient will have sadly passed away between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2018.

He or she will have been a serving submariner or a pledged submarine veteran. In addition, we can only act on information received, so We Remember Submariners will need to have been informed of their passing. The Operations Director, Richard Figgins, can be contacted by e-mailing operations@we-remember-submariners.com.

For example:

Serving submariner	Gold Poppy
Pledged submarine veteran	Gold Poppy
Submarine veteran	No Gold Poppy

There is a caveat that a if a submarine veteran who was a pledged member in previous years, but due to illness or other circumstances was unable to pledge during the year of their passing, will be considered for honouring with a gold poppy.

On Saturday 2 June 2018 a fantastic event will take place at HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hampshire, when the establishment opens its gates for the annual Open Day, sponsored by Eight Wealth Management, featuring the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) Field Gun Competition.

The Field Gun Competition will feature crews from across the UK and as far afield as Gibraltar competing for the coveted Brickwoods Trophy.

The competition is fast and furious and requires 18-man teams to run, dismantle, reassemble and fire the gun in the shortest possible time. Strength, stamina, and team work are essential in this challenge. The selected crew members began training in March.

During the Open Day there will be attractions, entertainment and displays designed to capture the imagination of everyone.

We Remember Submariners will be having a stand at the event this year, so please come along and say hello. We are sponsoring HMS Neptune again this year.



We Remember Submariners are pleased to have supported several submariner crews who competed in last year's Brickwoods Field Gun Competition held at HMS Collingwood on Saturday 3rd June 2017.

Following some excellent work in the RN Submarine School, after the tragic loss of the ARA San Juan, CPO Geoff Boulton, ably assisted by two trainee submariners, proudly presented a cheque for £500 to retired WO Coxswain, Grant Fox which represents the proceeds from selling the memorial pin designed by We Remember Submariners.



Pictured left to right are:

WESM Tyler, CPO Geoff Boulton, Grant Fox, WESM Gardiner

All of the proceeds from the sale of this unique pin go to the Family's Fund of the Argentinian Navy to aid the families of those submariners that tragically perished following the loss of ARA San Juan on the 15th November 2017.

Following the launch of the ARA San Juan pin, We Remember Submariners are pleased to announce that they have sold 1400 pins, which is a magnificent effort. Adding this to the proceeds of the rugby shirt, you have raised £9000 for the ARA San Juan families fund. BZ to everyone who has contributed to the design, manufacture, sales and distribution.

WRS are not finished yet, there will soon be a donation facility on the website should anyone wish to contribute further towards this worthy cause.



In Other News

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If anyone has any newsworthy items, new fund raising ideas, or you would like to publicise any We Remember Submariners fund-raising events that have already taken place, please click on the link to send them, with details and any photographs to [Ian Atkinson](#)

Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the We Remember Submariners Trustees was held on Saturday 14th April and are pleased to announce the appointment of the following new Voting Members:

Pete Fisher

Rick Rothwell

Jamie Molyneux

Aron Molyneux

David Wain

John Lancaster

Huw John

The Trustees would like to extend a warm welcome to you all.

Annual General Meeting

Following the success of achieving charity status, in December 17, the inaugural AGM will be held on Saturday 15th September 2018. We anticipate that all Trustees and Voting members will be able to attend. Details of the venue, agenda etc will be confirmed closer to the date.

Thank you

The Trustees would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to Terri Mellor, the Shop Manager, for all the hard work she has put in to ensure all orders have been dispatched in a timely manner. This has been especially evident recently, with the additional work load to ensure the rugby shirts went out in time for the Army v Navy match. Well done Terri, your efforts are appreciated.

At a recent ceremony in Gosport to commemorate the loss of HMS Affray in April 1951, We Remember Submariners proudly unveiled one of three public benches near to the memorial monument overlooking Portsmouth Harbour.



Dedicated to the memory of the 58 Royal Navy Submariners who were lost on board H.M. Submarine Affray on 16th April 1951 and whose names are inscribed on the memorial opposite.
To our brothers of the Deep, you will always be remembered
Sponsored by We Remember Submariners

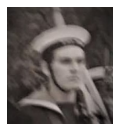




Since the last Newsletter, we have been informed of the following submariners that have sadly crossed the bar:

Resurgam

Allan Jones	21st December 2017
Neil Emerson	28th December 2017
John Jackson	2nd January 2018
Abraham Rothwell	3rd January 2018
John Patrick	9th January 2018
Trevor Townsend	9th January 2018
Bill Reece	10th January 2018
Anthony Kirk	14th January 2018
Keith Willifer	16th January 2018
Peter Shield	19th January 2018
Frederick Raymond	19th January 2018
Eric Blacker	22nd January 2018
Michael Cribley	24th January 2018
LS (SSM) Neville Matthews	26th January 2018
LWEM(O) Steve 'Smudger' Smith	2nd February 2018
William Dunlop	16th February 2018
CMEM David 'Scouse' Hobbs	21st February 2018
RO Ron Slade 92 - ex Truculent	21st February 2018
Pete 'Kid' Currie	25th February 2018
Dennis Cripps	26th February 2018
LWEM(O) Kevin Gould	1st March 2018
Keith Holliday	4th March 2018
MEM1 Jim Laing	6th March 2018
PO Anthony Brown	7th March 2018
Sid Booker	8th March 2018
Chris Ward	10th March 2018
POMEM Neil Barnes	20th March 2018
Chris Peacey	24th March 2018





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Roger Law 25th March 2018

Sid Moss 26th March 2018

John Barley 27th March 2018

Jim Jacques 28th March 2018

Michael Large 29th March 2018

Dave Milsom 2nd April 2018

Gordon Hawick 2nd April 2018



Gary Houston 10th April 2018



Bill Anderton 11th April 2018

Eddie Calvert 11th April 2018

Kenneth Coman 12th April 2018

Kerry Marmont 15th April 2018

We Remember Submariners would like to offer their sincere condolences to the friends and families of the bereaved and our apologies for any errors or omissions. Whilst we strive for accuracy, to err is human. The dates listed are when WRS were informed of the bereavement and may differ slightly from the actual date.

Please let us know if any of the information is incorrect and we will endeavour to correct it.

Please contact us by [email](#) if you have any suggestions or ideas for inclusion in the Newsletter. For all other questions, the contact details are on the [website](#).

Many thanks for your continued support

Regards

Nigel Mellor



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