



# 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.

In February 2019, WRS held their first AGM since becoming a registered charity. Nigel Mellor, formally stood down as Chairman after several years of sterling work preparing We Remember Submariners for charity status. Without Nigel's help and dedication, we would not be where we are today, so a huge vote of thanks goes to Nigel.

Nigel was succeeded at the AGM by Patrick Warley, but a few weeks later, Patrick had to step down due to personal reasons. Vice Chairman, Ian Atkinson then assumed the role of Chairman until the next AGM. This was unanimously agreed by the trustees.

The organisational structure of WRS is now as follows:

Founder	John Bradbury
Patron	Gill Molyneux
Chairman	Ian Atkinson
Vice Chairman	CPO David Smith
Treasurer	Nigel Mellor
Trustees:	Nigel Mellor, James Dickaty, Graham Bishop, David Wain, CPO Paul Foran, Mick Dewhurst, Andrew Whyte and WO Steve Thorpe.
Management Team	Terri Mellor      Shop Manager
	David Smith      Crossing the Bar Manager
	Ian Atkinson      Public Relations Manager
	Cecilia Gallop      Secretary
	TBC                  Webmaster and IT Manager

## 2019 Pin Pledges

We Remember Submariners are pleased to announce that the 2019 pins have now been received into the shop and Terri and Nigel are working their socks off, sending supplies to outstations and packaging up orders that have been pledged and paid for. Thank you for your support.

There are still over 150 pledges that have remained unpaid; if you believe you have pledged for the 2019 pin, but have not received an email requesting payment, then please email Terri at [shop@we-remember-submariners.com](mailto:shop@we-remember-submariners.com) and we will endeavour to supply all orders.



World Pay Cards Accepted  
Debit or Credit Cards



We Remember Submariners uses 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, you can now pay for pins on line.

## Membership

Another big thing to come out of the AGM was the decision to move away from pledging for the yearly pin.

Instead, starting on 1st September, there will be an option to join We Remember Submariners, as a member. This will be entirely optional and will not affect anybody being able to purchase the annual pin, from the shop or outstations, when they become available.

Annual membership will cost £10 for a full 12 months membership. For that, you will receive The yearly pin (worth £5.50), when it becomes available, a member badge (worth £5.50) and 10% discount in the online shop (excluding the current yearly pin).



Membership will open shortly on the website.

Additional pins will still be available for bulk orders, through outstations and the online shop

## 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 2020 pin for example, the recipient will have sadly passed away between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019.

He or she will have been a serving submariner or a WRS member who was also a submarine veteran. In addition, we can only act on information received, so We Remember Submariners will need to have been informed of their passing, during the qualification period.

For example:

Serving submariner	Gold Poppy
WRS Member & submarine veteran	Gold Poppy
Submarine veteran	No Gold Poppy

## Russian Submarine Tragedy

We Remember Submariners were extremely saddened to learn on 2nd July about the accident onboard a Russian submarine, that claimed the lives of 14 Russian submariners. Discussions are ongoing to determine an appropriate response for the families of those who perished, but at present, to demonstrate that they haven't been forgotten, a wreath and a card of condolence has been sent to the Russian Embassy in London.

## ARA San Juan

To date approximately £31,000 has been raised from generous donations including the sale of a special pin, the sale of a rugby shirt and donations from Barrow SA, and Ocean Infinity for the families of the 44 submariners that sadly died aboard the Argentinian submarine in November 2017.



WRS are working hard behind the scenes to get this money to the families, but have needed to overcome many bureaucratic difficulties.



## Recent Beneficiaries

- A donation towards L/Std Elvis Browne (HMS Vanguard) attending a Power Lifting competition in Canada
- A donation towards the Don War Memorial Bar in Stockton on Tees
- A donation towards L/Chef Wesley McGuinness (HMS Trenchant) for kit and travel expenditure
- A donation towards a K13 Memorial Plinth outside the Submarine Heritage Museum in Helensburgh
- Five bursaries for Sea Cadet to experience life at sea aboard TS Royalist
- Eight Marine Engineering Courses for Sea Cadets at HMS Sultan
- Purchase of a football strip for Wigan Junior Latics



Mrs Debbie Lee-Campbell, who tragically lost her submariner son, Christopher Payne in September 2013 has been a long time supporter of We Remember Submariners. She is planning to do a zip wire ride to raise some funds for the charity.

She is booked on the flight at Zip World Penrhyn Quarry, near Bethesda at 13:30 on 3rd September 2019

If you would like to sponsor Debbie in her death-defying leap, please visit her virgin money giving page at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=DebbieLeeCampbell&pageUrl=1> and give what you can. It all goes to support We Remember Submariners

Thank you

## In Other News

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. Unfortunately the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018 and the ARA San Juan pins are all sold out.



We Remember Submariners are delighted to be supported by the following companies:



**LCH (SM) Wesley McGuinness** was the first person in the Armed Forces to be selected to represent England at the IPF Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships 2017 held in South Africa.

He successfully achieved a Silver Medal in the Squat, a Bronze Medal in the Bench Press and a Silver Medal for overall Performance.

After taking a break from Powerlifting last year to focus on his core role on board HMS TRENCHANT, he was a member of the crew who achieved successful national tasking on ICEX 18.

During a maintenance period, in HMNB CLYDE, he used the opportunity to begin training again. Entering his first British Powerlifting South West Division Championships, where he placed first in the under 93 KG category where he achieved a 235kg Squat, 165kg Bench Press and finally a 260kg Deadlift. With a total of 665kg he was awarded best lifter of the day.



Qualifying for his first British Bench Press Championships in Feb 2019, he managed to secure a podium place (Bronze medal) with a 172.5kg Bench Press in a very heated under 93kg class.

After a strong performance in February, he has just received the news that he has made the GB Bench Team and has been invited to compete at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Europe Bench Press Championships held in September his year in Barcelona.

Continuously supported by We Remember Submariners, RNRMC, and the Royal Navy Powerlifting Association Wesley continues to represent the Silent Service at the Highest Level of Powerlifting in the UK.

After his performance at the IPF Commonwealth Championships he was nominated by the committee for the RNPA for Royal Navy Sportsman of the year, and was awarded the second place runner up award.



The Shop manager and her little elves are working flat out to send out pins to all those that have pledged and paid for their orders. After all of the pledged pins have been sent out, the remainder will be distributed to outstations around the country and will also be available from the online shop.

### **Outstations**

Faslane	David Wynne
Barrow in Furness	Pete Fisher
Abbeywood	Adrian Perry
Keynsham	Ian Atkinson
HMS Sultan	CPO Mike Woods
Plymouth	Chalky Whyte
Plymouth	Nigel Thornber
HMS Raleigh	CPO Jakey Foran



Between January and the end of July, at the time of publication, we have been informed of the following submariners that have sadly crossed the bar in 2019. Those qualifying for a gold poppy are emboldened in red:

## Resurgam

Mike Cottage	02 January 2019	Jim Johnstone	10 April 2019
Chris Charter	03 January 2019	Don Birrel	11 April 2019
James R Pardoe	10 January 2019	Cyril Davis	15 April 2019
Roger Garratt	11 January 2019	Tony Edge	16 April 2019
Clifford Butler	12 January 2019	David Gunter	17 April 2019
Peter Runham	14 January 2019	John Billington	20 April 2019
Richard Bell	14 January 2019	Donald Morgan	21 April 2019
Frank Charles Pretty	16 January 2019	John Sanders	22 April 2019
Keith Milner	21 January 2019	Michael Kingshott	23 April 2019
Jock Campbell	22 January 2019	Michael Joice	24 April 2019
Len Reeks	24 January 2019	Philip Mann	24 April 2019
William James	26 January 2019	Colin Ellmore	27 April 2019
William James Lanyon Smith	29 January 2019	George Hunter	01 May 2019
Ray Clapton	04 February 2019	Jack Winstanley	13 May 2019
John Taylor	06 February 2019	Peter Herbert	17 May 2019
Paul Cubitt	06 February 2019	Derek Lawbury	21 May 2019
Gordon Foster	07 February 2019	Ian Roscoe	22 May 2019
Alan Pillifent	08 February 2019	Bas Moran	24 May 2019
David Syborn	12 February 2019	Carl Anderson	27 May 2019
Richard Hilton	13 February 2019	Bob McGahey	31 May 2019
Jeremy Patrick Home McCall	17 February 2019	Colin Hutchinson	03 June 2019
Bob Woolley	19 February 2019	Charlie Scripps	04 June 2019
Ken Willis	20 February 2019	Christopher Rich	04 June 2019
<b>Roderick Alan Matthews</b>	<b>20 February 2019</b>	Geoffrey Arnold	04 June 2019
Arthur Escreet	20 February 2019	David Vaillant	10 June 2019
Gerry Thwaites	21 February 2019	Brian Clark	13 June 2019
John Dalton	24 February 2019	Chris Horn	18 June 2019
Robert (Iain) Jackson	01 March 2019	Leonard Evans	18 June 2019
David Nelson	06 March 2019	Adrian Harrison	18 June 2019
John Nott	07 March 2019	Eddie Gibson	19 June 2019
David Michael Rich	18 March 2019	Geoffrey Ellis	23 June 2019
David John Stevens	19 March 2019	Peter Tilley	25 June 2019
Derek Anthony	20 March 2019	James Taylor	25 June 2019
Henry Sibbitt	22 March 2019	Barry Gibbs	26 June 2019
Paul Cripps	25 March 2019	Simon Rowlands	27 June 2019
Oliver Orme	25 March 2019	Franklyn Collins	30 June 2019
Ian Watson-Smith	31 March 2019	Howard McFadyen	30 June 2019
John Robert Styles	05 April 2019	Trevor McGrath	03 July 2019
David Barraclough	07 April 2019	Lew Adams	04 July 2019



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Sandy Hutton	06 July 2019
David Reagan	09 July 2019
Brian Dix	09 July 2019
Lee Barry	14 July 2019
Colin Martin	14 July 2019
Ian Docchar	16 July 2019
Steven Norval	18 July 2019
Roger Hallett	19 July 2019
Henry Ashby	30 July 2019

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.

## **Situations Vacant**

Would you like to be more involved in the day to day running of We Remember Submariners? There currently exists a number of openings for key roles within the organisation. Please contact [Ian Atkinson](#) if you feel you have the necessary skills, time and energy to apply for one of the roles.

### **Webmaster and IT Manager**

The three main areas for this role is the development, management and support of Office 365, the Website and GDPR to both the WRS Team but also our customers.

The successful candidate will need to have a good working knowledge of Office 365 for small business and all things with website hosting and have administered web sites previously.

Our current website is built on a Joomla Platform with the main components being SP Page Builder, OS Solutions eshop, RS Forms and many others. Experience in FTP, PHP, Databases and World Pay will be an advantage.

This is a pivotal role within the organisation and requires a candidate with a vision to take the site forward. Some training will be given to the right candidate as the current incumbent hands over responsibility.

For further information, contact [David Woolterton](#) and he will be happy to answer any questions.

### **Public Relations Manager**

The person that takes this role, must have great communication and literary skills and be able to liaise with other members of the management team, event organisers and write articles for the website, periodic newsletters and press releases.

### **CTB Manager**

The person who takes this role, will have a natural compassionate nature and possess great communications skills. This role is as a central point of contact for the network of area coordinators already in place around the UK. When a submariner Crosses the Bar (passes away), there is a real need to be sensitive to the wishes of the family when organising wreathes, cards of condolence and commemorative pins being sent out to the bereaved.

### **Membership Secretary**

We Remember Submariners has recently reorganised to offer membership to the wider submarine community and their relatives. As such, this is a newly created position.

This person will have experience of running a spreadsheet or database to collate membership details, be compliant with GDPR and to be able to liaise with the Webmaster and Shop Manager on membership issues.



## 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. Well done Terri, your efforts are appreciated.

Please contact us by [email](#) if you have any suggestions or ideas for inclusion in the Newsletter.

If anyone has any newsworthy items, requests for funding, 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](#)

For all other questions, the contact details are on the [website](#).

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind regards

Ian Atkinson

Chairman

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