



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.

Following the appointment to some key roles, the organisational structure of WRS is as follows:

Founder	John Bradbury	
Patron	Gill Molyneux	
Chairman	Ian Atkinson	
Vice Chairman	CPO David Smith	
Treasurer	Nigel Mellor	
Trustees:	Graham Bishop, David Wain, CPO Paul Foran, Nigel Mellor, Mick Dewhirst, James Dickaty, L/S Andrew Whyte and WO Steve Thorpe MBE.	
Management Team	Terri Mellor	Shop Manager
	Sam McNeice	Crossing the Bar Manager
	Ian Atkinson	Public Relations Manager
	Rob Carr	Webmaster and IT Manager
	John Ireland	Membership Secretary
	Cecilia Gallop	Secretary

Membership

Membership to join We Remember Submariners opened on the 1st September 2019.

Already, there are over 850 members, so thank you for your valued support. For those who have as yet not joined, membership is entirely optional and will not affect anybody being able to purchase the annual pin, from the shop or outstations, when they become available. <https://we-remember-submariners.com/membership/wrs-membership>

Annual membership costs £10 for a full 12 months membership. For that, you will receive the 2020 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).



Additional 2020 pins will still be available at £5.50 each, through the online shop or regional outstations

Design proposal

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.

ARA San Juan

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

We Remember Submariners are proud to announce that following many months of dealing with bureaucratic difficulties, this money has now been transferred to the families of the crew of ARA San Juan. This has been a gargantuan effort and has only served to cement the relationship between our two countries.

88 of the pictured ARA San Juan pins have also now arrived in Argentina, two of which are being sent to each of the families of the 44 crew members.

As Chairman, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who made this possible, both in the UK and in Argentina. We will remember them. BZ



Mrs Debbie Lee-Campbell, who tragically lost her submariner son, Christopher Payne in September 2013 has been a passionate supporter of We Remember Submariners and wanted to raise some funds for the charity.

On the 3rd September 2019, Debbie overcame her fears at the Zip World Penrhyn Quarry, near Bethesda and so far has raised £140 for We Remember Submariners.

Well done Debbie, we are very proud of you.

If you would like to sponsor Debbie following 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.

Gold Poppy Qualification Criteria

Historically, 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 2021 pin, for example, the recipient will have sadly passed away between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020.

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
Civilian	No Gold Poppy

Recent Beneficiaries

- Wigan Junior Latics Royals U12's, received sponsorship for their new kit.
- The purchase of three Kayaks for the Sea Cadet unit in Musselburgh.
- The purchase of an adapted wheelchair for para athlete Gordon Clarke to compete in Wheelchair rugby.
- A donation towards an adapted bicycle for para athlete Gary Hardwick to train for the Invictus Games.
- A donation towards the creation of a hi tech K13 memorial bench at the Submarine Heritage Centre.



Wigan Junior Latics Royals U12's, received sponsorship for their new kit from We Remember Submariners.

Lt Cdr Ian Molyneux's youngest son Charlie, a pupil at St John Fisher High School Wigan, is the striker for the U12's team.

The team are extremely grateful to WRS for the support and are proud to wear the WRS logo on their shirts.

Coach Carl Finch and wife Nicola, along with members of the U12 team, recently participated in the Wigan 10k and Family Mile, to help raise awareness of the Charity in Ian's local community and to 'give something back'.



Submarine K13

Following a request from the West of Scotland branch of the Submariners Association, WRS were delighted to make a donation towards the placing of a memorial plinth in Colquhoun Square in Helensburgh, in memory of the sinking of submarine K13 in the Gareloch in January 1917.



Gordon Clark

Captain and Chairman of **Endeavour wheelchair rugby team**, represented the UK in the Warrior Games and narrowly missed out on promotion to the premier league by one point in their first season.

Along with Gary Hardwick, another former submariner, they are now in training for the upcoming season. Good luck lads.



Annual General Meeting

The 2nd AGM of WRS will take place at the Ullesthorpe Court Hotel in Leicestershire LE17 5BZ starting at 1pm on Saturday 8th February 2020.

There are still limited spaces available for members to attend, and you are very welcome on a first come, first served basis. Email - ian.atkinson@we-remember-submariners.com if you would like to come along.

The AGM itself is free to attend, but for members, there is the option of joining us for a meal in the evening and also staying overnight. A menu will be sent out to confirmed attendees, prior to the AGM.

3 Course Dinner, B&B Rates

£110.00 Single Occupancy Room

£145.00 Double Occupancy Room

£29.95pp for those just wishing to stop for dinner.

All food and accommodation will need to be paid in advance to the Treasurer, Nigel Mellor.

Sea Cadets Parade and Kayak Appeal

On 20th October 2019, The Chairman, Ian Atkinson and Founder of WRS, John Bradbury, were hosted as guests of honour at the Annual Trafalgar Day Parade at Horseguards Parade by the Sea Cadets in London.



On a lovely warm day in the capital, we were treated to an impressive display of PT, marching and music from the massed band of the Sea Cadets.

The Sea Cadets appeal for 2019 aimed to buy some new kayaks to help the cadets get out onto the water, so investing in the future, WRS pledged and bought three kayaks for the Musselborough unit.



Submarine Heritage Centre in Helensburgh

Over the New Year, the Chairman visited the Submarine Heritage Centre in Helensburgh, with the view of researching his new book.

This turned out to be an incredibly impressive audio visual display with the midget submarine X51 taking pride of place in the centre of the projection room.

Photos do not do justice to just how good it is when you consider that apart from the grey submarine, everything else is projected onto the walls, or onto the hull of the submarine. It really is worth a visit.

The curator, Brian Keating is raising funds to have a hi-tech bespoke bench placed outside to commemorate the submarine K13, that sank in the Gareloch in 1917 and teach future generations about the crew. WRS are delighted to be able to donate a substantial amount towards this very worthy project.



In Other News

If you have recently discovered We Remember Submariners, you may be interested to learn that back – issues of the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019 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.



Outstations

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

Situations Vacant

Would you like to be more involved in the day to day running of We Remember Submariners? There currently exists an opening for a key role within the organisation.

Please contact [Ian Atkinson](#) if you feel you have the necessary skills, time and energy to apply for this role.

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.

Thank you

The Chairman and Trustees would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to **Tom Herman** and **Terri Mellor**, for all of the hard work they have put in negotiating with Argentina and Nat West Bank to facilitate the transfer of the £31,000 to the families of the 44 lost onboard ARA San Juan.

Well done, your efforts are appreciated.



Between August and the end of December, 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:

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Alfred Galea	30 July 2019	Barry Miller	15 October 2019
David Palmer	02 August 2019	Derek Fletcher	
Dennis Shea		Robert Griffiths	
David J. Turner	31 July 2019	Walter McNaughton	14 October 2019
Charlie Greensmith		John Bunch	27 October 2019
Mark Walmsley		Brian Kerton	26 October 2019
Keith Ashworth		Les Stagpool	
Peter Hamilton-Jones	08 August 2019	Mick Tierney	02 November 2019
Mark Chorley		Ronald Black	29 October 2019
Paul Sanday	25 May 2018	Steven Gwilt	03 November 2019
Eric Moloney	11 August 2019	Matthew Inness	04 November 2019
Neil Pugh	01 September 2019	Seamus McLaughlin	20 October 2019
Ray Gritt	03 September 2019	Graham Cooper	02 November 2019
Geoff Grove		Charles Nixon-Eckersall	11 November 2019
Ken Ewart		Andy Hutchinson	13 November 2019
Anthony Bragg		Malcolm Carr	21 November 2019
Mike Griffith		John Lorimer	01 December 2019
Tim Evins		Kev Doyle	
Dennis Perry	20 September 2019	David Howard	
David Cook		Robert Appleton	03 December 2019
Roger Sharp	09 October 2019	Albert Saunders	10 December 2019
Daniel Sullivan	12 October 2019	John Jamieson	15 December 2019
Richard Cotton	14 October 2019	Kelvin Tanton	11 December 2019
Ron Mcintosh	16 October 2019	Lyn D Walton Waters	13 October 2019
Bernard Quinian	21 October 2019	Colin Outtram	

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.

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



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2020 Pin

As most of you will know and appreciate, the We Remember Submariners annual pin has become a collectors item. The convention for the design of the pin over the last 6 years has been governed by a number of factors:

- Red Poppies to remember submarines lost 100 years ago.
- Gold poppies to remember qualifying members that crossed the bar during 2019. (3)
- The submarine 'Dolphins'
- The year of issue. (2020)
- The total number of known UK submariners that crossed the bar during 2019. (137)
- 'We Remember Submariners'

The 2020 pin is fortunately unique in that there were no submarine losses in 1920, so we cannot follow the same convention.

I know there are many imaginative and artistic designers amongst our members, so I invite you all to suggest design ideas for the 2020 pin.

Design proposal

Please submit them to chairman@we-remember-submariners.com

Thank you



Please contact us by [email](mailto:chairman@we-remember-submariners.com) 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](mailto:Ian.Atkinson@we-remember-submariners.com)

For all other questions, the contact details can be found on the [website](https://we-remember-submariners.com/charity-information/wrs-the-charity/contact-us), by clicking the link or by visiting <https://we-remember-submariners.com/charity-information/wrs-the-charity/contact-us>

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind regards

Ian Atkinson

Chairman

We Remember Submariners

