



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION EAST KENT BRANCH



Report of the
Monthly Meeting
Sunday 20th May 2018

Open the meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a Toast to the welcome return of Big Jim

Members present: Geoff Humphrey, Barry Harris, Bob Fleming, George Spencer, Peter Maxwell, Jim Hutton, John Gowens, Roger Pay, Dick Joy,

Apologies: Russ Timpson, David Surridge, John Wood, Willie Russan, Chris Parrish, Paul Swaby, Brian Calder, Donny Donovan

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence / Secretary's Report

Burton upon Trent branch requesting info on how to apply for Legion d'Honneur medal

NMC minutes for May meeting

National Museum of the Royal Navy is planning a major conference in June on the 50th anniversary of Resolution's first operational Polaris patrol

Newsletters: Cobseo news; Sail; In Depth

Dedication of an E18 memorial plaque in St Petersburg on 23rd August

New book published – POLARIS

Proposal from Norfolk branch to have a Memorial erected at the National Arboretum

The final memorial service for HMS Tigris will take place on Sunday 8 July 2018, in Newbury Berks

Email from Sue Tingle of Kings School Canterbury with picture of Blue Plaque event.

HMS/m Stonehenge event on 9th and 10th March run by the Stone Circle Association

Letter from Ron Rietveld Re: Membership of other countries Submariners

Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club: 0900 last Saturday of month at Wetherspoons

Financial statement

Bank 826.23 Cash 66.28 £55 collected at the meeting (£5 donation from Big Jim)

The treasurer in one of his rare moments of generosity, proposed, when the Standard is paraded outside of Thanet, the group attending should receive a minimum of £10 towards expenses. The background to this was this month's attendance at Canterbury for the Blue Plaque unveiling. Members agreed the proposal. The Treasurer is reported to be recovering in a darkened room from his profligate use of Branch funds.

THE TREASURERS REPORT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED BY THE MEETING

Standard Bearers Report:

Paraded at Canterbury Cathedral and Kings School Canterbury

Request for Standard on Wednesday 23rd May at 1345 Margate Crem and Thursday 31st May 1315 at Basingstoke.

Donny would like to carry Standard. Roger will pass the standard to Donny.

Funeral of Mick Cox's brother on Wednesday 23rd (Roger carried the Standard with the Secretary also attending)

Welfare:

Good to see both Big Jim and George back in good health

Any Other Business:

Blue Plaque Washup: The Chairman gave a report on the excellent day last week at Canterbury. A great honour for the Branch to have attended the ringing of HMS Canterbury Bell in the Cathedral with the Submariners Association taking the lead in ringing the bell and then being looked after so well by the staff at Kings School.

RNA Football Card. Won by a member of the RNA

Armed Forces Day 30th June. Toby free meal. (all agreed it sounds good, will discuss at next meeting)

Birthdays: None

Apologies for next meeting: Chris Parish

Date of next Meeting – **Sunday 17th June: At Ramsgate RNA**