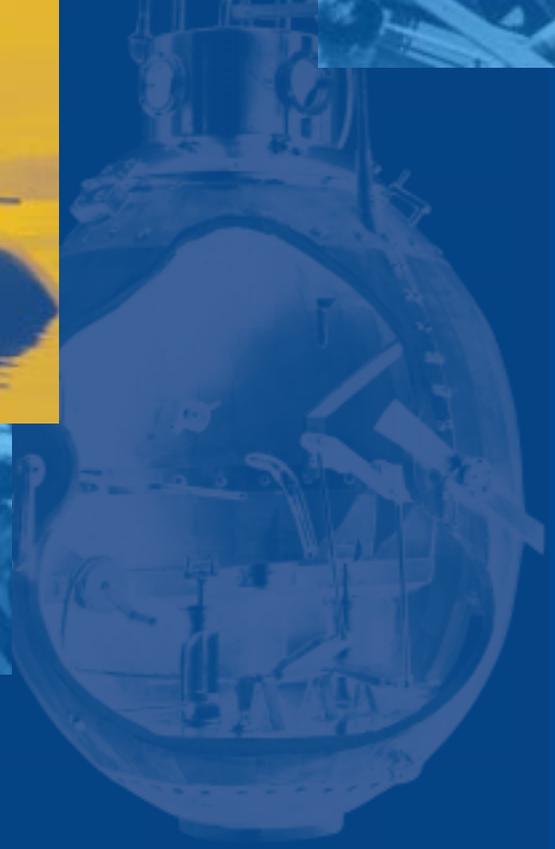


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MUSEUM

Securing the history and the heritage of the Royal Navy Submarine Service

As the Royal Navy Submarine Service moves silently into the new millennium it can be heralded as the sentinel - the guardian of peace in a century which witnessed two devastating world wars.



The Service's task as peacekeeper has been 100 years in the making - it celebrates its centennial in 2001. But its millennium role as the most powerful arm of the Royal Navy is a huge leap from its conception - when men serving in submarines were viewed as pirates, and submarining was considered 'no occupation for a gentleman'.

The transition from pirate to peacekeeper has been driven by world events.

The submarine has created the breed 'submariners' - with a language and culture all their own. Together man and machine have successfully risen to every challenge the modern world has thrown at them.

The Royal Navy Submarine Museum, a charitable trust, is charged with the task of protecting the heritage of this most silent service, its men and machines. It must mark the qualities of dedication, innovation and sacrifice, for they have become bywords for the submariner and have underpinned the world reputation of the Royal Navy.



Cox'n Waller the Royal Navy's first Submarine Coxswain.



Lieutenant Commander Norman Holbrook awarded the Submarine Service's first Victoria Cross.



Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse of Gosport. As Chief of Defence Staff became the highest ranking Submarine Officer in the history of The Royal Navy Submarine Service.



from pirate to peacekeeper



John Phillip Holland. Designer of the Royal Navy's first submarine



HMS Porpoise ship's company with their Jolly Roger



The Museum

in Millennium Heartland

The Vision for the Future

Fort Blockhouse, home of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, is situated in the heartland of the region's millennium developments - "The Renaissance of Portsmouth Harbour."

More than £80 million is to be invested in Portsmouth and Gosport and The Submarine Museum is located in a critical position in this investment - the southern book end to the much publicised Gosport Millennium Promenade - and as such is an essential destination for visitors to the region and the Millennium project.

Our vision for the museum is exciting, challenging - and achievable.

It is ambitious, for the stature of our plans must hold a mirror to the massive changes transforming the region into a high profile, prestigious tourist centre. We must ensure that the Submarine Museum plays its part - presenting the service in the light which it undoubtedly deserves.



The Centennial Appeal

The potential for the museum is extraordinary. But there can be no doubt that without the Centennial Appeal we cannot even begin to maximise this potential.

We have the essentials firmly in place - a world class collection, a successful track record, a dedicated and enthusiastic professional team. But our facilities must be of the same quality as the content of the museum if we are to secure our vision.

So we have launched our Centennial Appeal to raise £1.5 million as matched funding for Heritage Lottery Fund support.

Funds raised from the Appeal will enable us to present the history of the Submarine Service in the way it deserves. The Museum will embark on an exciting programme of refurbishment and expansion.

The development will encompass all areas of the museum - its buildings, exhibitions, collection and research functions, its highly important memorial role and its education facilities.



Artist's Impression of the new Millennium Promenade

To secure our vision the Museum has launched a four phase Appeal:

Phase 1 **£1 Million**

Enhanced conservation and exhibition of the historic HM Torpedo Boat No 1 (Holland 1), the Royal Navy's first submarine and the blueprint for all future submarines.

Enhanced access to, and conservation of, HMS Alliance, a World War II vintage submarine, the 'tour de force' of the Ministry of Defence's collection and the museum's star attraction.

Phase 2 **£1.3 Million**

Development of a new Historical and Memorial Wing.

- The creation of two new galleries. One to improve the area in which we commemorate the men who lost their lives in the name of the service. The other to house the historic WWII mini-submarine X-24 (currently exposed to the elements) and to trace the history of the RN Submarine Service.

Development of the Submarine and Science Wing.

- The refurbishment of the current Museum building, the enhancement of the present Modern Gallery, and the introduction of an educational gallery which deals with submarine technologies and its oceanographic environment. Together they will lead to a better understanding of many aspects of modern technology and the world's oceans.



HM Submarine Torpedo Boat No.1 (Holland 1) The Royal Navy's first submarine

Phase 3 **£1.1 Million**

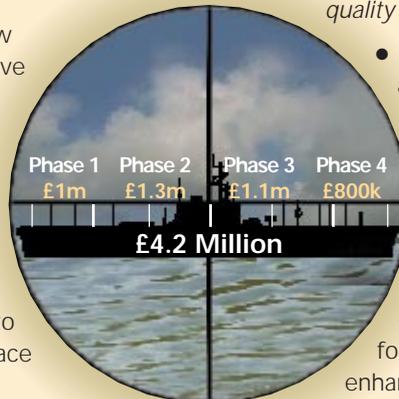
Development of a new Visual Art and Exhibition Wing.

- The creation of two new galleries. One to house large artefacts (currently in a temporary gallery) and the other to display the Museum's significant collection of fine art. This gallery will also provide desperately needed temporary exhibition space.

Improvements to visitor services such as improved reception area, cinema, the restaurant, café and gift shop.

Create facilities for visitors reflecting the quality of the Museum including

- a new building for a restaurant and gift shop overlooking the stunning views of Portsmouth Harbour and its yacht marinas, and enabling the Museum to maximise potential for corporate hospitality.
- a refurbishment of the former cafeteria building to enhance reception, ticketing and cinema facilities. It will also create room to put the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel, LR3, under cover.

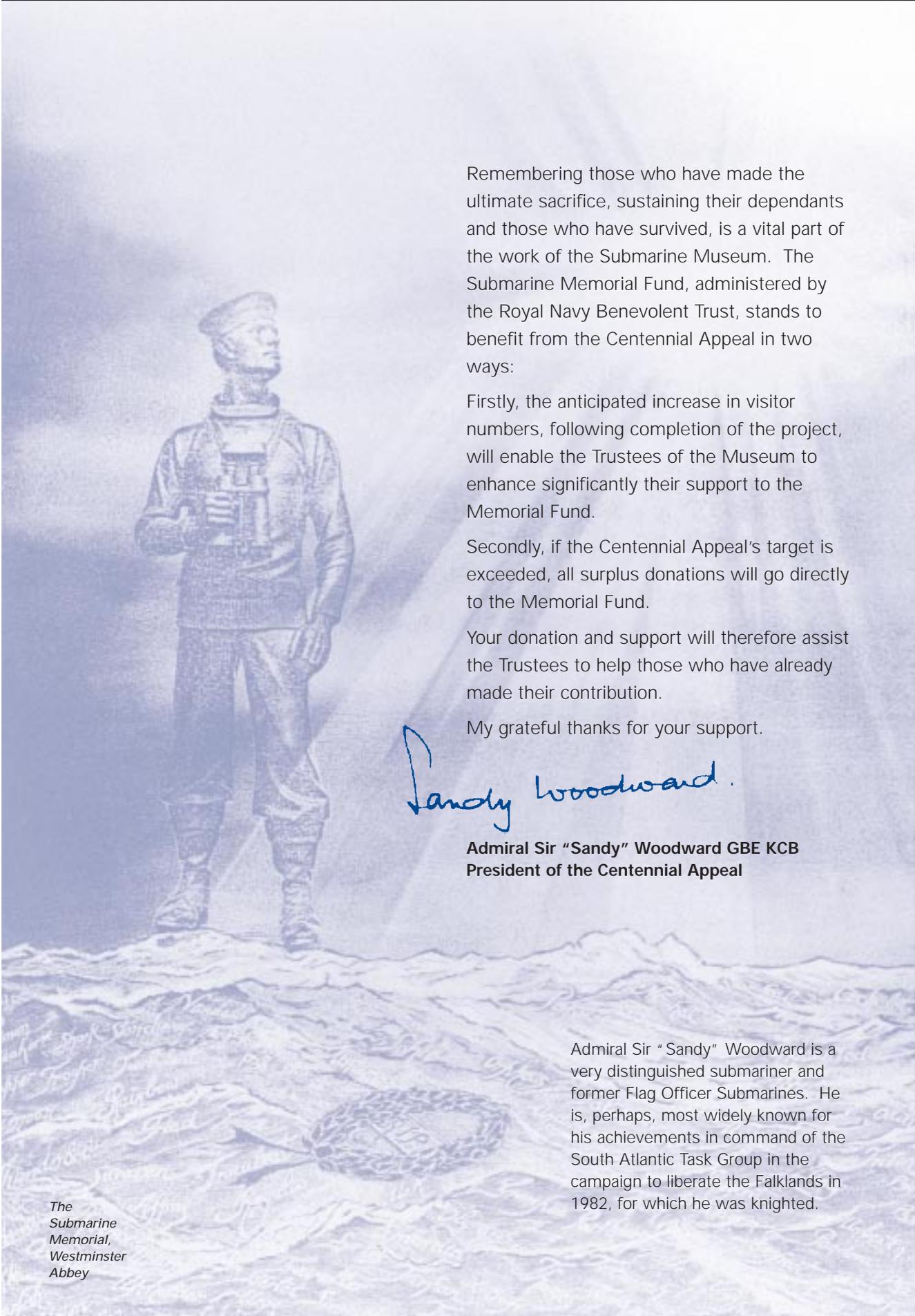


Phase 4 **£800,000**

Development of a Research and Archive Centre

- A new construction, built to the highest environmental standards, that will house the Museum's growing written and photographic archive and replace an obsolete building. It will contain an auditorium and other educational facilities.

In their memory



Remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, sustaining their dependants and those who have survived, is a vital part of the work of the Submarine Museum. The Submarine Memorial Fund, administered by the Royal Navy Benevolent Trust, stands to benefit from the Centennial Appeal in two ways:

Firstly, the anticipated increase in visitor numbers, following completion of the project, will enable the Trustees of the Museum to enhance significantly their support to the Memorial Fund.

Secondly, if the Centennial Appeal's target is exceeded, all surplus donations will go directly to the Memorial Fund.

Your donation and support will therefore assist the Trustees to help those who have already made their contribution.

My grateful thanks for your support.

Sandy Woodward

**Admiral Sir "Sandy" Woodward GBE KCB
President of the Centennial Appeal**

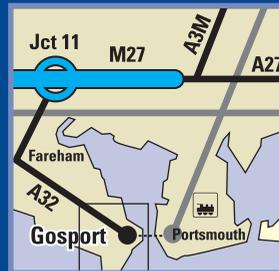
Admiral Sir "Sandy" Woodward is a very distinguished submariner and former Flag Officer Submarines. He is, perhaps, most widely known for his achievements in command of the South Atlantic Task Group in the campaign to liberate the Falklands in 1982, for which he was knighted.

Directions

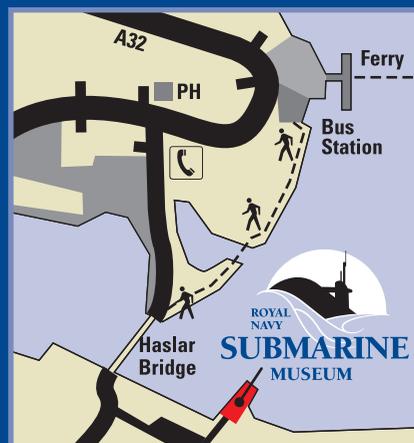


Directions

M27 to junction 11. Follow the A32 through Gosport. Pass the Gosport Ferry and turn left at the Public House. Follow Haslar Road over Haslar Bridge. The Museum car park is second left.



A frequent ferry service to Gosport operates from Portsmouth Harbour Station. At Gosport, follow the signs for the Submarine Museum. Alternatively, the No.19 Bus service runs from the bus station adjacent to the Ferry, to the Museum.



General information

Opening times:

The Museum is open daily
except December 24-January 1
April-October 10am-5.30pm
November-March 10am-4.30pm
Last tour one hour before closing
Please allow 2-3 hours for your visit
Group and educational rates are
available on request.

For information on disabled access,
please telephone prior to your visit.

Facilities

Free car and coach parking, Gift shop,
Jolly Roger Galley, Picnic Area.

Services

Research Centre and Photo Archive
(by prior appointment),
Education Service, Corporate
Entertainment, Mail Order.

For further information:

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

www.submarine-museum.demon.co.uk/index.html

The Royal Navy Submarine Museum now has a web site with details of the museum, the Centennial Appeal and progress of the fundraising as well as details of how you can help us in our fight for funds.

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