

Bill Sparks, the last survivor of the "cockleshell heroes"

I am very proud to have been a part of a small, but important project to repair and enhance the grave of Bill Sparks, the last survivor of the "cockleshell heroes" who raided the German-occupied French port of Bordeaux by canoe to attack enemy shipping in 1942, Bill died aged 80 in 2002. Corporal Sparks of the Royal Marines was one of 12 men chosen for one of the most daring and dangerous special operations of the second world war, led by Major Herbert "Blondie" Hasler. Further landscaping is intended but a big improvement, worthy of the man it commemorates, has already been achieved

