

my cousin. They had
whatever of escape
ship went down.
the war, my father
up and found that of
of 25 men only one
survived.
many men of the
at Navy are the unsung
es.
at place for that U-Boat
bottom of the Atlantic
with the skeletons of the
ent there.

ry ironic

nic that a ferry boat
scuttled" (www.wirral-
nk, April 3) and a U-
d by cost-cutting Mer-

and Daffodil survived
n the German U-boat
ing the Zebrugge Raid
rge's Day, 1918, to
oyals.

rugge memorial
re staged at Woodside,
of a U-boat!

I think U-534 is a
le attraction but take
claims that play
ole in the Second

ot down two British
with loss of RAF crew,
t was told to
by Admiral Donitz.

s make U-534, in
site of a war crime?

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l needed?

axe to grind but
if a new hotel is
West Kirby.

s it have to be on the

waterfront? Do residents want
it? Will the downside be greater
than any advantages? .

I can understand the developer
wants to realise a valuable asset
(and Wirral Council will get a
much-needed boost in rates) but
that should not be the deciding
factor.

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Short-sighted

AS a group of university aca-
demics and museum profession-
als, all of whom have strong
Wirral connections, we wish to
register our extreme concern
about the council's plan to close
a number of public libraries.

It is a tragically short-sighted
move to take away the local
element of the library service
from the community, especially
at a time of rising
unemployment.

This plan threatens to become
a nationally publicised disaster
for Wirral.

It was highlighted in the
Observer Review on Sunday,
March 22 as probably the worst
case of library cutbacks in the
UK.

A life's journey in education
and employment can begin with
randomly picking up a book on
a visit to a convenient local
library, which might spark an
interest in archaeology, biology,
history, or many other subjects.

We are proud to say that this
was very much our own
experience – please do not take
it away from the people of
Wirral now.

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