



HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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25 March 2026

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD, WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

Committee:

Capt J.E. Palmer	Chairman and webmaster
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Vice Chairman
Cdr D. Coombes	OA Secretary
Lt Cdr M.P. Carr	Membership and Social Secretary
Lt Cdr D. Rook	Treasurer
Lt Cdr C Brooks	Member
Lt Cdr J.R.D Rouse	A/Sec

1. APOLOGIES

Cdr N. Quine.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2025

The minutes were accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Lt Carr advised that the action to provide a list of members requiring new passes had been overtaken by events and the action was closed.

Capt Palmer confirmed that the action to speak to the XO was complete.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Lt Cdr Rook presented the following report.

Lt Cdr Rook reported that his last report for the December Committee meeting 2025, stated that the OA account formally stood at £5,804.45. The OA fund now stood at £4,874.09, with the only significant transaction in the period being the subsidy for the OA Trafalgar Night of £930.

As discussed outside of the committee meeting cycle, the Wardroom had recently put up its charges to the OAs by £5 per membership category. On top of the increase, the VAT that will be put onto it will need to be considered. Therefore, just to maintain the current OA income it will be necessary to raise OA membership charges by £6, which means that for 2026, OA Country members would pay £19 and Active members £33.

The committee agreed that the membership charges should be increased to avoid making a loss. Lt Cdr Rook agreed to draft a short email to advise the membership and Capt Palmer agreed to send the email out when ready.

Action Lt Cdr Rook & Capt Palmer

It was agreed that changed circumstances around the availability of wardroom facilities and the issuing of passes made the difference between Active & Country membership relatively slight. After discussion, the committee decided to propose a change to the constitution to make all future joiners just members. Those already Country members would remain so. Cdr Coombes took an action to draft a change to the constitution.

Action Cdr Coombes

Lt Cdr Carr and Lt Cdr Rook advised the meeting that they were finding it difficult to predict the level of subsidy required for Trafalgar Night but would work with the Mess Manager to try to improve the situation.

Capt Palmer advised the meeting that he had purchased gold lettering for the OA Sword Board at a cost of £168. He also announced that a sword had been donated by Lt Cdr Paget, and that it would need to go off for refurbishment.

Action Capt Palmer

5. SOCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lt Cdr Carr presented the following reports: -

Membership

ACTIVE - 199

COUNTRY - 81

FULL - 6

HONORARY - 8

Total 294

Currently getting confirmation from Jo D'Arcy from her database.

Deceased

Lt Cdr Tony Crump

Resignations

Cdr Philip Moore

Lt Cdr Tony Quinn

Social

Fish and Chip Fridays continue and thanks to Jim & Colin for stepping into the breach. The next ones were planned for Fri 27th Mar and Fri 1st May.

Due to family commitments, Lt Cdr Carr said that he would be away from 10 Oct to 2 Dec 2026 so he would not be attending either Trafalgar Night or the Remembrance Parade. He would, however, put as much in place as he could but will need a volunteer(s) to do the last-minute admin as necessary.

In Response to Lt Cdr Carr asking for thoughts on re-engaging the Hayling Shanty Crew for Trafalgar Night Dinner to be held on Friday 30 Oct, the Committee agreed that the Shanty Crew

should be re-engaged. Lt Carr said that the book for the Dinner would close at the beginning of October. Lt Cdr Brooks commented that it should be made clear to the membership that the book would close earlier than normal.

Lt Cdr Carr said he would like to book the Christmas Committee lunch at the Ropemaker again. He said that he would look into their Gift Card Deal. Due to his travel, he would like the December meeting slightly later, Fri 4th Dec or Mon, Tue, Wed 7, 8 or 9 Dec. Lt Cdr Rouse said that she would be sending out an email proposing dates for committee meetings and the AGM covering the next 12 months.

There would be a Lunch following the Remembrance Parade. A booking form would be on the website and a list of attendees for the parade would be at the gate.

PMN. After the email on mess fees membership to date is now:

Membership Stats - 27th March 2026

ACTIVE - 186
COUNTRY - 81
FULL - 6
HONORARY - 8
Total 281

Deceased

Lt Cdr. Tony Crump

Resignations

Cdr. Robert Blake
Cdr. Rob Bosshardt
Lt Cdr. Andy Christie
Lt Cdr. Patrick Flynn
Capt. Dick Hobbs
Cdr. Dai Kent
Cdr. Philip Moore
Cdr. Paul Morris
Lt Cdr. Phil Norman
Mr. Edward Peach
Lt Cdr. Ian Pile
Mrs. Jean Pointer
Lt. Henry Price
Lt Cdr. Tony Quinn
Lt Cdr. Mike Smyth

6. OA SEC'S CORNER

Capt Palmer thanked Cdr Coombes for producing the Newsletter.

Cdr Quine had reported that the pass renewal was continuing smoothly as before. It had been announced that individual car passes for HMS Collingwood were being discontinued.

Lt Cdr Carr reported that the OA Joining Form needed to be updated.

Action Lt Cdr Carr

7. REPORT FROM WARDROOM MESS COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report to the Committee on this occasion.

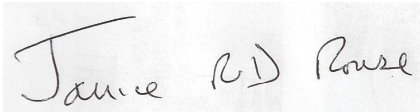
8. AOB

Lt Cdr Brooks said that a member had asked why we didn't have name badges

9. DONM

Friday 19 June 2026 at 1100 followed by the AGM at 1130.

Because Capt Palmer and Lt Cdr Brooks were not available on the original date of 5 Jun, the next meeting of the Committee and the AGM was moved to Friday 19 June 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "J R D Rouse" with a circled "D" between "R" and "R".

J R D Rouse
Lt Cdr
A/Sec

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