



HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

HMS COLLINGWOOD
Newgate Lane
FAREHAM
PO14 1AS

18 August 2026

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS'
ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD, FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026**

Committee:

Capt J.E. Palmer	Chairman and webmaster
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Vice Chairman
Cdr D. Coombes	OA Secretary
Cdr NJ Quine	Acting OA Sec
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

Nil.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2026

The minutes were accepted, proposed by Lt Cdr Howe and seconded by Cdr Coombes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Following the decision by the WR to put up the OA charges, OA membership charges would be increased. An email would be sent out to advise the membership of the increase in charges.

Action Complete

b. Cdr Coombes took an action to draft the changes required to the OA Rules and Constitution.

Action Complete

c. Capt Palmer to arrange the refurbishment of the donated sword.

Capt Palmer reported the refurbishment was in hand.

Action Complete

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Lt Cdr Rook said that his report for the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Officers Association commenced from the last position given at the 6 June 2025 AGM, where the fund stood at £6,622.74. From the OA account activity through the year up to 19 Jun 26, the current financial position stood at £7,025.50.

As pre-warned at the last AGM, the Wardroom Mess put up their dues to the Officers Association earlier in the year, which had necessitated the committee having to raise OA subscriptions. It was decided to only raise OA charges by the increase made by the Wardroom, plus the VAT required. Therefore, the OA member charges were now: £33 for Active members and £19 for Country members.

Annual detailed receipt and expenditure figures appear below, where the 2024/2025 equivalent totals are also provided.

OA's Fund Annual Statement 2026

Income		2024/25	2025/26
Central Fund B/F		£5,713.29	£6,222.74
Members Subscriptions		£5,913.03	£6,381.40
Total		£11,626.32	£13,004.14
Expenditure			
WR Levy		£3,216.67	£3,900.00
Subsidies to OA events	Trafalgar night	£614.12	£930.36
Sword		£823.34	£736.50
Refund Subs		£301.65	£220.82
Committee Meetings		£47.80	£50.96
Committee Expenses		£0.00	£0.00
OA's Sword Board		£0.00	£140.00
Total		£5,003.58	£5,978.64
Balance C/F		£6,622.74	£7,025.50

The financial report was accepted, proposed by Lt Cdr Brooks and seconded by Lt Cdr Howe.

5. SOCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lt Cdr Carr presented the reports that he had prepared for the AGM:-

Membership Report

Membership Stats – 16th Jun 2026 – (2025 numbers in brackets)

ACTIVE – 180 (200)

COUNTRY – 79 (82)

FULL – 6 (8)

HONORARY - 8

Total 273 (298)

Crossed the Bar

Capt John Bench

Lt Cdr Anthony Crump

Lt Cdr James Edwards

Lt Cdr Edward Peck

Lt Cdr Anthony Quinn

Lt Cdr Ralph Stenning

Lt RNR George Copus

SOCIAL

"A successful Trafalgar Night saw over a hundred in attendance and as well as our normal entertainment, we were led in the Sea Shanties by the Hayling Shanty Crew; it is intended to invite them again this year."

Lt Cdr Carr said he would be in Australia on the date of the Trafalgar Night Dinner, but he would do as much preparation as possible before he went. Lt Cdr Brooks would be taking over the preparation for the dinner, and Lt Cdr Carr said he would contact him with the details. He also said that he was waiting for the WRMM to come up with the costings so that Lt Cdr Rook could decide on the subsidy. Lt Cdr Rook stated that the quote was usually less than actual, and that the price would probably be in the order of £75 and £80 for guests.

"The Friday Fish and Chip Lunches (other meals are available) continue to be well attended. Dates are promulgated on the web page; the next lunches are Fri 19th Jun (post the AGM), Fri 17th Jul, Fri 11 Sep and Fri 2nd Oct. All are most welcome with guests. We take advantage of the standard wardroom menu at a reserved table. Cost is less than £5 per head. Please notify the Social Sec (social@hmscoa.org) by Monday of the respective week. The main gate will tick you and guests off the attendance list."

"Socially we are now joining in more with the Wardroom and their Social Programme is promulgated on our web site."

WARDROOM/OA Social Events 2026

WARDROOM SUMMER BALL

"Saturday 25th July 2026. Bool Closes Friday 17 July."

Tables come in sizes of 8/12/16 - If booking in more than one group use the same seating preference name to ensure you are sat on the same table."

OA TRAFALGAR LADIES GUEST NIGHT

CHANGE OF DATE

"The Mess have now moved their Trafalgar Night to 29th Oct to accommodate their GOH; this has the follow on of meaning we will now hold our Trafalgar Night on Fri 23rd Oct instead of Fri 30st Oct. We hope to have a Shanty Band performing."

OA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE LUNCH

"Wed 11th Nov – Post Remembrance Service, a sit down 2 course lunch in the Collingwood Room (depending on numbers)."

WARDROOM CHRISTMAS LUNCH

"Wed 16th Dec Provisional date for WR Xmas Lunch (tbc)."

Lt Cdr Carr said the booking forms for both the Trafalgar Night Dinner and the Remembrance Lunch needed to be promulgated.

There was a discussion on the possibility of a celebration to mark the 80th anniversary of the WE Branch. A formal lunch was suggested. Nothing, to date, had been heard about any celebration by the WR.

6. OA SEC'S CORNER

In response from a question from Lt Cdr Brooks, Cdr Quine reported that DVS was not required for members renewing passes.

7. REPORT FROM WARDROOM MESS COMMITTEE

Lt Cdr Carr reported that he didn't get sent neither the agenda nor the Minutes of WR Mess Committee meetings. It was agreed that it was important to keep in contact, and to retain voting rights for matters discussed at WRM Committee meetings. Cdr Coombes said he would be happy to take over the responsibility of attending WRM Committee meetings. Capt Palmer stated that it was important for the OA to remain involved, in case matters concerning the OA were discussed.

8. AOB

- a. In response to a question, it was stated that Lt Cdr Daniel Crook was the recipient of the 2026 OA sword.
- b. Capt Palmer reported that the Captain wanted HMS Collingwood to get back to being an RN establishment rather than an "office".

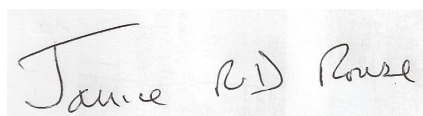
9. DONM

Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 1230

Wednesday 9 December 2026 (venue and time tbd)

Wednesday 17 March 2027 at 1230

Friday 18 June 2027 at 1100, followed by OA AGM at 1130

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J R D Rouse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'R'.

J R D Rouse

Lt Cdr

A/Sec

Distribution: -

Committee Members

Wardroom Mess Treasurer

OA Website