



HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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22 September 2026

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

Committee:

Capt J.E. Palmer	Chairman and webmaster
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Vice Chairman
Lt Cdr M.P. Carr	Membership and Social Secretary
Lt Cdr D. Rook	Treasurer

1. APOLOGIES

Cdr D. Coombes, Cdr NJ Quine, Lt Cdr C. Brooks, Lt Cdr J.D.R. Rouse

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2025

The minutes were accepted, proposed by Lt Cdr D. Rook and seconded by Lt Cdr M Carr.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Lt Cdr Rook presented the following report:

My last report for the June AGM stated that the OA account formally stood at £7,025.50. Our funds for this period now stand at £6,970.55, with the only transaction in this period being £55 for the latest name to be inserted on the OA Sword board.

5. SOCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lt Cdr Carr presented the following report,

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

Lt Cdr Tony Quinn

SOCIAL

The Trafalgar Night booking form is up and running and to date we have 38 attendees, Noel Rayner and Fred Dugan will be adding a further 16 and together with, hopefully, the normal suspects we are up to 62. The HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band, Fort Cumberland Guard and Hayling Island Shanty Crew are all booked. The Chairman will ask the new XO of HMS Collingwood to join us for the dinner.

Action Chairman

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 11 Sep and Fri 2nd Oct and Fri 27 Nov. 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

It is intended to hold a 2-course lunch (numbers permitting) in the Collingwood Room on completion of the Remembrance Service on Wed 11th Nov. If insufficient take up a standard meal from the Wardroom counters at a reserved table will take place. It is hoped the booking form will be available in early October.

The Social Sec is out of the country from 10th Oct to 4th Dec, so Lt Cdr Colin Brooks has kindly volunteered, with assistance from Cdr Derek Coombes as required, to oversee the final arrangements for Trafalgar Ladies Night (23rd Oct), Remembrance Lunch (11th Nov) and Fish and Chip Lunch on Fri 27th Nov.

WARDROOM/OA Social Events 2026

WARDROOM CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

6. OA SEC'S CORNER

PMN

Cdr Quine has confirmed that the DBS and BPSS waiver for OA passes does not apply for a SARC pass.

7. REPORT FROM WARDROOM MESS COMMITTEE

PMN

Cdr D Coombes has now taken responsibility as the focal point as the ref for WR Committee Mess Meetings. He also asked the Committee to think about inputs for the December News Letter please.

8. AOB

There was no other business

9. DONM

Proposed dates for 2026/2027: - Wednesday 9 December 2026 1100 at The Ropemaker
(lunch 1200 for 1300)
Wednesday 17 March 2027 at 1230
Friday 18 June at 1100, followed by OA AGM at 1130

D L Howe
Lt Cdr
Vice Chair

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