

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

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2026 Annual General Meeting

**Held at 1900 on Saturday 6th May 2026 at
The Royal Maritime Hotel and Via Zoom**

Minutes

Committee In Person	Attendees:	
	Dave Smith (DS)	Peter Murray (PM)
	Mick Wyatt (MW)	Janet Smith (Newsletter Editor) (JS)
Via Zoom	Mike Foote (MF)	Jeff Edwards (JE)
	Carole Sharpe (CS)	
Apologies:	Jeff Cooke, Alan Key,	
Branch Delegates Via Zoom	Jim Moulson (JM)	Solent
	Michael Maddox	Southdowns
	Ian Tate	Weymouth & Portland
	Fran Kay	Solent
	Mark Gaydon	Daedalus
	Jim Mussenden	Weymouth & Portland
	Robert Cambrensis	Kent
Apologies	No branch delegate apologies.	

Association Members 11 attending.

Item 1 - Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Members who Crossed the Bar

The Chairman (DS) The meeting commenced with a welcome from the chairman to this hybrid meeting and the reading of the naval prayer.
The names of those who had crossed the bar since the last AGM were read out and a minutes silence was held for them.

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Brian Bingham, Nigel Malcom BEM, Michael Warnes, Raymond Reeves, Terry Lowden, Roy Colbeck, Terry Bullingham, Maurice Fitzgerald, John Hayworth, Terry Ashton, Michael Spillane.

Item 2 - Loyal Toast

A Toast was raised to His Majesty the King

Item 3 – Review of the Minutes of the 2025 AGM

The Minutes of the 2025 AGM were accepted as correct by the meeting and adopted accordingly. There were no items to be carried forward.

Item 4 – Officer's Report

Chairman (DS)

I attended the TAGS memorial service in May 2025, RNA Biennial Parade in September, the RBL Cenotaph parade in November, where our group was quite near the front of the march. JM and I attended the HMS Sultan Awards presentation and Passing Out Parade in July where the TAGA Trophy, the Dr Rotman Trophy and Silver Salver were presented to the LAET's who also received a small trophy that they could keep whilst the others are returned to the Sultan Trophy cabinet. Lt Matt Dunn was our liaison escorted us to the Wardroom where a light lunch was served, and we were able to chat to the various award winners. We now have a new HMS Sultan Liaison LT Tom Palmer, who we look forward to working with. I will be attending the TAG's memorial on 17th May.

I also visited HMS Sultan in April for the Affiliates Day, with other invited guests from various industries which support the work at Sultan. The day included visits to both the AES and Marine Engineering sites to get an insight into the training of all who pass through the Establishment. A most interesting day which included a trip around Alverstoke and Browndown in the Sultan Steam Lorry.

With the help of Alan Key and George Pick we have managed to get this year's Reunion delivered, which although low in numbers will hopefully go smoothly

Vice Chairman

No one is currently in this position.

Secretary's Report (DS)

Jim Moulson had resigned from his position of Secretary of the Nation Association for health reasons. The Chairman thanked him for all his hard work and dedication to the association he had shown and wished him well for the future on behalf of all the members.

DS also asked if anyone would like to consider taking on this role on the National Committee – he would be most grateful.

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Treasurer's Report (AK)

The total expenditure in 2025/26 year was £17125.60. Total income was £9438.06. This meant a debit of £7687.54 for the financial year.

The accumulated funds including the Welfare fund totalled £41434.78.

The accounts had been audited and signed off as a true record of the associations finances.

A fuller report can be found at the end of the minutes.

Standard Bearer Report (MW & JE)

The national standard had been paraded at multiple events between March 2025 and February 2026 by Mick Wyatt.

Events included:

May 2025	FAA Memorial Service (TAGS Memorial) , Lee on Solent
June 2025	Daedalus Memorial Stone unveiling , HMS Daedalus Control Tower
August 2025	Funeral of John Deacons , RN veteran, Luton
September 2025	RNA Biennial Parade , Cenotaph, London
October 2025	Funeral of Bruce Hutton , FAA Buccaneer Pilot, White Waltham

Also attended the Fly Navy Federation meeting, Navy Wings Hangar, Yeovilton to hand over the Hanworth Branch Standard for Laying up.

The current National Standard Bearer, Jeff (Ted) Edwards, paraded the National standard

February 2026 – **The Channel Dash Commemoration**, Ramsgate.

Membership Secretary Report (MW)

Association membership, as of 28 February 2026, stands at 399.

It should be noted that the numbers for Daedalus branch include 40 Full Members over the age of 90 with the vast majority of Associate Members being Widows of members who have 'crossed the bar'. These are only removed from the list when returned mail or a bounced email indicates their passing.

May I request that Branch Secretaries inform the Membership Secretary as soon as possible when any of their members 'Cross the Bar'. This information is immediately passed on to the National Committee.

A breakdown of membership, by branch, is shown at the end of these minutes.

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Webmaster (DS)

The website is still a work in progress. Design enhancements are ongoing to make it more appealing to potential members.

It is intended to create a members only area, for minutes, reports etc to sit behind and work is ongoing to create an electronic sign up to the association.

We continue to attract quite a few people through the website contact form which have included requests for information about the association, requests for the association standard to be paraded at Funerals and other questions on a variety of items.

Item 5 - Election of Officers – Branch Electronic Vote

Ballot forms were sent out to branch secretaries for Daedalus, Kent, Solent, Southdowns and Weymouth & Portland branches.

The committee officers positions available were:

Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 x Committee Members

Additional ex-officio positions, Reunion Organiser and Arboretum Representative were also available for volunteers.

Persons standing for election, both for re-election having served their 2-year term were:

Treasurer – Alan Key, Solent Branch

Committee Member – Mike Foote, Kent Branch.

All other positions were also open for nominations.

Ballot returns were received from Daedalus, Kent, Southdowns and Weymouth & Portland branches. Solent branch has not submitted a response.

Alan Key, for position of Treasurer - 4 in favour, 1 nil return

Mike Foote, for Committee Member - 4 in favour, 1 nil return

No nominations or volunteers for the other position were received.

Item 6 - AGM Reunion 2026

DS informed the meeting that the 2026 Reunion will be held at The Crown Hotel Weymouth weekend of the 16th of October.

Details have been issued to all branch secretaries, and these are also available via the association website (www.faaa.org.uk).

Item 7 – Branch Proposals

No branch proposals were received.

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Item 8 - Any Other Business

Fleet Air Arm Memorial Service takes place on the third Sunday of May, and this year will be May 17th May 2026.

The service takes place in St Faith's Church, Victoria Square, Lee on Solent PO13 9PB at 15.00 after which a wreath laying service at the Fleet Air Arm Memorial takes place.

Flyer is on the association website.

Mark Gaydon asked if we had considered our National Standard being paraded at the Birmingham Tattoo. The National Standard Bearer (JE) asked for details so that he could investigate the logistics of parading the standard. Mark said that he would contact JE after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked people for attending the meeting – and said that future meetings would also be held in a hybrid or online style.

The chairman also asked members attending to see if they could get any volunteers to fill the vacant positions on the committee.

Date of next meeting - TBC

Dave Smith (Chairman)
29 July 2026

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 1st March 2025 - 28th February 2026

INCOME

Capitation Fee @ £5		
Bristol	7	35.00
Kent	8	40.00
Yeovil (23-24)		134.50 (Arrears)
South Downs	15	75.00
Weymouth	111	555.00
Solent (23/24) (47)		235.00 (Arrears)
Solent (24-25)		
Daedalus Branch @ £20	1	20.00
Daedalus Branch @ £16	1	16.00
Daedalus Branch @ £14	2	28.00
Daedalus Branch @ £12	7	84.00
Daedalus Branch @ £10	2	20.00
Daedalus Branch @ £6	58	348.00
Daedalus Branch @ £5	1	5.00
Joining Admin Fee		18.00

SUB TOTAL 1613.50

Sale of Stock	772.15
Donations	105.82
Received in error	91.59
Standard attendance	25.00
Wreath refund	27.50
2025 Reunion Payments	6702.50
2026 Reunion Payment	100.00
Membership Fees	1613.50

TOTAL INCOME 9438.06

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EXPENDITURE	2025-2026
Secretary 2024-5 Postage	20.56
2025 Reunion Rum & Port	510.83
2025 Reunion Costs & Printing	9245.00
2025 Reunion Deposit Refund	100.00
Operation Christmas Box	500.00
Royal Maritime Club	60.00
Broadway Printing	312.90
Wreaths	229.00
RNA Memorial	500.00
Rottman Trophies	877.50
Charity Rugby Match	50.00
TAGs Memorial Service	110.00
Stock Purchase	1174.44
Blind Veterans Charity	500.00
Website	36.99
Zoom	181.09
Social Supplement – Kent	105.00
Social Supplement - Weymouth	765.00
Social Supplement - Solent	345.00
Insurance	174.31
Committee Meeting Costs	415.10
Officials Expenses- Treasurer	204.02
Officials Expenses- Standard Bearer	302.06
HSBC Bank Charges	30.80
Slops Refund	20.00
Bigland Refund	56.00
2026 Reunion Deposit	200.00
2026 AGM Deposit	100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17125.60
TOTAL INCOME	9438.06
DEBIT: INCOME/EXPENDITURE	-7687.54

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ACCUMULATED FUNDS

HSBC Current Account	119.79
NAT WEST Current Account	29625.50
Petty Cash	31.30
WELFARE Fund	11658.19
TOTAL	41434.78

FAAA AGM 2026 Membership Secretary Report

Association membership numbers to 28th February 2026

Bristol	8 Full Members	4 Associate Members	Total 12 Members
Kent	8 Full Members	3 Associate Members	Total 11 Members
Solent	68 Full Members	1 Associate Members	Total 69 Members
Southdowns	11 Full Members	4 Associate Members	Total 15 Members
Weymouth	150 Full Members	12 Associate Members	Total 162 Members
Daedalus	90 Full Members	40 Associate Members	Total 130 Members
Totals	335 Full Members	64 Associate Members	399 Members