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THE 1805 CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

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THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
John Rodgaard

As one can see in the following pages, 2025 was an extremely busy year for The 1805 Club. I am confident in saying it was a successful one too; successful in terms of what the Club was able to accomplish in its thirty-fifth year.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), The 1805 Club recognises the role of the world's sailing navies of the Georgian era (1714-1837) and promotes their legacy through commemorative events, conservation, publications, research and education. As such, the activities highlighted in this report differentiate the Club from other not-for-profit maritime/naval history organisations.

At the same time, I am not saying there were no challenges facing the Club, especially for an organisation that is overwhelmingly operated by volunteers. You will see these highlighted in the pages of this report.

During 2025, the Club organised and carried out several in-person reoccurring **events**, to include the Club's two showcase events — The Club's AGM, held at The Army Navy Club (The Rag), London in May, and The Club's traditional Trafalgar dinner held at the HMS *Nelson* wardroom Portsmouth, UK in October. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of our members at these two events. The attendant at these events shows that the Club truly international in composition.

Other Yearly events were; Battle of Cape St Vincent, Glorious First of June, and the Battle of the Nile luncheons; the Midshipman Dale (Bermuda) and Trafalgar wreathlaying (St Paul's Cathedral ceremonies. Additionally, many Club members attended events held by other naval/military history-oriented charities, such as the Society of Nautical Research's AGM, the British Officers' Club of Washington DC's Trafalgar Dinner, and the Naval Order of the United States' Midway and Pearl Harbour Dinners.

Four one-off events took place during the year which conveys who we are as unique charity that promotes the history of the age of sail during the Georgian era — the return of the conserved St John's Figtree parish register (1726-1829) and the unveiling of the replica of Nelson's captain's uniform. Both took place on the island of Nevis.

The third was the unveiling of a plaque at St Tudy in memory of Private Richard Masters Royal Marines, who was killed at Trafalgar and buried at sea. The fourth such event, as stated by Secretary Howarth, marked 'The 1805 Club's return to the Conference scene…'.

The heart of any organisation is its **membership**. Up until 2025, The Club's membership levels had averaged just above 400 members, even through the COVID years. Although we have a global membership (20 countries), you will see in the membership secretary's report that the Club dropped below 400 at the end of 2025. In her report, Dr Sue Carr articulates the challenges facing the Club — recruiting new members and keeping them.

In addition to Dr Carr's efforts as The Club's membership secretary, she is also The Club's **communications** director. During the year, Dr Carr has been tracking Club circulations (events announcements, newsletters, etc.) to the membership. Her analytics provide The Club with invaluable insight as to membership engagement.

The Club's publications had another successful year of producing quality subject matter relevant to The Club's mantra of all things Georgian era naval/maritime history and heritage. The Club's flagship annual, the naval history journal *The Trafalgar Chronicle New Series 10* showcased an international set of authors contributing thirteen engaging articles, with many pertaining to the annual's theme, '*Naval Leadership in the Georgian Era*'.

As editor of the bi-annual magazine the *Kedge Ancho*r and the bi-monthly digital newsletter, *The 1805 Dispatches*, Peter Turner never fails to keep members aware of Club activities, events and articles of historical interest and others ranging from book reviews, new member profiles, and auction items. Late in 2025, Ms. Shirin Camenisch joined Peter as assistant editor. We thank them for the time they take to produce such quality publications. The Club is fortunate to have them both.

During the year, we welcomed aboard a singular professional to support The Club's operations. Ms. Jude Wilson agreed to assume the position of the Club's administrative officer, or clerk. Jude is a retired Royal Navy senior rating, whose specialty was in communications. After her 20 plus years of service, Jude became a solicitor, working in residential property conveyancing. What makes Jude special (nothing special for a Royal Navy senior petty officer) is her ability to herd the Club's cats. Oh, I mean Trustees.

At the same time we said farewell to one of the Club's Trustees; our Treasurer, Mr Nicholas Ridge. Nicholas has left us to pursue other interests. But, he remains a valued member of the Club. We thank him for his professionalism that ensured the Club's financials where kept on the straight and narrow. However, as of this report, the Club has not found another treasurer — another challenge. In the meantime, members of the Club's finance committee have taken up the slack to ensure our bills are being paid and finances are on an even keel.

The year 2025 marks the final full year as Chairman. For me, it has been a very rewarding three years marked by a few achievements. But, my tenure as Chairman could not have been considered reasonably successful if not for the contributions made by my fellow trustees and associate members. To my fellow Trustees and Associates, it has been my honour to have served with you. I, and the entire Club's membership, are most fortunate to be the recipients of your talents and dedication. Thank you.

Year-end reports

The following reports for the year ending 31 December 2025 are from those of the Board of Trustees and Associates to the Board of Trustees, who have functional and geographic responsibilities:

Governance

Overview

This year (2025) marked the second year the Club conformed in its operations as a Charitable Incorporation Organisation (CIO) per the regulations of the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW). The Club took action during the period to improve its disposition as a CIO.

First, the 'old' charity was closed after the Club's bank, Unity Trust, changed the old charity's number to the new, and that was completed only after the Club's 'old' charity accounts (savings and chequing) were cleared. This was completed during after the Club year 2025.

Second, toward the last quarter of 2025, the Club applied to the CCEW to merge the old charity with the new. It is expected this will be accomplished early in 2026.

Much thanks to Ms Jude Wilson, the Club's Clerk, who officially took the helm in 2025.

Stewardship

The Club's Board of Trustees and Associates to the Board are volunteers. They undertake oversight of the Club's administration and operations. Currently there are 8 trustees and 4 associates. The CIO charter allows for up to 12 trustees. They are an international group from Canada, France, Ireland, the UK and the US. As such, the board meets online via Zoom, roughly every two months. Occasionally, they meet in person with a zoom option for those unable to travel, especially those who live abroad.

There is also a President and eight Vice Presidents who may, if they wish, participate in Council meetings, and together with the associates to the Trustees, they do not have a vote. However, their guidance and recommendations are welcomed. The list of trustees, associate members the president and vice presidents follows:

TRUSTEES
Chairman: Captain John Rodgaard USN (Ret)
Secretary: Stephen Howarth
Treasurer: Nicholas Ridge (resigned 28.2.2025)
Canadian Secretary: Mark Billings
U.S. Secretary: Harold P. Stark
Webmaster: Josephine Birtwhistle
Governance & Finance Committee: Mark West
Editor of the *Kedge Anchor* and *1805 Dispatches*. Peter Turner (Appointed 17.5.2025)
Trustee without Portfolio: Kate Jamieson
Virtual Museum Curator, Natacha Abriat (Appointed 17.5.2025)

Associates to the Board of Trustees:
Dr. Sue Carr: Membership Secretary and Communications Manager
Kathy Brown: Trafalgar Way Programme Manager
Dr Judy Pearson, Recorder and Managing editor of the *Trafalgar Chronicle*
Shirin Camenisch, Social Media Manager and assistant editor to Peter Turner

CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES: Jude Wilson

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Trustees and Associates to the Board of Trustees Induction and Training

The charity is committed to ensuring that Trustees and Associates to the Board of Trustees have the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfil their duties effectively. New Trustees and Associates to the Board of Trustees receive an induction covering the charity's objectives, governance structure, policies, financial responsibilities, and regulatory obligations. Trustees and Associates to the Board of Trustees are encouraged to undertake ongoing training and development to keep their knowledge current and to ensure compliance with the relevant legal, regulatory, and best practice requirements. The Board periodically reviews training needs and opportunities available to Trustees and Associates.

Other matters
As mentioned above, The Club is run largely by unpaid volunteers. However, an honorarium is paid to the editors of the *Trafalgar Chronicle* and to the Club's Clerk. Additionally, the CIO allows trustees to call on the expertise from the wider membership for various tasks, deliberations, and or hold positions within the Club's three standing committees: Governance and Finance, Content and Publications and Events, Projects and Fundraising. These committees and their sub-elements can be seen in The Club's organisation chart below.



Secretary's Report

This is my last year of working formally for our Club. After 35 years, having covered every role except Treasurer and Membership, it's quite strange to write that. But in this, my final Report to you, I'm glad to say 2025 was a very good year for The 1805 Club, and that 2026 is also going well. As you will see shortly, perhaps YOU could make it even better!

TRUSTEES

In accordance with our Constitution as a CIO, the Club must have at least four Trustees and may have up to 12, with one-third (or the nearest number) standing down annually by rotation, with those who have been in office longest going first. The most convenient time for this is at the AGM. Those standing down may stand again for re-election at the same meeting. However, any individual may serve only three consecutive terms of office and may not be re-appointed for a fourth consecutive term, but may be reappointed after an interval of at least three years. During that interval the individual may still serve the Club but not as a Trustee.

Of the CIO's original four Trustees, elected at the AGM in 2023, Geraint Day (Vice Chair) stood down in 2024 without seeking re-election. After many years of service to the Club, the call of the Antarctic was overwhelming. Nicholas Ridge (Treasurer) stood down in 2025, without seeking re-election. We are sincerely grateful for his professional work and cheerful companionship. At the 2025 AGM, the following (named in alphabetical order) stood down as Trustees and were re-elected:

Mark Billings (Canadian Secretary), Jo Birtwhistle (Website coordinator), Stephen Howarth (Secretary), Kate Jamieson (without portfolio), John Rodgaard (Chairman), Pete Stark (US Secretary), and Mark West (without portfolio).

We were delighted to welcome three new Trustees:

Natacha Abriat (curator of our developing virtual museum), Russ Strick (without portfolio), and Peter Turner (editor of *The Kedge Anchor* and *The 1805 Dispatch*). Sadly, work pressures meant that Russ had to stand down during the year. He remains a member of the Club. We wish him well and hope for his return.

Associate Board Members (previously called co-opted members), who do not have to stand for election, include:

Kathy Brown (director, The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd), Shirin Camenisch (social media officer), Dr Sue Carr (membership secretary), Dr Judy Pearson (Recorder, and co-editor of *The Trafalgar Chronicle*), and the Reverend Lynda Sebbage (Club Chaplain).

We were also very pleased to appoint and welcome Jude Wilson as Club Clerk. The last two of the original four Trustees, John Rodgaard and Stephen Howarth, will stand down at the 2026 AGM. Terms of the Constitution mean that neither of them may seek re-election until the 2029 AGM.

CONSERVATION/COMMEMORATION

The Nevis event – that is, the return to Nevis of the beautifully conserved Register containing the original record of Captain Horatio Nelson's marriage -- falls outside the exact timeframe covered by this Annual report; but it was during the calendar year 2025, and was an event of such importance in the Club's international life that both the Chairman and I felt it was appropriate to mention it again and in more depth than at last year's AGM.

We are particularly pleased to have Gary Brannan, director of the Borthwick Institute for Archives – University of York, with us today. His colleague Alison Fairburn unfortunately cannot be present but she was the individual principally responsible for the painstaking and delicate conservation process. We thank them both sincerely, together with Professor Charlie Jeffery CBE FAcSS, Vice Chancellor and President of the University of York.

Following on from Nevis, the major conservation event of the year since our AGM in 2025 was the unveiling in September of our granite memorial plaque in the village churchyard of St Tudy, Cornwall, to Private Richard Masters, Royal Marines, in close partnership with St Tudy Historical Society.

Born and brought up as a farm labourer in St Tudy, Masters died at Trafalgar, aged 21, after only five months in the Corps. and had no memorial. This was a rare and welcome opportunity to commemorate someone who was not an officer in the Royal Navy, and we can be proud of having created his memorial.

The Masters plaque is fixed to the exterior of the church's east wall and faces several graves of the Masters family. We have indeed 'brought him home'. The memorial was unveiled jointly by Commodore Jamie Miller CBE RN, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and a Falklands veteran, and Colonel Ian Moore CBE RM. We are very pleased to have Colonel Moore with us as our Expert Speaker later today.

Meanwhile, in North America, in partnership with the state of Delaware, we have made very good progress with the project to conserve the ship's bell from HMS *DeBraak*, while in Logie Coldstone, Aberdeenshire, we hope to see the installation of an information board to complete our long-standing work on the grave of George Forbes, sailing master of HMS *Swiftsure* at Trafalgar. These will be reported on at next year's AGM.

EVENTS

Since the AGM of 2025, formal events have included a private visit to Storehouse Number 10, not usually open to the public, in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard; a private tour of Stonehouse Royal Marine Barracks in Plymouth, the sole remaining RM barracks built on an 18th-century pattern; commemorations of the Glorious First of June, the battles of the Nile and Cape St Vincent, and Midshipman Richard Dale; our main Trafalgar Night Dinner in Portsmouth and its sister in Fairfax, Virginia; a talk on The Trafalgar Way; and our successful return to conference presentation. This is described further under 'Education'. There have also been informal social get-togethers between members, which are warmly encouraged.

EDUCATION

We were very happy to continue our two long-standing supports: biennially at the US Naval Academy's McMullen Naval History Symposium in Maryland, where we sponsor two panels of three speakers, and annually at the Admiral Lord Nelson School (ALNS) in Portsmouth, Hampshire. The ALNS special award and its citation have been detailed in the Spring 2026 edition of The Kedge Anchor, along with some sad news: the recipient of our award last year, Raha Mortazaie-Fahr, has died of the cancer that she faced with such courage.

It was a great pleasure to return to the international conference circuit. Our inaugural New Series conference in Portsmouth moved on from our former focus on bicentenaries, and introduced a new concept: a whole-day event featuring a number of outstanding naval historians speaking on their new works – meaning within the preceding three years, and without necessarily being on the Georgian era. We plan to run this every three years, the next being in 2028.

We were quite proud to have achieved this on our own, but I am particularly pleased to report to you that our friends in the Society for Nautical Research have offered to provide us with a useful amount of financial support for our next conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Our stable of publications remains strong with its usual five members, a revitalised electronic addition and a new one, and one special physical addition, the latter planned for later this year. The usual five are our twice-yearly magazine **The Kedge Anchor**, the bimonthly newsletter **The 1805 Dispatches**, our excellent annual journal **The Trafalgar Chronicle**, and our two websites www.1805club.org and www.thetrafalgarway.org. All of these maintain their high quality, providing engaging, thought-provoking information. Members of course receive all of these as part of their subscription. The 1805 Dispatches are freely available to all visitors to the Club's website.

The revitalised electronic addition is our Facebook page. Shirin Camenisch, from Switzerland, has accepted responsibility for this and for our new Instagram page. Her well-informed historical knowledge and her lively humour are a delight – and it is not only us who think so, because under her direction our Facebook page has quickly gained thousands of followers.

Some members might recall that this time last year, I anticipated a special additional publication, namely a history of The 1805 Club from its inception in 1990 to its 35th anniversary. That is still in preparation – or as Killick would say to Captain Jack Aubrey, "Which it will be ready when it's ready!" But what is certain as a special publication for this year is the Proceedings of our Conference, New Series 1, which will be sent to all Members.

AND FINALLY…

I mentioned at the beginning of this Report that it is my last to you in my role as Club Secretary. I must stand down at the end of our AGM this year, which takes place at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London on Saturday 9 May. At the same time and place and for the same reason, our current Chairman, Captain John Rodgaard USN (Ret), must also stand down. It is likely that both of us will continue to work for the Club informally, but there will be space for up to five new Trustees.

I am sure there must be members who might consider this, people with knowledge and enthusiasm and the willingness to commit a few hours a week, to help manage and run The 1805 Club. I hope that YOU might be one! If so, you could be joining a very friendly and energetic group – and I speak from long experience.

Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

2025 Annual Accounts Summary

Through 2025, Unity Trust Bank Ltd of Birmingham, UK continued to provide banking services to the Club. The Club's account balance for the year ending 31 December 2025 was £97,670.00. The total balance was a reduction from the previous year's (2024) balance of £100,058.00. For a breakdown on the Club's financial activities, please see the Appendix A: Financial Report.

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Club ended calendar year 2025 in good overall financial shape. Because of this financial position, the Club's Trustees decided to proceed on a major project; the creation of an on-line museum housing the Club's virtual exhibits and adding to them over time. Fellow Trustee, Ms Natacha Abriat, who is a professional museum archivist/curator in France, agreed to be the project manager. It is anticipated that software development will be the primary expenditure for the creation, expanding exhibits and maintaining the virtual museum. See the section on Ongoing Projects for specifics to the project.

The anticipated expenditure for the virtual museum will certainly add to the total costs the Club spends for IT support. Not unlike other organisations or businesses, The 1805 Club's IT costs to improve and maintain the Club's and the Trafalgar Way's websites are a major yearly expense.
A second major expense consisted of payments as honorariums to the editors of the *Trafalgar Chronicle*, to the Club's Clerk and honorariums paid to two McMullen Naval History Symposium panelists.

A third major expense incurred by the Club was the mailing expenses for the Club's publications. It is expected that mailing costs for 2026 will increase.

For 2025, The 1805 Club has again employed the accounting firm of Morris Crocker Chartered Accountants of Portsmouth, UK to complete a thorough audit of the Club's finances.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees review the charity's reserves on a routine basis (monthly). The purpose of maintaining reserves is to ensure the charity has sufficient financial resources available to meet its ongoing obligations, manage unforeseen circumstances, and support the continuity of its

charitable activities. The Trustees consider the level of reserves to be appropriate having regard to the nature of the charity's operations, future commitments, and potential risks. The reserves policy is reviewed annually as part of the Trustees financial oversight responsibilities.

Going Concern

The Trustees assessed the charity's financial position, future resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties that would cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Membership Report for 2025

		December 2025
Current membership:	Europe	19
	North America	117
	UK	235
	World	8
	Total:	**379**
New Members – 2025:	UK	28
	Europe	1
	North America	17
	World	0
	Total:	**46**

Membership trends and analysis

The current membership can be broken down by percentage as follows:

60% (228 members) whose membership extends between 5 – 30+ years
30% (112 members) whose membership extends between 1 – 4 years
10% whose membership extends less than one year

The Club retains a high core membership of longstanding members whilst retention of more recent membership intake between 2017 and 2023 has been problematic. Reasons for resigning membership fall into defined categories: financial difficulty, ill health, inability to participate in Club activity, lack of interest.

The Club lost 58 members in 2025 and gained 46 new members (net loss of 12 members), continuing an annual loss trend of previous years. The number of annual non-renewals remains stubbornly significant and is an issue which the Club is looking to address in 2026. The issues of retention and engagement with the wider membership not only in the events that the Club hosts but also in active participation in running the Club and enabling it to move forward with

fresh outlook and ideas are uppermost in order to ensure continuance of the Club's purpose and vision.

How is the Club to move forward?

The Club needs to actively address the following issues:

Recruitment: how does the Club recruit new members?

At present the majority of our new memberships derive from recommendations from current members, word of mouth, general and limited academic interest – often by scanning the internet, some ex-navy personnel. There is no active targeted recruitment – either in the wider historical interest sphere, the academic sphere, naval associations or navy. Whilst the '1805' connotation is obvious to our membership, it does not immediately strike a chord with the wider public. The Club needs therefore to actively promote its existence, its aims and remit in targeted spheres.

Targeted audiences: there are some obvious audiences – whether previously approached or not:

- Academic: history departments – academics, UG and PG students – particularly where there is a known naval historical research community

- Naval: navy associations, both in the UK and US, serving and non-serving personnel. The Club already has Corporate/reciprocal members in these associations who could be encouraged to forge links and promote individual Club membership.

- As the Club is now a CIO, which has removed the minimum age requirement for membership, the Club may also consider approaching the Sea Cadets (both in the UK and the US), by definition a much younger audience than the Club has hitherto entertained but worth encouraging interest with a specific or tailored membership.

- Historical and heritage sector: approach museums, and charitable organisations with a maritime interest. As with the naval sphere, the Club has Corporate/reciprocal members who could be encouraged to promote the Club.

What membership options can the Club offer?

Current Membership Packages include:

Standard: £50 annual
Flagship Blue: £50 annual plus £50 donation (5 years)
Flagship White: £50 annual plus £100 donation (5 years)
Flagship Red: £50 annual plus £200 donation (5 years)
Corporate: £100 annual

These are standard membership packages offered by most clubs and societies – an annual subscription, plus hard copy publications and newsletters/magazine and regular electronic communications. The Club's academic publication output is of primary interest, together with news of research and initiatives communicated in the KA and Dispatches.

However, the Club should be looking at alternatives to suit a wider range of membership. From commentary I have received, it is notable that some members do not wish to receive hard copy output which will over-populate their bookshelves. For some members it may be preferable or more convenient to access literature online – downloaded via an app or e-book format. The success of our Mailchimp circulations shows a high response to online communications and the Club could adapt to this.

The Club should also bear in mind the cost of the annual subscription – now at a plateau of £50 per annum. Publication output is costed into the subscription alongside support of the Club's research and conservation projects. Whilst not an exorbitant amount, some members have in recent years resigned membership due to economic circumstances and finding that they can no longer afford it. If the Club can offer alternative membership packages at a range of prices then the chances of retaining members and at the same time encouraging new members are greatly increased.

Currently the Trustees are considering new membership packages at a range of prices which might include:

Standard (including hard copy publications) – current subscription rate
Standard (excluding electronic publications) – reduced subscription rate
Special membership for students and serving naval personnel (including electronic publications) – reduced subscription rate
Special membership – sea cadets and under-18s (including electronic publications) – reduced subscription rate and time-limited

Discussions are ongoing but the Club will aim to finalise new membership options and engage in targeted recruitment in 2026, subject to conference with the Membership.

Dr Susan Carr
Membership Secretary
December 2025

U.S. Secretary Report

The United States membership as of the end of 2025 included 99 paid members, plus 4 life members. We are still seeing new members from various areas of the country.

On 8 February we held the Battle of Cape St Vincent Commemoration luncheon at the Mystic Restaurant in Alexandria VA. There were 15 participants, who enjoyed a good meal and a small ships reenactment of the Battle of Cape St Vincent by chairman Rodgaard. We also enjoyed a video animation of the battle.

Later in February, Chairman Rodgaard, Dr Pearson and Cdr Nathan Bein, USN Ret visited Bermuda to participate in the annual Midshipman Dale commemoration ceremony. The ceremony began in St. George's town square, where the Governor of Bermuda, His Excellence Andrew Murdoch CMG inspected the honour guard and colour party from the T.S. *Admiral Somers* Sea Cadet Corps. Governor Murdoch is a retired commander, Royal Navy.

Following his inspection, the Governor, the US Consular General, the wreathlaying party, townspeople and a scattering of tourists followed the piper, drummer and Sea Cadets through the streets of St George's to St Peter's Church cemetery for the wreathlaying at Midshipman Dale's grave. At Dale's graveside, an ecumenical church service was conducted with the Governor, Consular General, and Chairman Rodgaard laying wreaths at the midshipman's grave.

Following the service, Chairman Rodgaard and Dr. Pearson met with the President of the St George's Historical Society, Ms Lyn Llewellyn to discuss the possibility of The 1805 Club installing a information board in St George's that highlights the War of 1812 battle between the frigates HMS *Endymion* and USS *President* and Midshipman Dale's death. Specifics about the project are described in the annual report's projects section.

It was just a matter of a week after the Dale ceremony, that several of our U.S. members joined our UK members to attend and participate in ceremonies commemorating the return of the parish register of St. John's Figtree Church, Nevis, containing the record of the marriage of Horatio Nelson and Frances Nesbit, and the unveiling of a replica of Nelson's captain's uniform and tricorn hat.

On 2 August we held a luncheon, again at the Mystic Restaurant in Alexandria, to commemorate the Battle of the Nile. There was a good attendance of 18 members and guests. After an excellent lunch we reenacted the battle using Chairman Rodgaard's little ships. We again enjoyed a video animation of the battle, with good discussion among our members. The Mystic Restaurant has been a good venue for us; unfortunately, it has now closed.

Several 1805 Club members attended the British Officers Club of Washington DC Trafalgar Dinner on October 19. The dinner was held at the beautiful Country Club of Fairfax.

To round out the year we had an informal lunch at the Charthouse Restaurant in Alexandria on 13 December. Seventeen members were present for a good lunch and conversation. We will see in 2026 if we can do a couple more of these.

Harold E. "Pete" Stark
U.S. Secretary

Club Projects

Overview

Club projects fall into two categories. There are those that are ongoing, whilst the second category are projects that are unique, one-offs, with a completion date.

Ongoing Projects

Upgrading of the Club website — Formerly LIBOR Project 2

I have continued as The 1805 Club's Webmaster and Co-ordinator working with AMA throughout the year. With AMA's assistance and technical expertise, the website has continued to be updated and amended, with new functions being developed and added.
On the Home Page under **Publications,** we show images of our three publications and have replaced *The 1805 Club's North American Station Newsletter* (now archived in the Members' Area) with an image of **Used Books** which is linked to the **Shop** showing the books which are for sale. We are developing the functionality on this page to enable the visitor to click on a book they are interested the images of the book moves to the top of the page. We want to enable the flip-page function to be used here to show the first ten pages including the *Contents* page.

Each new issue of our publications has been added when available. Both members and visitors can download the full issue of *The 1805 Dispatches,* to either read online or print. The *Trafalgar Chronicle* has the first ten pages available when a visitor clicks on the image to view the *Contents*. Not all the latest issues are yet available, but we hope they will be soon. *The Kedge Anchor* has both the download facility and the flip-page for Members. Visitors can read only the first 3 pages to view the contents. We hope to make other functions available during the coming year.

A Skills Box has been designed and introduced for new members, and hopefully current members, to offer their help and skills when we need assistance. Only the Board of Trustees can access the information which is data-protected.

We are continuing to put in place auto-renewal for annual subscriptions and developing functions for The Flagship's three different levels plus payment.

We are using and developing recent technology to help in indexing our Publications and make them searchable for researchers and visitors to our website. Currently we are concentrating on the *Kedge Anchor.* Hopefully, we will be able to make this 'live' during the coming year.

Throughout the year we have been investigating the possibility of digitalising the *Trafalgar Chronicle.* This publication has a wealth of material which we can use in so many different and exciting ways in future projects, such as our virtual museum. We expanded our design brief to investigate how the website can become more interesting, versatile, and appealing to a wider audience of national and international researchers which can dovetail into existing functions, as well as new projects.

The databases continue to be updated with further information. Future work has been planned for the **Memorial Map** making it more interactive and searchable as we develop the website with new data.

Josephine M. Birtwhistle
Hon. Webmaster

Virtual Museum

Ms Natacha Abriat, the Club's virtual museum curator, proposed two options that she considered would be the most accurate reflection of how The 1805 Club perceives the digital museum and the role of its virtual curator. The virtual curator would imagine that The 1805 Club is a virtual version of a bricks-and mortar museum, with a big storeroom of artefacts out back. The Club's idea is to create a digital museum covering the Georgian era of naval history, using the assets of which The Club is already the custodian.

Ms Abriat envisions a virtual curator's role to be:

1. To catalogue the digital and real-world assets The 1805 Club already holds
2. To build a plan for how best to expose and connect those assets online for the public benefit
3. To discover what is missing or needs adding to or fixing, and to propose ways of achieving this
4. To consider themes and groupings which could form the basis of specific, themed 'exhibitions 'of interest
5. To project-manage the manifestations of those themes and groupings in an interesting, accessible and engaging way
6. To consider which assets may be exposed for free for anyone interested, and which might be monetised – via subscriptions, members-only access, pay-to-view/download etc.

Looking at the Club's website www.1805club.org, one can see the Club has numerous digital assets that could be organised within a 'digital museum'. These assets include the Memlog, the naval databases, publications and conservation projects, with their attendant content and stories. There would be a section dedicated to new projects and assets that have been acquired by The Club. Also, The Club has physical assets in the form of outputs from the completed projects. These are (non-exhaustively):

The Greenwich plaque
The St John's Figtree Church Register (and two facsimiles)
The Trafalgar Way
The Chapel at the Royal Hospital on the Isla de Roi, Menorca
Grave stones and graveside plaques
Back issues of *The Trafalgar Chronicle* and *Kedge Anchor*

From this basis, the virtual museum could be linked to outside partners, projects and venues and that would be the next phase.

Ms. Abriat has developed a conceptual mock-up which illustrates the ideas and the possible structure of the virtual museum (seen below). What is shown below is simply meant to show how such thematic exhibitions might appear within the architecture of the virtual museum.



Trafalgar Way — Formerly LIBOR Project #5
The Trafalgar Way continues to be managed and promoted as one of the Club's ongoing projects.

Website
The website is maintained as time permits. It continues to act as a valuable, high-profile resource for The 1805 Club. It is used notably by those interested in following the route of The Trafalgar Way or researching information for Pickle Night events, historical information regarding HMS *Pickle*, and as a conduit for those seeking talks and local events.

Social media
Social media efforts for The Trafalgar Way are part of the greater picture for marketing, awareness and membership communications for The 1805 Club as a whole.

Merchandise sales 2025
The Official Storymap of The Trafalgar Way – 4 copies sold
A small number of copies were sold offline at talks and events (eg Trafalgar Night Dinner)
HMS Pickle Cap Tallies – 56 sold

Events - Talks
Talks were given on a voluntary basis and used to fundraise for The 1805 Club and The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd and to recruit new Club members where possible.

January 2025 – talk at St John's Place, Bemerton
February 2025 – talk at Whitchurch Silk Mill
October 2025 – talk at Axminster Heritage Centre
March 2026 - talk at Whitchurch History Group



The Club is seeking to recruit and train new speakers to give talks voluntarily from 2026 onwards.

Event – Pickle Night Concert

A choral (sea shanty) concert was held by a local choir group in Andover, Hampshire, on 6 November 2025. We attended to give out Trafalgar Way flags and information leaflets.

Ms. Kathy Brown
Project Manager

The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd 2025 Report

The trading company operates as a shop, selling merchandise for The 1805 Club. It facilitates the sale of Club merchandise — accessories, books, story maps, work sheets. These items are available online and offline — for the Club and the Trafalgar Way.

The trading company manages the merchandise inventory for the Club's commercial activities. It also resells specially commissioned artwork under licence.

The trading company's income from sales was £1,638.08. After expenditures, the trading company saw a modest profit of £1,110.40 for calendar year 2025.

Kathy Brown
Programme Manager

Publications

Trafalgar Chronicle, New Series 10, published October 2025

Judith Pearson and John Rodgaard continued in their seventh year as editors of the *Trafalgar Chronicle*, with the 2025 edition as New Series 10. The theme for this issue was 'Naval Leadership in the Georgian Era'. The editors chose this theme because this issue was intended to honour the 220th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the US Navy.

The cover image was an 1871 oil painting by Hendrick Frans Shcaefer, depicting Captain Louis Antoine Infernet of the French 74-gun *Intrepid*, who fired the last shot at Trafalgar.

This issue has 224 pages, 14 articles, and 91 illustrations, including a colour plate section. Nine articles addressed the leadership theme. Among these authors, four had served In the Royal Navy, two in the US Navy, and one in the US Air Force. The *Trafalgar Chronicle* continues to attract well-credentialed authors, many who have published books on naval history. The authors for this issue haled from the UK, US, Canada, Italy, and Spain.

The remaining five articles in the 2025 edition were 'general interest 'articles. A particularly outstanding article by an 1805 Club member, and curator of the Mariners 'Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia, is Jeanne Marie Willoz-Egnor. She wrote about HMS *Diamond Rock* – a barren outcropping in the Caribbean from which the Royal Navy targeted passing French ships. A lovely collection of watercolours by a shipboard artist graced this article.

Seaforth Publishing was responsible for layout, galley proofs, and printing, sending 500 copies to The 1805 Club for distribution. Back issues of the *Trafalgar Chronicle* are available on The 1805 Club website 'shop'. As of 2025, the webmaster has ensured that for each issue, a ten-page preview is now available in an automated 'turn-the-page' format. This is an advantage for researchers who want to know the contents of each issue prior to purchase. It is also useful for citations.

One highlight of 2025 was the McMullen Biannual Naval History Symposium hosted by the History and Humanities Department of the US Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Maryland. There, The 1805 Club sponsored two panels of presenters who presented papers on the theme for 2026: 'The Role of Navies in the Age of Revolutions'. The editors attended these and other panels, offering sixteen presenters the opportunity to publish their paper in the 2026 *Trafalgar Chronicle*. Seven of those presenters accepted.

At the time of this writing, the editors are well into the work editing the 2026 edition of the *Trafalgar Chronicle*.

Judith E. Pearson, PhD
Managing Editor

The Kedge Anchor and *The 1805 Dispatches*

The Kedge Anchor

We continue with the two printed editions of our Club members-only magazine, KA – in the spring and autumn. However, we are in the gradual process of moving KA to new year and summer, in order to avoid KA and TC being delivered together, as this has presented logistical problems. It will also have the advantage of spreading the arrival of 'goodies'.

Stephen Howarth has continued to be an invaluable proof-reader and mentor.

It was felt important that we should have someone else who is familiar with the processes of producing the KA, in order that the eventual handover can be less traumatic for whoever takes over from me. Consequently, Shirin Camenisch, who already deals with our social media, has joined me and is learning the ropes, so to speak. Whether or not Shirin ultimately takes over from me is irrelevant, but her involvement now will ease things at the time.

The printing of the KA is still being ably done by Suffolk Digital, at a very good price, so I do not propose to change anything at this time. Prior to placing the order for each edition, I ask for a firm quotation, and if this turns out to be very different from the previous edition, I may review the situation.

I also do not propose to change from Responsible Mailing for distribution of the KA, as they proved to be most competitive when last compared and have continued to do a good job.

The 1805 Dispatches

We also continue to produce the digital-only *TD* every two months, with the first edition being in February. There never seems to be trouble filling the four standard pages, which often creeps up to six or eight pages.

Unlike the *KA*, *TD* is available to anyone visiting our website, in the hope that non-members will be attracted.

Leaflets

Members were all sent a copy of our new publicity leaflet last year. Since that issue, the Trustees have been considering ways to promote Club membership, and it is hoped the leaflets will be distributed, by members, where they will attract interest.

We hope by now you will have read a circular to members in this regard – and you have responded to it.

Secondhand Books

We still have a number of donated books for sale, which Kathy will report on under the Shop Report.

Distribution

As a general point, *KA*, *TD* and *TC* are tangible products supplied free to Club members, but they are also possibly important as promotional material.

We have a many copies of past editions, and we encourage members to ask for copies from me, and to hand them out at functions/events, in order to promote The 1805 Club.

However, we must ensure that we maximise their use, without waste. The list is open for alteration/addition, and any suggestions will be considered.

We thank you all for your support.

Peter Turner

Managing Editor, *Kedge Anchor* and *Dispatches*
Shirin Camenisch
Assistant Editor

Social Media

The Club has a very active social media presence. Posting to The 1805 Facebook page is almost daily, and through the end of 2025 it has garnered 3,300 followers. In 2025 the editor created The 1805 Club Members Forum page, which gives members the opportunity to communicate with other members. Members can post items of interest and facilitate discussion on Club related subjects. Nearly 30% of the membership uses the forum.

Also in 2025, the Club established and Instagram account.

Shirin Camenisch
Social Media Manager

Commemorative Projects

Conservation of the St John Figtree's Parish Register containing Nelson's and Frances marriage signatures — Formerly LIBOR Project #3

By December 2024, the Borthwick Institute, University of York, United Kingdom had completed conserving the St John's Figtree Church Parish Register, and this included rebinding the document. Additionally, Borthwick had digitised the register and created a interactive database for the parish and for the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society.

In January 2025, Borthwick informed The Club that it sent a digital copy in January to the printer who then produced two high-quality facsimiles; one to go to the parish and the second to NHCS. The facsimiles and the original were then carried by Borthwick representatives to Nevis.

On Sunday, 9 March 2025, the register and the facsimiles were presented to the parishioners of St John's Figtree Church in a church service. (See the events section for the ceremony).

John Rodgaard & Stephen Howarth
Chairman Honorable Secretary
Project Managers

Nelson's Uniform and Display Case for the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society's (NHCS) Nevis Maritime Museum, Charlestown, Nevis

The uniform display case fabricated by EXPLUS of Manassas Virginia and delivered to the Nevis Historical and Cultural Society in June 2024, was assembled and placed in the Nevis Maritime Museum in January 2025, and after the unveiling of Nelson's captain's uniform and tricorn hat, the uniform, hat and a copy of the St. John's Figtree Parish Register was placed inside. Chairman Rodgaard and Dr Pearson carried the uniform and tricorn hat to Nevis to be delivered to the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NHCS).

John Rodgaard and Harold 'Pete' Stark
Chairman U.S. Secretary
Project Managers

Private Richard Masters, RM Plaque— St Tudy, Cornwall

This was a joint project between The 1805 Club and the St Tudy Historical Society to erect a commemorative plaque at St Tudy Church, Cornwall, honouring the life of Private Richard Masters, Royal Marines, who was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar and buried at sea. The dedication and unveiling ceremony took place on Saturday 27 September 2025.

Stephen Howarth,
Honorable Secretary
Project Manager

Conferences/Symposia

The US Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium — Annapolis, USA

The 1805 Club submitted a proposal to the US Naval Academy's History Department to sponsor two three-person panels at the 2025 McMullen Naval History Symposium. Fellow Club member, Dr Evan Wilson of the US Naval War College, selected the themes for the panels — From the Sea: British Expeditionary and Combined Operations, 1775-1815 and The Unknown Sailor: New Perspectives on Life in the Royal Navy during its "Golden Age". The proposal also included a request for the Club to have a display table to promote the Club during the symposium. The symposium draws naval historians from around the world. It was held 18-19 September. 2025.

Harold 'Pete' Stark & John Rodgaard
US Secretary Chairman
Project Managers

The 1805 Club New Series Conferences

The Club Secretary, Stephen Howarth organised a naval history conference that was held at the Princess Royal Gallery at the National Museum of the Royal Navy on Friday 23 October. As a commemorative project, this conference marked a return to earlier Club sponsored conferences that coincided with anniversaries, such as the major battles at sea during the Wars of French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. These conferences were organised by the Club's chairman Peter Warwick. Unfortunately, with Peter's death, compounded by Covid-19, organising and conducting conferences fell by the wayside.

Mr Howarth thought it was time to reintroduce these conferences. Instead of organising around an anniversary, he decided to organise a conference to celebrate recent top-drawer naval historical research and writing.

The inaugural event showcased papers from noted historians, with the proceedings published in 2026. The Club plans to hold these New Series conferences every three years, and to hold them the day before the Club's Trafalgar Night Dinner. The next Conference/TND pairing will be Friday 20 and Saturday 21 October 2028 Trafalgar Day.

Stephen Howarth
Hon Secretary
Project Manager

Conservation of HMS DeBraak's Bell

Our project concerning the preservation of the ship's bell from HMS *DeBraak* continued in 2025. Dr. Jack Satterfield, one of our Delaware members, continued to work with the Delaware preservation authorities to obtain the appropriate permissions to transport the bell to the Maryland State archaeological preservation facilities in Southern Maryland. This facility is state of the art and has obtained new equipment allowing them to fully scan the bell to determine its condition and to what extent it can be restored. The Trustees have approved the funding for this project. Dr. Satterfield is continuing to work with Delaware to establish a date when the bell may be picked up.

On the grounds of the Zwaanendael Museum at Lewes, Delaware is a memorial marker listing the names of those sailors and marines who were lost when HMS *DeBraak* sank off

Lewes in 1798. The marker is atop a tomb that holds the remains of those recovered from the wreck. The Club hopes to place the restored bell on public display near this marker. The Club hopes to complete the project late in 2026.

Dr. John "Jack" Satterfield
Project Manager

Brunswick Town, North Carolina Commemorative Plaque and Information Board

Through inquiry, Club representative, Pete Stark, learned that Brunswick Town maintains the location of Royal Navy graves dating to the 18th century. We learned about the graves through the Brunswick Town site manager, with whom we have been working to memorialise the graves. Two RN graves are documented. The logical place for them to have been buried is in St. Philip's churchyard. St. Philip's was the largest church in North Carolina at the time it was built. However, because the town was destroyed by fire between 1776 and 1781, it is basically an archaeological site. The remains of St. Philip's are impressive, with only those burials who have large tombstones still identifiable. Ground penetrating radar has identified a number of unmarked graves about the church, two of which presumably are our RN personnel.

The Club hopes to complete the project by installing a plaque at the park's visitors' centre and erecting a information board on St Philip's Church grounds by the end of 2026.

Harold E. "Pete" Stark
U.S. Secretary
Project Manager

Events

The year 2025 saw the Club complete several projects and held events that marked the official completion of the project. They are summarized below.

Return of the St John's Figtree Anglican Church Parish Register — Nevis

Sunday 9 March marked the culmination of one of the Club's major projects — the return of the conserved parish register to St John's Figtree Anglican Church. In a moving ceremony, sailors from HMS *Medway* brought forth the register and a facsimile to be handed over to Canon Carlisle Vyphuis and the parishioners. The entire ceremony was one of intimacy and solemnity.

John Rodgaard & Stephen Howarth
Chairman Honorable Secretary
Event Managers

Unveiling of the Nelson's Captain's Uniform and Tricorn Hat — Nevis

Following the ceremony at St John's Figtree Church, the Club unveiled Nelson's Captain's uniform and tricorn hat. The Deputy Governor General, Her Honour Hyleeta Liburd hosted the event at her official residence at Government House. She was joined by the Deputy Premier Eric Evelyn. With a guard of honour from HMS *Medway* and the St Kitts and Nevis Defence Force, the uniform and hat were unveiled from beneath *Medway*'s massive White Ensign to the official party and the citizens of Nevis. Chairman Rodgaard made known to all assembled that the uniform and hat were fabricated gratis by the director of Henry Poole and Company of Saville Row, London, Mr. Keith Levett. After the ceremony, the uniform and

hat were placed in the environmental display case (bought by the Club) that sits in the Nevis Maritime Museum.

John Rodgaard
Events Manager

US Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium — Annapolis USA

The bi-annual McMullen Naval History Symposium was held at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis between 18-19 September 2025. The Club sponsored two three-person panels at the symposium and provided two $300.00 honorariums to two of the panelists (Four were not able to receive an honorarium because they are US Federal employees). Both panels were well attended. Twelve members of the Club were also present.

John Rodgaard and Harold 'Pete' Stark
Chairman U.S. Secretary
Events Managers

Private Richard Masters, RM Memorial Plaque Unveiling — St Tudy, Cornwall

On Saturday 27 September 2025 a plaque honouring the life of Private Richard Masters, Royal Marines was unveiled at the St Tudy Anglican Church, Cornwall. Over 100 people attended the service to include dignitaries from around Cornwall, members of the St Tudy Historical Society, the Padstow Sea Cadet unit and the Plymouth Maritime Corps of Drums. The plaque is affixed on the church wall near four family graves of the Masters family.

Stephen Howarth
Honourable Secretary
Events Manager

The 1805 Club New Series Conferences — Inaugural Event

On Friday 23 October the event was held at the National Museum of the Royal Navy's Princess Royal Gallery. Professor Andrew Lambert, Captain Michael Barrit, RN Ret, Seth Legacy, David Gibbons, Brain Lavery, Natacha Abrait, and Nick Hewitt presented their papers. Following their presentations, a panel, led by Professor N A M Rodger wrapped up the conference.

The Club's return to the conference scene was well received, and its Proceedings will be published in 2026. The Club plans to hold these New Series conferences every three years, to allow enough time for a wide choice of really good new works to emerge, and to have each the day before our Trafalgar Night Dinner, to make a really good weekend of it: which means the next Conference/TND pairing will be Friday 20 and Saturday 21 October 2028 Trafalgar Day.

Stephen Howarth
Honourable Secretary
Events Manager

Respectfully submitted,



John A Rodgaard
Chairman

Appendix A: Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1201272

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FOR

THE 1805 CLUB

THE 1805 CLUB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees refer to public benefit throughout this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1201272

Principal address

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Devon
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Independent Examiner

Paul Underwood, FCCA
Morris Crocker
Chartered Accountants
Lake House
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Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO6 4TY

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 June 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Captain J A Rodgaard - For the Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1805 CLUB

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The 1805 Club
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The 1805 Club (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P J Underwood

Paul Underwood, FCCA

Morris Crocker
Chartered Accountants
Lake House
2 Port Way
Port Solent
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Hampshire
PO6 4TY

Date: 30 June 2026

THE 1805 CLUB

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	16,820	-	16,820	20,165
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		28,223	-	28,223	11,802
Investment income	3	2,188	-	2,188	2,609
Total		47,231	-	47,231	34,576
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		46,059	-	46,059	47,768
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,172	-	1,172	(13,192)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		57,850	41,243	99,093	112,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		59,022	41,243	100,265	99,093

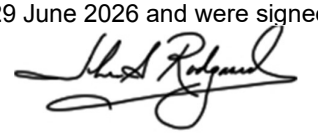
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THE 1805 CLUB

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	4,035	4,140
Cash at bank		97,670	102,306
		101,705	106,446
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,440)	(7,353)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		100,265	99,093
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		100,265	99,093
NET ASSETS		100,265	99,093
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		59,022	57,850
Restricted funds		41,243	41,243
TOTAL FUNDS		100,265	99,093

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 June 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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J A Rodgaard - for the Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations are recognised when the Club has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Subscriptions income, which offsets the costs of production of the Club's publications, Trafalgar Chronicle and Kedge Anchor, is included with Donations and legacies together with the related Gift Aid.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case-by-case basis following the granting of the probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Club.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Allocation of support and governance costs
Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities include grants made, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Financial instruments
The company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors
Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Subscriptions plus the related Gift Aid	14,863	19,230
Other donations and legacies	1,957	935
	16,820	20,165

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,188	2,609

All investment income is derived from assets held in the United Kingdom.

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities	Charitable activities	28,223	11,802

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	40,788	5,271	46,059

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	2,035	191	3,045	5,271

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Insurance	-	500
Other support costs	2,035	380
	2,035	880

Finance

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Bank charges	191	185

Governance costs

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
AGM	1,557	1,400
Accountancy and legal fees	396	-
Independent examiner's fee	1,092	960
	3,045	2,360

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year three trustees (2024: two) were reimbursed out of pocket expenses totalling £6,167 (2024: £3,180).

8. STAFF COSTS

The charity had no employees during the year (2024: Nil). No staff were paid emoluments greater than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	19,431	734	20,165
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	11,802	-	11,802
Investment income	2,609	-	2,609
Total	33,842	734	34,576
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	38,612	9,156	47,768
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,770)	(8,422)	(13,192)
Transfers between funds	(403)	403	-
Net movement in funds	(5,173)	(8,019)	(13,192)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	63,023	49,262	112,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	57,850	41,243	99,093

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	200
The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd	1,890	850
Deposits	-	500
Gift Aid	2,145	1,440
Prepayments and accrued income	-	1,150
	4,035	4,140

Loan to The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd, company limited by guarantee number 13702954, incorporated on 25 October 2021. According to the company's Articles, its profits are directed solely towards the objects of The 1805 Club. The 1805 Club is the company's sole member and controls appointments to the company's Board.

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	1,545
Subscriptions and other payments in advance	-	4,848
Accruals	1,440	960
	1,440	7,353

Deferred income represents subscriptions and other payments in advance:

	2025	**2024**
	£	**£**
Brought forward	4,848	2,824
Amount released to incoming resources	(4,848)	(2,824)
Amount deferred in year	-	4,848
Carried forward	-	4,848

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	60,462	41,243	101,705	106,446
Current liabilities	(1,440)	-	(1,440)	(7,353)
	59,022	41,243	100,265	99,093

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	57,850	(4,882)	52,968
Events	-	6,054	6,054
	57,850	1,172	59,022
Restricted funds			
Flagship fund	1,217	-	1,217
Project - marriage register	14,243	-	14,243
Project - conservation, communication and education	21,906	-	21,906
Fund for restoration of the grave of George Forbes	3,000	-	3,000
Fund for the commemoration of Admiral de Brueys, commander of the French fleet at the Battle of the Nile	877	-	877
	41,243	-	41,243
TOTAL FUNDS	99,093	1,172	100,265

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,008	(23,890)	(4,882)
Events	28,223	(22,169)	6,054
	47,231	(46,059)	1,172
TOTAL FUNDS	47,231	(46,059)	1,172

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	63,023	(6,462)	1,289	57,850
Events	-	1,692	(1,692)	-
	63,023	(4,770)	(403)	57,850
Restricted funds				
Flagship fund	483	734	-	1,217
Project - marriage register	24,917	-	(10,674)	14,243
Project - conservation, communication and education	21,906	-	-	21,906
Nelson uniform and cabinet	(4,040)	(6,634)	10,674	-
Cornwallis publication	2,119	(2,522)	403	-
Fund for restoration of the grave of George Forbes	3,000	-	-	3,000
Fund for the commemoration of Admiral de Brueys, commander of the French fleet at the Battle of the Nile	877	-	-	877
	49,262	(8,422)	403	41,243
TOTAL FUNDS	112,285	(13,192)	-	99,093

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,390	(28,852)	(6,462)
Events	11,452	(9,760)	1,692
	33,842	(38,612)	(4,770)
Restricted funds			
Flagship fund	734	-	734
Nelson uniform and cabinet	-	(6,634)	(6,634)
Cornwallis publication	-	(2,522)	(2,522)
	734	(9,156)	(8,422)
TOTAL FUNDS	34,576	(47,768)	(13,192)

Unrestricted funds:

Events fund is a line item to cover expenses supporting Club sponsored events, such as the purchase of a wreath that was laid before Lord Nelson's tomb on 21 October 2025.

Restricted funds:

Flagship fund is a line item that covers individual donations to the fund.

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Project - Marriage Register (St John's Figtree Parish Register 1729-1825) is a line item covering the expenditures relating to register's facsimile production, travel, etc.

Project - Conservation, communication and education line item covers expenditures pertaining to commissioning the fabrication of historic plaques, communication to the membership and the general public (printing leaflets, postage of same) and educational outreach.

Restoration of George Forbes grave is a line item dedicated toward the fabrication, installation of a plaque and a bench alongside the grave.

Commemorating Admiral de Brueys is a line item dedicated toward the fabrication and installation of a plaque commemorating the Admiral.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year there were related party transactions with The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd. The trading company of the charity. At the year-end a balance of £1,890 was owing to the Charity (2024: £850).

15. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is not under the control of another entity or any one individual.

The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd (company number 13702954) is a trading company of The 1805 Club (charity number 1201272).