



AGM Minutes

Held via Zoom

10.30am Saturday 26th April 2025

Attendees in person:

Attendees via Zoom: Perry Gunn (PG), Jayne Warburton-Ball (JWB), Alan Stewart (AS), Andrew Hayday (AH), Melvyn Lockhart (ML), Jennifer Lockhart (JL), Ann Sankey (ANS), Tommy Ringland (TR), Fr Chris Buckley (FCB), Graham Procter (GP), John Williams (JW), Lionel Burdett (LB), Richard Gregg (RG), Lindsay Maclure Gregg (LMG), Maynard Scott (MS), John Johnson (JJ), Jane Benson (JB), Helen Altree (HA), Robin Mack (RM), Stephen Whitelegg (SW), Alan Carter (AC), Gareth Campbell (GC), Christine Shuttler (CS), Terry Hissey (TH)

1. Opening prayer

FCB opened with prayer and a reading.

2. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

AH welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for attending.

3. Apologies for absence

Were received from Craig Sanders, John Corbishley, Olivia Stewart, Zoe Palmer, Sandra McConnell, Tim Hayday, Nev Gray, Martyn Bedder, Maxine Haggan, Hazel Ferguson, Melanie Bruton.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the last AGM held on 27th April 2024 including any matters arising not covered in the agenda (copy in the attached Reports pack)

All minutes agreed.

RG - Stonemason in Goole, re Rev Milner's Grave he took pictures and is awaiting a quote

NHQ - Zoe to find out how many Brigade companies actually advertise their Brigade nights.

AH wrote to South Africa. Should any companies or members like to converse with overseas companies, then please let NHQ know.

LB Online drum training was not as easy as expected to do live, but Mick McKenna has supplied training instructions and videos, plus sent practice pads and sticks.





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AH asked LB to supply contact details of Mick so he can liaise with David Schwarz in New York.

FCB finding Brigade Chaplain Etc. is ongoing, AC is looking at speaking to new Canon at Coventry Cathedral. AH and NHQ have met with Bishop of St Helena which was very productive.

AH asked all leaders to sign up to new website Leaders Login.

TH asked if his actions could be marked as complete Cost implications re Rev Milners grave, complete. And Re ACs action for Historical Group is now complete.

5. Governors Report covering 2023/2024 (copy in the attached Reports Pack)

AH gave a summary of his written report. And commented upon the new portrait of our new Patron HRH Princess Anne, which was kindly funded by the legacy from Hilary Dawson of East Crompton St James.

TH commented upon the name of the DofE which now doesn't use the word Scheme.

6. Financials

- **Treasurers Report (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

PG went through his written report and also mentioned John Smith, and invited anybody who wanted to get a message to John, that Perry would happily be the messenger.

- **Approval of accounts 2023/2024**

- GC presented several explanatory graphs to cover the financial side of the Annual report – copy attached.
- It was reiterated that although we showed a loss on the accounts, this was due to investments in Double Glazing, The National Memorial Arboretum and a large increase in Insurance premiums, due to a new valuation of the properties.
- SW queried the difference between the total income and expenditure that GC presented and the totals shown in the accounts. GC explained that the annual accounts shows NHQ figures, Unit (Company) figures and an amalgamation of both, GC was presenting the NHQ figures.
- All accounts approved unanimously.

- **Appointment of Auditors**

- A show of hands approved unanimously to re appoint North Accounting.
- RG asked if North Accounting were local to NHQ, Durham or Oldham, PG responded that they were local to NHQ.





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7. Capitation Fees 2025/2026

Currently following Council agreement the current rate is £22 per Leader/Member, this rises in January 2026 to £23, then January 2027 to £24, January 2028 to £25. During 2028 at the AGM, this will be reviewed in time for January 2029.
Proposal as above agreed.

8. Annual Reports

- **FTOG (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**
 - Report as per circulated, read through by AH.
 - GP wanted to formally thank John Corbishley who has now resigned from his role as FTOG Chair, and gave everything for this role. AH agreed and also thanked John.
 - AH is also working to create two new roles within a National Training Team, and has two volunteers. This will look primarily at the Young Leaders training and also Online training.
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**
 - Report as per circulated.
 - AH summarised.
- **National Band (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**
 - LB reported a successful year, with good attendance at all their weekends and a great concert at Beverley. LMG reminded everyone that the next concert is at St Peters School in York on the 4th May. Recruiting weekend is on 26th to 28th Sept 2025 at Raywell Park, where new cornet players would be welcomed.

- **Overseas Liaison Officer (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

TH summarised his written report covering the many overseas units.

- **Brigade Memorial Garden (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

AC summarised his written report and thanked Maynard Scott for his help locally.

- **Brigade Remembrance Service (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

FCB summarised his written report and thanked everybody involved, particularly Jane Benson the Organist. MS also thanked TH for looking after the list of those remembered, and their families over recent years.





- **National Events Committee (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

LMG reported that the only event to report on was the Festival of Music and Drill in July 2024. It was a great success in Beverley Town centre, with all levels represented. Fully enjoyed by all. Various genres of music and styles of drill. Good feedback from audiences around the town. Presentation to go on YouTube.

- **CofE Engagement (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

FCB summarised his report. Still looking for somebody to become Bishop Visitor.

- **Historical Group (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

TH Summarised his report. He thanked Brigade Council for the recently fitted double glazing in the Archive rooms at NHQ. He was also pleased to receive a thank you from a Young Leader for the books received from the Historical group. TH also remembered Stewart Cresswell (former Brigade Secretary) who recently passed away.

- **Cenotaph Parade (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

MB was not present, AH summarised his report.

JJ asked if there could be a way at gaining invites to the RBL events at the Royal Albert Hall. AH did explain that NHQ does try each year, but never easy as it "sells out" almost immediately. MS will explore and see if he can assist.

MS mentioned that having watched the BBC remembrance parade did we feed the BBC with any interesting information about the CLCGB that would describe us better. AH said that we do feed info to the BBC, but have no control over the output. AH will feed this to ZP.

RG said that on the last couple of parades we have been saluting incorrectly, that only the Inspecting Officer and Warrant Officer should actually salute, and the rest should just do the "Eyes Right" RG will pass this info to MB, for future events.

- **Regional Reports – (copies in the attached Reports Pack)**

Regional report from Ulster Regiment

JW read his report.





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Regional report from Lancashire Battalion

JWB confirmed that the report circulated was all correct.

9. Any Other Business

TH - Brigade was represented at Stewart Creswell's funeral by TH and Janet Mulholland. TH is publishing an obituary.

TH suggested that when long service awards are awarded by NHQ that the certificates include the number of years i.e. 40 years of service in larger bold print. Also, a letter enclosed with the certificate showing thanks. This has been discussed with Zoe at NHQ. PG mentioned that NHQ often does not know the length of service as it requires the company to note on BMS the start date. All duly noted.

TH asked are all formations permitted to forward annual reports to the AGM, AH said yes of course, and we welcome them.

10. Date and venue of next AGM

Saturday 25th April 2026.

11. Closing Prayer and Commemorations

FCB closed in prayer and addressed the commemorations list.

Tony Wood
Fred Stewart
Beryl Gilamrtin
Florence cowley
John Dixon
Colin Short
Keith Sawbridge
Bob Warburton
David Pask
Janet Redding
Revd Rex Buckley
Charles Worthington
Basil Trevana-Tow
Glynne Procter
Hilda Collis
George Horner
Kenneth Jones
Stewart Cresswell OBE





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Action points of the AGM Saturday 22nd April 2023

AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martins Scheme to be ready for September 2023	ONGOING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band badge to be included in badge scheme	ONGOING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HG badges to be added to Dress Regulations	COMPLETE

TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look at cost implications to marking Revd Milner's Grave	COMPLETE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with AC to create a Historical badge	COMPLETE

RG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate a stonemason based in Goole to look at cleaning Mrs Milner's gravestone	ONGOING
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NG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form a working group to discuss location of Historical items.	ONGOING
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Action points of the AGM Saturday 27th April 2024

NHQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last year's minutes to be amended to reflect TH addendum items	COMPLETE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out how many churches/premises are actively advertising the Brigade Company night where they meet.	ONGOING

AH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write to South Africa to Congratulate on 130th Anniversary	COMPLETE
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HA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send TH details of Toronto company	COMPLETE
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TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaise with LB to organise online drum training session for commonwealth countries	COMPLETE Instructions, video and equipment sent
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LB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with TH to organise online drum training session for commonwealth countries 	COMPLETE Instructions, video & equipment sent
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FCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a suitable Brigade Chaplain and SYNOD Representative. Make contact with the new Canon at Coventry 	ONGOING ONGOING AC to Action COMPLETE AH & NHQ met Bishop.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make contact with the Bishop of St Helena 	

ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send resources to NHQ to be added to the new website 	COMPLETE NHQ Emailed out & AH encouraged everyone to sign up for new Website
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Action points of the AGM Saturday 26th April 2025

AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Contact with the New Canon at Coventry 	
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LB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply details of Mick McKenna to AH to share with David Schwartz in New York 	
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MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact RBL regards tickets for Royal Albert Hall service 	COMPLETE Tickets for RBL members only. No Group allocation
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RG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss saluting process at Cenotaph Parade with MB	
ZP/AH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review wording sent to BBC for Cenotaph Parade coverage	

