

# China Fleet Trust

## 2024 - The Year in Review

This document highlights the significant events and achievements of the Trust in 2024, showcasing the wide range of engagement and visitation throughout the year.

### January 2024

All at the Club had been tracking the progress of HMS Oardacious over the Christmas period as they rowed the Atlantic. It was thrilling to see that the crew sponsored by the Trust and Club finished first in a time of 34 days on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The list of engagements in January included: RN Conduct & Cultures team visit, 42 Cdo, NBC(D) Exec team visit, RNR visit, RNRMC engagement with CEO, RN Rugby and was rounded off by a thoroughly



HMS Oardacious complete the World's Toughest Row



Visit to RNAS Culdrose



Visit to RNAS Culdrose (inside hangar)

## February 2024

February was a busy month which started with the Trust Chair attending HMS Raleigh along with Cornwall's Lord Lieutenant, HMS Courageous volunteers' group, 47 Cdo visit and re-signing of partnering agreement, Engagement with beneficiary facing business (Babcock International), Naval Children's Charity visitation and collaborations, Commanding Officer's Designate Course visit, City College Plymouth in support of RNR. The month also saw the interview process commence with 4 firms of auditors vying for the contract to become the enterprise auditors.



Visit of 47 Cdo's CO

## Commanding Officer's Desig Course Visit



## March 2024

March saw engagement with and visitation from: CTCRM, attendance at the First Sea Lord's conference for Warrant Officers at RNAS Yeovilton, the inaugural MoD Careers Transition Partnership (CTP) careers fair took place, beneficiary facing engagement with AEUK, the Brasserie refurbishment opening saw the RN's chef of the year open the upgraded facility, RMA-TRMC engagement, Capt Steph Permain's (Captain Recruitment & Attraction) visit took place, RNRMC visit of new SW rep.



Brasserie Re-opening



Set Up at 1SL's Conference for Warrant Officers at RNAS Yeovilton

## April 2024

April: Greenwich Hospital engagement, 30 Cdo IX visit, Vice Admiral Sir Chris Gardner (SDA) visited, RMA CEO's visit, Rear Admiral Paul Halton call on Trust Chair, Attendance as guest of RN Rugby vs RAF, Local engagement saw attendance at Saltash Mayor's Civic Service, Forces Employment Charity visit and the Beneficiary Committee meeting occurred.

Vice Admiral Sir Chris Gardner's visit



RN Rugby victory over RAF

## May 2024

May saw a busy engagement calendar with visitation from Greenwich Hospital staff, Royal Navy Rugby enjoyed a day at the Club prior to the annual fixture vs the Army at Twickenham, visit from ex-SBS operative and life coach Rob Colley, support to the Ten Tors event on Dartmoor, Royal Navy Golf held their players championship at the Club, RNAS Culdrose team visited, the Commanding Officers course visited and the month completed with the first visitation of the Second Sea Lord (2SL) for 10 years, who enjoyed an away event at the Club with his team



2SL and team visit the Club



Support to Ten Tors as AFC ERS Silver Members



Ten Tours Route Maps



RN Rugby enjoy a day of R&R at CFCC prior to match vs Army at Twickenham

## June 2024

June marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day with the Club doing its bit to recognise the day. The month also saw engagement with veteran charity Active Plus, attendance at the Plymouth Area Business Council dinner at HMS Drake, Trust Cahir attended RNAS Culdrose for a reception, visitation from the Commander of the Maritime Reserves (COMMARRES – Cdre Jo Adey RN), 47 Cdo visit, HMS Tamar affiliation meeting attendance, AFD Flag Raising and attendance on Plymouth Hoe.



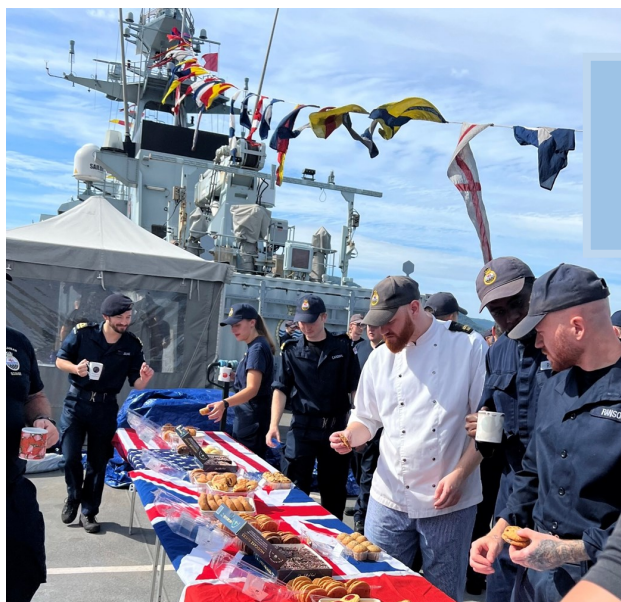
Visit of COMMARRES Cdre Jo Adey RN



AFD Flag Raising



D-Day 80 at the Club



HMS Tamar's D-Day  
80 Stand Easy

## WORN & FCWO Visit



## July 2024

Summer arrived, apparently, despite some inclement weather with continued engagement which saw visitation by CTCRM and their PT Branch, the Warrant officer of the Royal Navy (WORN) and Fleet Commander's Warrant officer visited, RNRMC Held their recognition event at the Club, EWO Designs course visited, CTCRM Command Training Wing also visited and Royal Navy Golf held their Inter Command Championships at the Club over a week.



## RNRMC Recognition Event



## RM PT Branch Visit (CTCRM)



## RNRMC Recognition Event

## August 2024

The leave period for most of our beneficiary community but engagement continued with activity involving RNLA, RNRMC Ambassador visit, Attendance at VJ Day memorial at St Andrews Church, Golf & Estates team visited the Naval Base and HMS St Albans.

### VJ Day memorial St Andrews Church



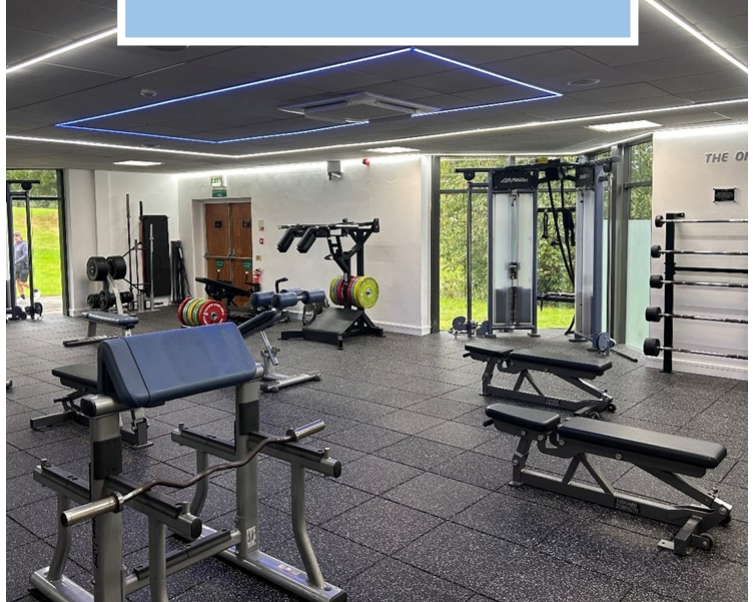
### Golf team onboard HMS St Albans



## September 2024

During September there was a busy schedule of recruitment for incoming Trustees, increased activity in support of the 600KWp solar project, the Gym refurbishment was in full swing and good beneficiary engagement ongoing including RN Charity event at Admiralty House in Portsmouth, Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and HMS Tamar's affiliation group met.

Refurbished Free Weights  
Area of gym



New Gym Equipment

## October 2024

October was another busy month of engagement with a new Service Leavers event held at the Club by the Royal Navy, 47 Cdo RSM visit, 30 Cdo engagement, RNLA's Cdr visited. Trustees and directors enjoyed an evening of entertainment watching the RM Band perform at HMS Raleigh's theatre, Admiral John was Guest of Honour at HMS Raleigh's passing out parade, Commanding Officers Deig Course visited, and the CEO attended HMS Oardacious' gala evening in London with HRH The Princess Royal.

## RN Service Leavers Event



## RM Band Concert at HMS Raleigh



## HMS Oardacious 'Valkyries' meet with HRH The Princess Royal



## Club logo visible on HMS Oardacious boat



## HMS Raleigh Passing Out Parade



## November 2024

November was a busy month of governance with interaction in support of the audit closing meeting, HMRC's ongoing VAT inspection, induction of new Trustees and the November Trust Board meeting. Beneficiary engagement in month included hosting Devonport Naval Base Captain of the Base (COB) and the Base Warrant Officer (BWO), as well as attending the produce handover from Cornwall to HMS Tamar in Truro



Visit by COB and BWO from Devonport Naval Base



Handover of Cornish Produce to  
HMS Tamar's Affiliation Officer

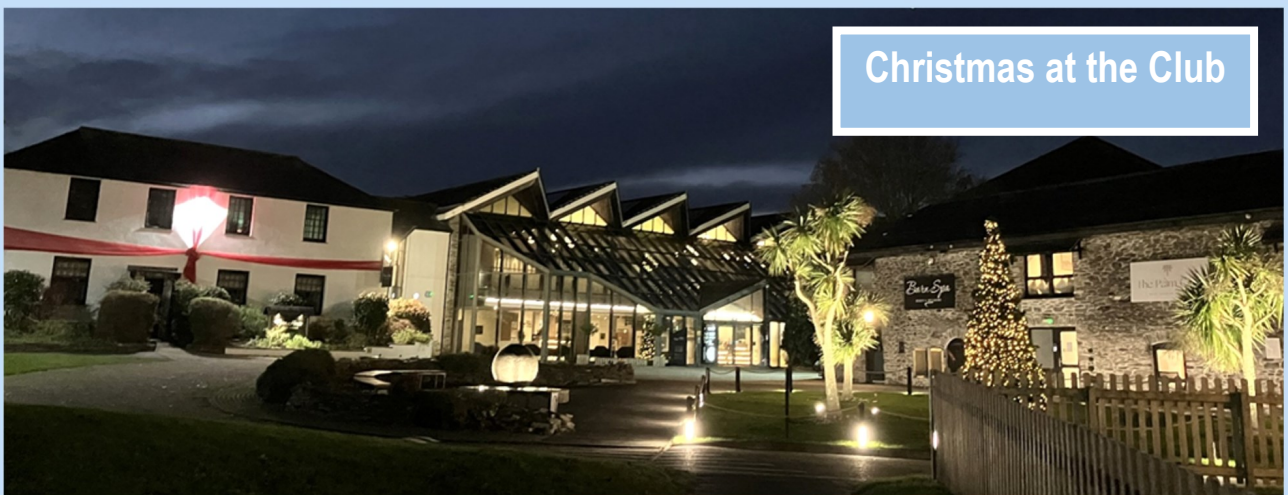
## December 2024

The final month of the calendar year is upon us, and I reflect on what has been a challenging and busy, but hugely rewarding year. Our affiliated ship (HMS Tamar) will be spending its 4<sup>th</sup> successive Christmas away from UK waters and I am sure our thoughts are with all our deployed beneficiaries and their families over the festive period. Nevertheless, engagement continues apace which saw visitation from & collaboration with the Sailors Children's Association, EWO Desig Course visited, the Andrew Simpson Foundation (supported by Greenwich Hospital) visited, attendance at the Westcountry Gunnery Instructors Christmas dinner along with Rear Admiral Tim Henry.

Final EWO Desig  
Course Visit of the  
Year



Christmas at the Club



Santa's Grotto - Christmas 2024

## Summary

A great year and despite many challenges along the way, Trustees should be proud of the new additions and facilities that have been completed in year:

- Brasserie refurbishment
- Golf Short Game Area completion
- New Golf Signage throughout the course
- Refurbished gym
- New relaxation area in Barn Spa
- New addition to the Aqua Spa – Herbal Lounge

Still to come in 2025:

- 600KWp Ground Mounted Solar Array in 10-acre site
- Box 12 – technology based boxing circuit
- Squash Court mezzanine & new staff room complex
- New car valet service
- Further feasibility of new projects