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President: Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB DL

THE 1805 CLUB ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

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The Chairman's Report

I am happy to report that our Club had a successful year on several levels.

From a governance perspective, the Club began its first year operating as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW). Operationally, the Club successfully conducted its business as a CIO, by completing a major commemorative project; the purchasing and installation of a commemorative stone to Vice Admiral Sir William Cornwallis; contracting for an environmental display case to house the replica of Nelson's captain's uniform and tricorn hat; sponsoring McMullen Naval History scholars, and our Award at the Admiral Lord Nelson School; further developing our websites; and successfully producing the three Club periodicals — *The 1805 Dispatches* bi-monthly electronic newsletter, *The Kedge Anchor* twice-yearly magazine, and *The Trafalgar Chronicle* annual journal.

This year saw one of the Club's most important conservation projects back on track toward completion. The conservation of the nearly three-hundred-year-old St John's Figtree Church Parish Register, Nevis by the experts at The Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York is now estimated to be completed by October 2024. Conservation by The Borthwick Institute will also include the production of digital and hardbound facsimiles that will be available to researchers, notably including descendants of people (some of whom were enslaved) recorded in the Register.

During 2023, The Club established an enhanced membership giving programme — The Flagship Fund. The objective of the fund is to obtain additional revenue to support such ongoing projects as the purchase of the Nelson uniform display case; website development, to include maintaining and improving the several databases that members and the general public can explore; the creation of a virtual museum, and funding toward special events. Three progressive levels of giving were developed - Blue, White and Red Ensigns. **The White Ensign level is the former Topman plan.** Those who came onboard as Topmen are being informed of their new status.

The CIO also transferred most of its assets from the old charity. However, because many of the Club's members had renewed their 2023 membership by depositing their monies into the old charity's bank account, we have had to keep the unincorporated charity with the CCEW. A parallel accounting structure was kept in place. This will continue through 2024, and despite this inconvenience, I am happy to report that your Club is financially sound. (Please refer to the Treasurer's report)

After all that we have been through with the pandemic, and the resulting inflation that caused considerable damage to our collective pocketbooks, the consequence of all that saw our membership dropping again in 2023. But, I think you will be encouraged, as I am, to see how many new members have joined during the period. I feel confident that 2024 will see an uptick in membership.

This year has seen the first full year of The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd. As an independent entity, it is tasked to deliver products and services of The 1805 Club to the Club's membership and to the general public. Profits derived from the company are transferred to The 1805 Club to help fund Club projects and events. This type of arrangement is commonly used in the UK's charity sector; the purpose is to avoid placing the CIO at a commercial risk for the trading company's sale of goods and services.

Finally, it has been my honour to continue as your Chairman. Standing with my fellow Trustees and members of Council, I feel that your Club is firmly on course to become a global 'go-to' naval history not-for-profit organisation for those with an interest in the maritime/naval history and heritage of the Georgian era.

John Rødgaard
Captain USN Ret
Chairman

Secretary's Report

A NEW STATUS WITH THE SAME PURPOSES: The Creation of the CIO

Thanks to the support and approval of its members, The 1805 Club continues to evolve. At our AGM on 17 June 2023, in the Princess Royal Gallery of the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth, and by the unanimous vote of members present and voting, together with proxies, the Club changed from being an unincorporated registered charity – the status adopted on 26 September 1998 – to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales, number 1201272.

The business and assets of the unincorporated Club were transferred to the CIO at that meeting. However, we cannot yet fully wind up the unincorporated Club and close its bank account because more than 100 members have paid into that account. **Members can help the winding-up process by making sure that subscription payments are made to the new account, as promulgated already. Please also ensure that you have paid or will pay the correct amount for the year.**

Before the winding-up is complete, we are obliged to run formal aspects of the unincorporated Club in parallel with the activities of the CIO. Our meeting on 25 May 2024 will therefore include an AGM of the unincorporated Club, followed by the first of the CIO.

COUNCIL

We have for the time being retained the name 'Council' for the group overseeing the unincorporated Club, as distinct from the Trustees of the CIO.

TRUSTEES

In the unincorporated past, all members of the Club's Council had to accept personal liability for the debts or obligations of the charity. One of the major benefits of the new incorporated status is that Trustees – the new name for the people who oversee the Club and its activities – do not have personal liability.

We *must* have at least 4 Trustees and *may* have as many as 12. The first four Trustees, appointed on 17 June 2023 and named in the founding Constitution, are John Rodgaard, Geraint Day, Stephen Howarth, and Nicholas Ridge. The basic CIO Constitution does not dictate titles or roles, but the first four Trustees retain their previous roles.

At the forthcoming first AGM of the CIO, all four of the first appointed Trustees *must* stand down and *may* present themselves for election. As it happens, and to the regret of all his friends and colleagues, Geraint Day has decided not to present himself for election. Having been a member since January 2005, Geraint has been a great friend of the Club and latterly has provided expert guidance on Governance, especially in the transformation to CIO status. His new love of travel in the Arctic and Antarctic mean that he is 'going outside and may be some time' – but he remains a loyal Club member. We are deeply grateful for his past service.

At subsequent AGMs of the CIO, only one-third of the Trustees (or number nearest to one-third) *must* retire at the subsequent AGM. They may still be re-elected, or replaced either by election of the members or, if necessary, by appointment by the other Trustees.

We will publish a rotational calendar of Trustees who must stand down, in the hope (*we remain hopeful!*) that with a period of notice longer than a year, members will think ahead beyond their current obligations outside Club and stand for election. Your Club really **does** encourage this.

An important new ability introduced by CIO status is that we may have non-Trustees on committees. This offers potential benefits for all, because members who would like to make their expert advice available to the Trustees may now do so, and indeed may chair a Committee, without having to become a Trustee. **All members are earnestly encouraged to consider how best they might contribute to this.** Please inform the Secretary. The bimonthly meetings of the Trustees, whether online, hybrid, or face to face, provide the forum. In this connection, **please note too that we seek to appoint a Clerk to the Trustees.**

PURPOSES OF THE 1805 CLUB

Conservation

Education

Related cultural and historical events

Publications

CONSERVATION: The new CIO arrangements retain the original purposes of The 1805 Club: firstly, the conservation of monuments and memorials of the 18C Royal Navy. No other organisation has this as a prime purpose. Conservation projects are assessed individually for their long-term viability; we do not usually engage in restoration. Under the umbrella of conservation, we include the detailed recording of such artefacts in our Memorials Log (Mem-

Log), the provision of permanent on-site transcriptions of inscriptions, and the creation of new memorials.

The past year has been highly notable for the creation of the Cornwallis Memorial: the culmination of our decade-long project in partnership with the Milford-on-Sea Historical Record Society. Moreover, despite a serious but happily temporary setback, we are also proud to see the progress with the Nevis Register project, possibly our most important historical conservation project ever, in partnership with the world-class Borthwick Institute for Archives of the University of York.

The coming year holds promise of the successful conclusion of the long-running George Forbes memorial project in Aberdeenshire, and a possible new memorial in Cornwall to Private Richard Masters, Royal Marines, killed at Trafalgar.

EDUCATION: Changes in the UK primary schools' history curriculum and similar challenges at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, have made it more difficult to deliver classroom education, and for the time being we have withdrawn from these. However, we continue as annual sponsors of "The 1805 Club Special Award for Personal Endeavour in Overcoming Adversity" at Admiral Lord Nelson School in Portsmouth, UK, awarded in 2023 to wheelchair-bound student Cayla Maddix.

In addition, at the biennial United States Naval Academy's McMullen Naval History-Symposium, Annapolis, we have doubled our sponsorship from one panel of three presenters to two panels, each of three presenters. Our sponsored presenters in 2023 included fellow Club members Drs Samantha Cavell, Cori Convertito, J. Ross Dancy and Evan Wilson. Additionally, Drs Abigail Mullen and Kevin D. McCranie were sponsored by the Club.

Our general education of the public continues successfully through our publications.

EVENTS: Events are an important and much valued part of our annual calendar, creating great opportunities for members to get together and share their interest in the Georgian-era Royal Navy. Some enterprising London-based members organised their own successful social get-together this year, and within the constraints of Data Protection we will gladly help others do likewise. If you would like to investigate this, please ask.

Main events of the year included the splendid unveiling of the Cornwallis memorial; a semi-formal dinner in the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth; the momentous AGM (chaired by Richard Cornwallis); a US commemoration of the battle of the Nile; the bi-annual McMullen Symposium in Annapolis, with two panels sponsored by us; and our always special Trafalgar Night Dinner (TND) in HMS NELSON WARDROOM, with guest of honour Captain the Right Honourable Penny Mordaunt MP RNR, Leader of the House of Commons and President of the Privy Council.

In the spirit of collegiality, we were pleased to welcome members of the Society for Nautical Research to our TND. In the spirit of vital fundraising, we were even more pleased by the Dinner's financial success, and we are grateful to all attendees for their support.

PUBLICATIONS: Our stable of publications remains strong with its usual five members and one outstanding addition, for this year only. 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. The very special addition, which will be sent to all members, is **The Cornwallis Decade Book**, compiled and edited by Peter Turner.

Stephen Howarth

MA (with Distinction), FRHistS, FRGS, Cert. Ed. (Oxon)
Hon. Secretary The 1805 Club

Governance Report: The 1805 Club Charity

As soon as any outstanding business, primarily related to financial matters is concluded, it is intended to wind up the previous, unincorporated, Club.

The CIO constitution is at Appendix B.

Stewardship

The CIO's board of trustees undertakes oversight of the Club's activities. Currently there are four trustees, with the CIO status allowing for up to 12. The board meets roughly every two months online via Zoom.

Other matters

The Club is run largely by unpaid volunteers. An honorarium is paid to the editors of *The Trafalgar Chronicle*. Additionally, the Club pays AMA Dataset for IT services to maintain and update its webpages.

The CIO form allows trustees to call on the expertise of the wider membership for various tasks and deliberations. Previously in the unincorporated Club, committees had to consist solely of Council members.

The committees of the unincorporated charity have been formally reconstituted under the CIO and currently are four in number: Events, Finance, Governance and Projects.

The Governance Committee has not met during the year. In order to support governance and regulatory matters the board of Trustees decided to recruit a Clerk. After advertisement and interview an individual was appointed. Unfortunately, owing to subsequent work commitments, the person resigned after a few months. The Trustees set in motion another recruitment process, this time adding minuting of Board meetings in the duties.

Additionally, the CIO structure allows Trustees to call on the expertise of the wider membership for various tasks and deliberations. The following identifies by name the current

Trustees and the positions of Recorder, Clerk, and Bookkeeper, to include those which the Trustees inform on various matters pertaining to The Club:

TRUSTEES

Chairman: Captain John Rodgaard USN (Ret)

Vice Chairman: Geraint Day **POSITION BECOMING VACANT AS OF AGM**

Secretary: Stephen Howarth

Treasurer: Nicholas Ridge

RECORDER Dr Judith Pearson

CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES **POSITION VACANT**

BOOKKEEPER Victoria Callow

COUNCIL

Elected Members: Mark Billings, Josephine Birtwhistle, Kate Jamieson, Harold P. Stark

Co-opted: Kathy Brown, Sue Carr, Peter Turner, Mark West

Circulated for Information to:

PRESIDENT Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB DL

VICE PRESIDENTS Michael Nash, Keith Evans, Ken Flemming, Mary Arthur, RADM Joe Callo USN (Ret), Dr Agustín Guimerá, Bill White

Geraint Day, BSc (Hons) (Lond) PgCert Health Econ (Aberd) CGI 730 FE Teachers Cert

ICD Co-operative Directors Cert FRAS FBIS

Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society MInstP

Vice-Chairman

Year-End Reports

The following reports relate to the Club's functional and geographic responsibilities

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Last year's AGM saw the migration of the former unincorporated charity The 1805 Club number 1071871 into the new 1805 Club CIO number 1201272.

The main item remaining on the ToDo list arising from that conversion is the closure of the former charity's CAF bank account. That will take place in 2025, by which time all members will have switched their Standing orders etc to paying online.

It is necessary to present 2 sets of accounts, both for the year ended 31 December 2023, one for the former charity number 1071871 covering its activity up to 17 June 2023, the date of the AGM, and the other covering the remainder of the year, after the CIO took over.

The main events emerging from both sets are the Cornwallis unveiling; the success of Trafalgar Night; and progress on the Nevis marriage register and replica uniform project.

Free reserves stand at £63,000 at the year end, sufficient to provide a cushion in the event of sudden downturn, with some left over for expansion and development of the charitable activities, and £49,000 in restricted funds, mainly for the Nevis marriage register and replica uniform project, the George Forbes restoration project and the conservation, communication and education fund.

As well as embracing its new status of CIO, the charity has taken firm steps to establishing itself as a fundraising organisation, through the success of its events programme, and by increasing its subscriptions – which by virtue of the members’ vote in 2023 will be £60 per member next year – and the launch of the Flagship Fund.

Fortunately for the Trustees, what to do with all this money is unlikely to be a problem, as there are a number of ambitious ideas for 2025 in active development, which will be considered over the Summer and Autumn. The trick will be to embrace the Charity’s wider role without losing touch with or sight of its ethos as a members’ club, where people can share their informed enthusiasms in a mutually supportive environment – we can count on the founders however to remind us of that from time to time and keep things on an even keel.

A major constraint on progress is the current lack of a Clerk to the Trustees, for which you may well have seen a recruitment notice elsewhere in the Club’s publicity. Please offer to help if you can, or let the Chairman know if you know someone else who might.

I would like to thank Victoria Callow, who keeps our QuickBooks accounts up to date and has collaborated in a number of other projects.

I should like to pay tribute to Lindy Mackie, who has taken the opportunity of the transfer of business from the unincorporated charity to the new CIO to hang up her ledger books and black biro after many years of diligent and accurate work. She continues to take a keen interest in what the Club does and you can be sure that she will give a gentle nudge if she believes that things are not moving in the right direction.

***Nicholas Ridge* FCA, CTA**
Treasurer

Membership

1805 Club Membership Report December 2023

	at December 2022	at December 2023
United Kingdom	280	251
North America	122	116
Europe	23	23
World	8	12
	<hr/> 433	<hr/> 402
Resignations, deceased and non-renewals	99	88
New members	74	64

In addition to the Ordinary members, the membership included Life Members (33), Honorary Members (8) and Corporate Members (10).

Club membership numbers have overall remained steady during 2023, with losses mostly mitigated by new memberships.

Membership Trends

The Club membership has remained steady totalling 402 members at the end of 2023. Whilst we have lost a few members due to resignations and other, we have picked up new and returning members to equal numbers lost. There have been a few 'gift' memberships purchased and this is something to look into going forward.

1805 Club Constitution

The Club's Constitution under the new CIO status needs to be formalised in order to properly instruct members' interests. Also the minimum membership age limit of 18 under the old constitution arrangements needs to be removed in order to attract new younger members. Such interested parties might include sea cadets and sixth-formers from whom I have had a couple of enquiries, but was unable to sign up under the existing constitution.

Member sign-up timeline and subscription coverage

Membership sign-up timeline needs to be formally regulated. Currently our instructions suggest that members signing up after 1 September will be entitled to 16 months membership with a first subscription payment. However, this should be changed to reflect the recent agreement that those signing up after the end of October will be entitled to an initial 14 months' membership with a first subscription payment. This takes into account the fact that both the Club's printed publications (KA and TC) are issued in October to those who have paid a current full-year subscription. Members signing up ahead of the publication issue date

will be deemed to have paid a *current* year subscription and not a future year subscription. Those signing up after the issue date will not receive current year hard copy publications and their subscription (including benefits of publications) will be operative from 1 January following.

Sue Carr
Membership Secretary

US Secretary Report

The United States membership as of the end of 2023 includes 85 paid members, plus 4 life members. I am pleased that we have been gaining new members from various parts of the country. Word about us seems to get around.

In 2023 we held the Battle of Cape St. Vincent Commemoration dinner at the Hummingbird Restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia. There were 20 participants, who enjoyed a good meal and a small ships reenactment of the Battle of Cape St. Vincent by Club Chairman John Rodgaard.

In August we held a luncheon to commemorate the Battle of the Nile, likewise at the Hummingbird Restaurant, where 14 participants reenacted the Battle of the Nile with John's miniature battle fleets.

A large highlight of 2023 was The 1805 Club's very active participation in the bi-annual McMullen Naval History Symposium, an event with worldwide participation held at the US Naval Academy in September. The Club sponsored two panels of three scholars each and had an information table with Club information available for attendees.

In October nine members and guests met in Lewes Delaware, at the Zwaanendael Museum, for a lecture on HM Brig *DeBraak*, which had sunk in the Delaware Bay in June 1798. The remains of the ship as well as many artifacts have been recovered. Some of the artifacts are displayed in the museum. We viewed the remains of the hull preserved in a warehouse nearby. In 2024 we hope to arrange a more in-depth discussion, perhaps visiting other artifacts, including the great guns, housed in Dover Delaware.

Several 1805 Club members attended the British Officers Club of Washington DC Trafalgar Dinner on October 20. Held at the beautiful Country Club of Fairfax, The 1805 Club had a display using chairman John Rodgaard's fleet of small ships, representing the British fleet and combined Spanish and French fleets positions at noon on 21 October 1805.

To close the year, Chairman John Rodgaard hosted a pop-up luncheon at Il Porto Restaurant in Alexandria on 16 December.

Looking forward to 2024, we are seeing interest on the West Coast for putting together a gathering, perhaps to commemorate the Glorious First of June. This is in early planning.

Tentatively scheduled for 15 June is a tour of the Nelson collection of the Maritime Museum, Newport News, Virginia, including items that are not usually displayed.

We have begun discussions with the tall ship *Oliver Hazard Perry* in Newport, RI, about holding an event on board for those in the New England area.

Harold E. “Pete” Stark
US Secretary

Club Projects

Overview

Club projects completed during the year include a major memorial project, and two educational sponsorships. In addition the Club has several major ongoing projects.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

The Cornwallis Plaque

Last year’s annual report featured the planning that had been and continued to be undertaken to deliver the commemoration service and unveiling of the Cornwallis Remembrance stone outside St Ann’s Church within the HM Naval Base Portsmouth.

An extremely successful day in June 2023 was enjoyed by over 70 Club members and as many from Milford-on-Sea Historical Record Society (MOSHRs). Our Guest of Honour was the Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire with other principal guests including the Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, the MP for Portsmouth South, the Commodore of HM Naval Base, the Chaplain of HMS *Excellent*, Professor Andrew Lambert and Professor Dominic Tweddle. We also had a contingent of the Portsmouth Sea Cadets helping at the event and forming a Guard of Honour for the Lord-Lieutenant.

The church service started the event and was led by the Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral, ably assisted by the Chaplain of HMS *Excellent* and our own Club Chaplain, the Reverend Lynda Sebbage. Following the service, the Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral blessed the Cornwallis Remembrance Stone before the Lord-Lieutenant unveiled it.

Everyone then moved into the neighbouring gardens of Admiralty House, the official residence of the Second Sea Lord (2SL) and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Martin Connell had given the Club his permission to use the gardens for a buffet lunch. The weather was glorious, the event surpassed expectations, all to be captured in a book being printed as this is typed: “The Cornwallis Memorial Decade”.

Stephen Tregidgo
Project Manager

Also completed in 2023 was that year’s involvement in the US Naval Academy’s McMullen Symposium, which will be repeated in 2025.

US Naval Academy's Bi-Annual 2023 McMullen Naval History Symposium

The US Naval Academy's History Department held the bi-annual McMullen Naval History Symposium at the Academy between 21-22 September. This is the sixth McMullen in which The 1805 Club has sponsored scholars presenting papers on various topics pertaining to the Georgian sailing era. This year The Club sponsored two three-person panels.

The McMullen is considered the most prestigious and largest naval history symposium of its kind. It attracts scholars and enthusiasts from around the world.

The first panel's theme was *Royal Navy Management of Captured Populations, 1793-1815*.

The panel comprised:

POWs in All But Name: The Capitulation of Nantucket, 1814

Dr. Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University

Maintaining French Prisoners of War in British Ports and Colonies, 1793-1815

Dr. Cori Convertito, Key West Art & Historical Society

Prisoner Exchanges and British Naval Manning in the Great Wars with France, 1793-1815

Dr. J. Ross Dancy, U.S. Naval War College

The second panel's theme was *Learning About Navies*.

The panel comprised:

A Grand Tour on a Budget: Naval Officers and Intelligence Gathering in the Age of Sail

Dr. Evan Wilson, US Naval War College

Plagiarism or Inspiration? Borrowings Between the Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy

Dr. Abigail Mullen, US Naval Academy

The Living Value of History: Age of Sail History as Intelligence at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Dr. Kevin D. McCranie, US Naval War College

An honorarium of \$300.00 was presented to those panelists who are not US government employees. Fellow Club members, Drs Samantha Cavell and Cori Convertito each received an honorarium.

In addition to the panels, The Club had a display table, which told attendees about The Club. *Kedge Anchors* and *Trafalgar Chronicles* were available to attendees. Additionally, Nelson's uniform and tricorne hat were on display. Twelve Club members attended the symposium.

The next McMullen will be in September 2025

Harold 'Pete' Stark

Judy Pearson

Peter Turner

John Rodgaard

Also completed in 2023 was that year's Annual Award to the Admiral Lord Nelson School, reported on here by Stephen Howarth, which will be repeated in 2024.

Founded in 1995, Admiral Lord Nelson School is a secondary comprehensive day school in Portsmouth, UK. Its founding head teacher, Dianne Smith, was a Council member of The 1805 Club. The Club soon established THE 1805 CLUB SPECIAL AWARD FOR PERSONAL ENDEAVOUR IN OVERCOMING ADVERSITY, which took the form of an engraved silver cup. The name of the award was inspired by Nelson's characteristic and constant endeavour to overcome adversity. Each year the name of a new student, selected by the school, was added. Following a presentation, the student could keep the cup for one year. In 2022 the engraved area of the cup was full, and with the school's agreement we redesigned the award. It is now an individual personalised engraved glass trophy, in the shape of a vertical A5-size plane with the Club's crest, the name of the award and the year, the name of the student, and the school's logo. Unlike the original cup, the recipient of the trophy keeps it forever. The first recipient was wheelchair-bound Cayla Maddix.

ONGOING PROJECTS

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

Henry Poole & Co., the acknowledged founders of Savile Row, are long-standing friends of The 1805 Club. Their master tailor Mr Keith Levett personally and free of charge made for the Club a replica of Nelson's uniform as a captain, for presentation to the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society, with a replica tricorne hat. This was in fact the second such uniform made for the Club by Keith and was presented to the Club at our 2023 AGM. John Rodgaard and Judy Pearson subsequently transported the uniform and the hat to the US for eventual inclusion in the future Nevis Maritime Museum.

The first uniform made by Keith in the 1990s for us and the NHCS had deteriorated badly by exposure to the Nevis climate. Therefore the Club has arranged for the second uniform and hat to be displayed in a climate-controlled museum-quality case, which was commissioned from EXPLUS Inc of Manassas, Virginia. Their website may be visited at <https://www.ex-plusinc.com/>. After a series of staged payments, the case will be shipped in 2024 unassembled to the NHCS, with detailed video instructions for its assembly.

John Rodgaard, Captain USN Ret
Project Manager
Harold 'Pete' Stark
US Secretary

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

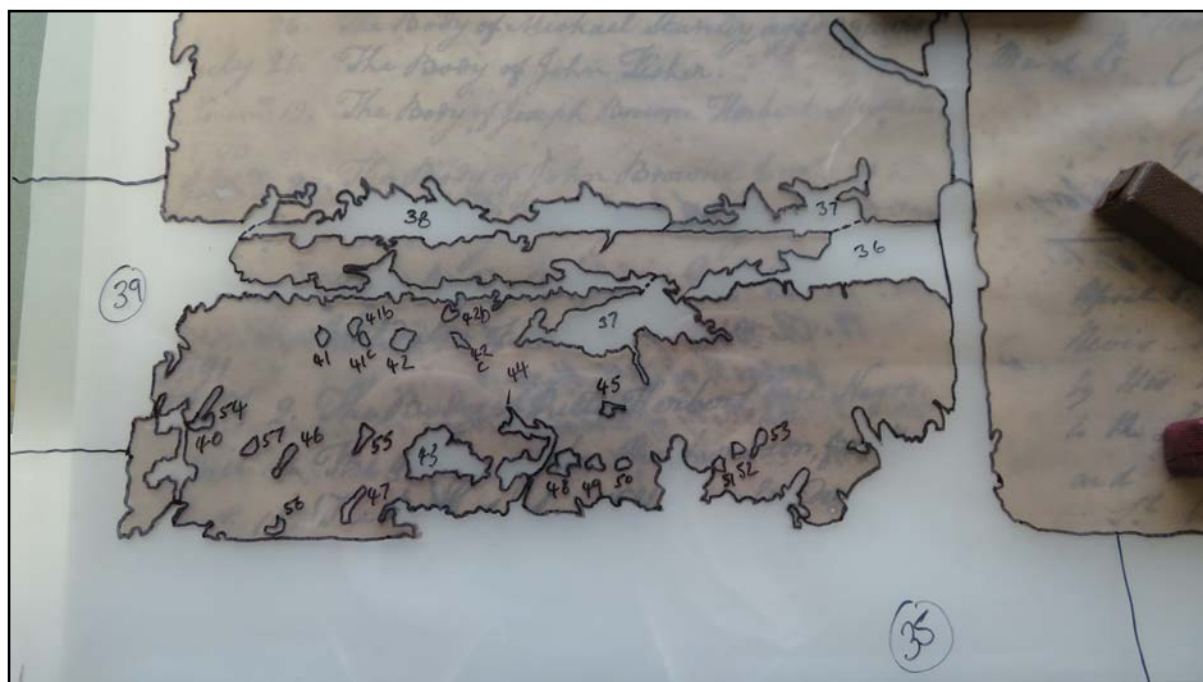
The conservation of the Register by Ms Alison Fairburn of The Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York, England continued through 2023. <https://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/> The following is Ms. Fairburn's year-end progress report:

“On 1 November 2023, I finished the large task of completing the repair infills needed for the missing and damaged areas of the register. This has taken time as I have needed to trace out maps of all the areas of damage and then needle out the infill from the repair paper I am using. I don't currently have the actual number of infills I have prepared but I am going to count them up. It's certainly in the hundreds.

“Now that piece of work is complete, I can seriously get back into the paper repair. I'm hoping it will be fairly quick to complete the sections that are more robust. The more fragile pages will take more time. It is very difficult to give time scales on this work, which I know is frustrating. A number of sections have been repaired but I took the decision to complete all the infills for the whole register instead of continuing section by section. I thought this was a more efficient way of proceeding. It also means that I can build up my experience with what works and what doesn't during the repair work and it can be done more consistently without the need to stop and start to prepare more infills.

“I have added a few (not very good) pictures to give you an overview of the infills work. The photos show the needled out infills within melinex polyester folders. They are numbered to match the numbers on the maps, so I can keep track of what goes where. This photo shows just a fraction of the infills that have been prepared.

“Photo 0795 [below] shows the preparation of one of the maps. Just to confirm that there is no writing on the document. All the drawing of the missing areas is done on the melinex polyester.



“Currently 3 sections of the register are fully repaired, and 8 sections remain to be repaired (all infills prepared). Once the repair work is completed that will inform what type of binding would be best for the continued preservation of the register. A storage box will also be made.

“With best wishes,

“Alison Fairburn”

Conservation of the document, to include the production of a hardbound copy, together with a digitised interactive facsimile, is scheduled for completion by October 2024.

John Rodgaard, Captain USN Ret

Stephen Howarth

Project Managers

Upgrading of the Club websites — Formerly LIBOR Project #2

I have continued as The 1805 Club’s Webmaster and Coordinator 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.

During the year the *Kedge Anchors* and *1805 Dispatches* were uploaded twice/three times along with the *Trafalgar Chronicle* making these documents accessible for members online.

We now have the new function of *flip pages* for the first ten pages of the *Trafalgar Chronicle* which includes the List of Contents for members and potential purchasers to view. This facility is also available from the Publications box on the Home Page, plus the drop-down menu also on the Home Page. We are making all functions, where possible, to be interactive wherever they are on the website.

AMA assisted with Shopify to expand the Shop under the expert eye of Kathy Brown. It now includes more items, more back copies of the *Trafalgar Chronicle* and used books for sale, plus a Used Book Catalogue listing for buyers to view and then order.

To mention just a few of the changes carried out; we migrated our dedicated email addresses from an external server to AMA’s own server, with the view to manage the facility with greater ease. We designed and implemented work forms for Stephen Howarth and events, on the same basis as the previous year for Stephen Tregidgo and the Cornwallis Event. We made changes to the payment methods, including a donation button, etc. and the changeover to Stripe (initially set up by Sue Carr) method of payment for subscriptions, renewals and donations etc.

Throughout the year we have investigated digitalisation of 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 a 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, but also new projects.

Work continues on the databases with further information being constantly added, and, on the different datasets and functions to incorporate the databases as a searchable, integral whole as Research Databases. Future work has been planned on the Memorial Map making it more interactive and searchable as we develop the website with new data.

Josephine M. Birtwhistle
Hon. Webmaster

Publications

The Trafalgar Chronicle

The 2023 *Trafalgar Chronicle*, New Series 8 was delivered to 1805 Club members in October 2023. Five-hundred copies were printed. Published by Seaforth, it consisted of 207 pages and 70 illustrations. For the theme, *Navies of the Georgian Era: An International Perspective*, contributors gave our readers informative, often exciting stories of the interactions of leading navies in the Age of Sail: navies of the UK, US, France, Bombay Marine (India Navy), Russia, Sweden, Denmark, and the Ottoman Empire. The tale of Saumarez's diplomacy in negotiating Britain's relations with Sweden, Russia, and Denmark was particularly admirable.

Authors for this edition reside in six countries: UK, US, India, Australia, Canada, and Sweden. Through extensive research, they gave us dramatic stories of mutiny, piracy, privateering, sea battles, diplomacy, international alliances, victory and advancement, loss and defeat, all in the quest for sea power.

To recognize the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Swedish Navy, this edition included three reprinted articles from the compilation *The Baltic Cauldron* - a collection of papers on the history of the Swedish Navy, from 1522 to the present, published in 2022. This section featured two articles by Peter Hore and one by Christer Hägg, former captain in the Royal Swedish Navy and an accomplished maritime artist whose painting of the SOIC East Indiaman *Götheborg* graced the cover.

The contents also included three biographical portraits and a general interest section that included research on the various swords the Duke of Clarence gave as gifts to Royal Navy officers, the many incarnations of a Royal Navy schooner, *Whiting*, and an analysis of Nelson's opinion of privateers.

‘ Well written, well researched, well-illustrated, this is a publication that will both delight and inform. A most enjoyable read.’ - D. J. Paul in *Naval Review*

Judith E. Pearson, PhD
Captain John Rodgaard, USN Ret
Co-editors, *The Trafalgar Chronicle*

The Kedge Anchor

We continue with the two printed editions of *KA* – spring and autumn. Stephen Howarth has continued to be an invaluable proof-reader and mentor.

I have some help from Jennifer Newbold behind the scenes. The plan is to have someone ready to take over if and/or when events prevent me from doing the work. Jenny is as reluctant to take over as Editor, as I am for her to need to.

The printing of *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 *KA*, as they proved to be most competitive when last compared.

The 1805 Dispatches

We also continue to produce the *TD* every two months, with the first edition being in February. There seems to be plenty of news to fill the four standard pages, but, being digital (not printed), we have the flexibility to add a page or more when it is necessary.

The Cornwallis Memorial Decade (CMD) Book

The *CMD* is progressing, though still a lot to do and one article promised for the end of January, when it should be possible to carry on to completion during February.

A number of items need to be discussed: Do we want/need an ISBN? Is the title satisfactory? How many copies (see Distribution below)?

Secondhand Books

Ms Kathy Brown, Ms Gillian Knight and Mr. Peter Turner are progressing with the book sales, as Kathy will enlarge upon.

Distribution

Last Autumn Mr Peter Turner took on responsibility for the mailing lists for both *KA* and *TC*. It became apparent that the number of complimentary copies of both publications is a bit ad hoc. I suggest that an agreed list for each publication is compiled, to ensure that we maximise their use as Club promotion material, without waste.

This also applies to the *CMD* book this time. I will ask the printer to do 20 copies for me, for which I will contribute the extra cost to the Club.

Agreement needs to be reached as to the distribution list before print quantities can be decided. This needs to be finalised by the end of February 2024.

Mr. Peter Turner
Editor, *Kedge Anchor and Dispatches*

The Trafalgar Way

Activities of The Trafalgar Way for 2023

The four-year contract for the Director of The Trafalgar Way terminated in February 2022. Since then, voluntary promotion efforts have continued on a 'time available' basis.

Website

The website continues to be maintained and added to, although on a limited basis 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. The website is a source of sign-ups to The 1805 Club and The Trafalgar Way mailing list with 139 new opt-in subscribers in calendar year 2022.

Social media

We continued sharing content and engaging with the public on social media, including our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts. Our @LtLapenotiere twitter account once again 'live-tweeted' throughout the entire period September to November 2022 reporting 'on this day' of Trafalgar and for the journey back to the Admiralty with the Dispatches. This was again very entertaining and gained further followers, who were then directed to follow @TheTrafalgarWay. Current Twitter followings are up from last year:

@TheTrafalgarWay – 869 followers

@LtLapenotiere – 658 followers

@1805Club – 698 followers (189 up from previous year)

The Official Story Map

19 copies sold online in various formats

1 copy sold via Gardner's book wholesaler

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.

- Friends of the Willis Museum, Basingstoke, November 2022

Educational Content

No new educational content was created, but visitors continue to download free educational worksheets from our website.

The Trafalgar Way End to End Virtual Running and Walking Challenge

This fundraising and awareness campaign, conducted via an online ‘Virtual Challenges’ provider, End to End (<https://endtoend.run/>) ended in November 2022. Over the course of one year, participants paid to enter a virtual running and walking challenge covering 271 miles, equivalent to the length of The Trafalgar Way, completing their miles anywhere in the world and logging their progress on the End to End website. By November 2022, 334 people had completed the challenge and the organisers, End to End, donated £1670 from the entry fees to The 1805 Club.

Slow Ways

In 2021 we created a ‘Waylist’ of safe footpaths fitting as closely as possible to the route of The Trafalgar Way, using the “Slow Ways” network. We continue to appeal to walkers to help us verify that route on foot, and it may in future be used for new fundraising and awareness challenges.

Ms. Kathy Brown
Project Manager

The Flagship Fundraising Project

In 2023 the Trustees established an enhanced membership giving programme. It is a fundraising plan identified as The Flagship Fund. The objective of the fund is to obtain additional revenue to support Club projects and events.



The Flagship Fund of The 1805 Club

Fundraising to support our global programme of commemorative initiatives, publications, research and education.

The Flagship Fund is the main source of funding for the many commemorative and digital projects and publications with which The 1805 Club seeks to deepen and preserve public knowledge of maritime history from the glorious Georgian Age of Sail.

Enhanced Membership Giving

Annual membership fee +

£50 (or local currency equivalent) per annum over 5 years or **£250** upfront

£100 (or local currency equivalent) per annum over 5 years or **£500** upfront

£200 (or local currency equivalent) per annum over 5 years or **£1000** upfront

3 levels of recognition

"The Blue"



"The White"



"The Red"



Scan the QR code below to make a donation via our Give Wheel fundraising platform or visit <https://bit.ly/1805ClubFlagshipFund>.



The 1805 Club is a charity registered in England and Wales, No. 1201272.

President: Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB DL

Chairman: Captain John Rodgaard USN (Ret)

www.1805club.org

Club

Events

for 2023

The Club held the following events during 2023:

3 February, Talk on the Trafalgar Way, Sidmouth, UK

11 February, Battle of Cape St Vincent, Alexandria, Virginia, USA

25 February, Midshipman Dale Commemoration, St George's, Bermuda

18 March, Tour of Penn House, Buckinghamshire, UK

16 June, Cornwallis Dedication, HMNB Portsmouth, UK

16 June, 1805 Club Dinner, Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth, UK
17 June, Annual General Meeting, National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth UK
5 August, Battle of the Nile Luncheon, Alexandria, Virginia, USA
21-22 September, McMullen Naval History Symposium, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, USA
14 October, HMS *DeBraak* Tour, Lewes, Delaware, USA
21 October, Trafalgar Dinner, Fairfax Country Club, Fairfax, Virginia, USA
21 October, Trafalgar Dinner, HMS *Nelson* Wardroom, Portsmouth, UK

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John A. Rodgaard, Capt, USN Ret
Chairman
1 May 2024

THE 1805 CLUB
CHARITY NUMBER 1201272
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Nicholas Ridge, CTA
Waltham Chase, Hampshire, SO32 2NP

**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 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 Trust 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Underwood
Morris Crocker
Chartered Accountants
Station House
North Street
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 1QU

Date:

7 May 2024

THE 1805 CLUB
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
		£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming resources</u>	4				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		70861		55784	126645
Charitable activities		2391	13898		16289
Other trading activities					
Investments					0
Total		73252	13898	55784	142934
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					0
Charitable activities	5	16175	7952	6522	30649
Total		16175	7952	6522	30649
Net income/(expenditure)		57077	5946	49262	112285
Transfers between funds		5946	(5946)		0
Net movement in funds		63023	0	49262	112285
 Total funds carried forward		 63023	 0	 49262	 112285

THE 1805 CLUB
BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Designated funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u>					
Current assets					
Debtors					
The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd	7	1000			1000
The 1805 Club, charity number 1071871		53013		49262	102275
Cash at bank and in hand	8	13101			13101
Total current assets		67114	0	49262	116376
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year					
Accruals	9	4091			4091
Net current assets/(liabilities)		63023	0	49262	112285
Total net assets or liabilities		63023	0	49262	112285
<u>Funds of the Charity:</u>					
Restricted income funds	9			49262	49262
Designated funds	9		0		0
Unrestricted funds	9	63023			63023
Total funds		63023	0	49262	112285

The accompanying notes numbers 1-10 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed
John A Rodgaard, Chairman

1 May 2024

Signed
Nicholas Ridge FCA, CTA

THE 1805 CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The Club constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Club's ability to continue as a going concern. In particular, the Club does not contract for goods or services unless it has the funds in hand to pay for them: it carries no overheads and is not exposed to unexpected fluctuations in income or expenditure.

(b) Income recognition

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.

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

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

(c) Expenditure recognition

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.

(d) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(e) 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.

(f) Charitable activities

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

(g) Going concern

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

(h) Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(i) Financial instruments

The charity 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.

(j) Debtors and cash at bank

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

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(l) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. CIO formation; commencement of activity, and relationship with its predecessor, unincorporated charity number 1071871 also called The 1805 Club

The charity was formed on 8 December 2022 with the object of taking over the business and assets of its predecessor, unincorporated charity also called The 1805 Club, charity number 1071871. The CIO became active on 17 June 2023 following resolutions at the AGM of the predecessor charity.

As the predecessor charity must necessarily maintain a bank account, pending the eventual migration of Standing orders from members for their subscription renewals to the CIO, the Trustees of the predecessor charity have resolved in the meantime to make a grant to the CIO, equivalent to its reserves – see Note 4. The predecessor charity will be formally wound up in due course.

3. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

A trustee John Rodgaard received £2418 (\$3000) for joint editorship of The Trafalgar Chronicle. A payment of £180 was made to the Treasurer's firm Nicholas Ridge CTA for an annual subscription to Intuit Quickbooks accounting system: the charge benefitted from the discount available to the Treasurer's Firm for the software. No other form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind was made to any of the trustees. There were no other related party transactions in the year, except where reported elsewhere in the accounts.

4. Analysis of Incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:				
<i>Subscriptions plus the related Gift Aid</i>	1876			1876
<i>Donation from The 1805 Club charity number 1071871</i>	69298		50691	119989
<i>Other donations and legacies</i>	1563		5093	6656
Charitable activities, see Note 9	515	13898		14413
Investments, being bank interest	-			0
	73252	13898	55784	142934

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	£		£	£
Project costs:				
<i>LIBOR projects, see Note 9</i>				0
<i>Nelson uniform and cabinet</i>			6494	6494
<i>Cornwallis/Peyton Memorials</i>				0
<i>McMullen Sponsorship</i>	484			484
<i>Menheriot and Nelson Room</i>				0
<i>Other</i>	87			87
Events		7952		7952
Publications	11837			11837
Advertising/Website	1975			1975
Clerical and secretarial expenses	268			268
Bank charges	85		28	113
Governance and support costs:				
<i>AGM</i>	0			0
<i>Council</i>	0			0
<i>Independent Examiner</i>	960			960
<i>Insurance</i>	479			479
<i>Other support costs</i>	0			0
	16175	7952	6522	30649

6. Staff costs

The Charity had no employees during the year. No staff were paid emoluments greater than £60000.

7. Debtors represents a loan to The 1805 Club Trading Company Ltd, company limited by guarantee number 13702954, incorporated 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.

8. Cash at bank

	<u>2023</u>
	£
Unity Trust bank	12435
Stripe credit card account	666
	<u>13101</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2023</u>
	£
Trade creditors	307
2024 Subscriptions in advance	2824
Other creditors and accruals	960
	<hr/> 4091 <hr/>

10. Movement in funds

	<u>Incoming resources - see Note 4</u>	<u>Expenditure on Charitable activities - Note 5</u>	<u>Transfers between funds</u>	<u>Carried forward, 31 December 2023</u>
	£	£		£
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>				
General	87150	(24127)		63023
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
Flagship Fund	483			483
LIBOR:				
Project - Marriage register	24917			24917
Project - conservation; communication and education	21906			21906
Nelson uniform and cabinet	2482	(6522)		(4040)
Cornwallis publication	2119			2119
Fund for restoration of the grave of George Forbes	3000			3000
Restricted fund for the commemoration of Admiral de Brueys	877			877
Total funds	<hr/> 142934	<hr/> (30649)	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 112285 <hr/>

THE 1805 CLUB
CHARITY NUMBER 1071871
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Nicholas Ridge, CTA
Waltham Chase, Hampshire, SO32 2NP

THE 1805 CLUB
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		14691		1585	16276	27244
Charitable activities		259	2657		2916	15658
Other trading activities						
Investments		1102			1102	428
Total		16052	2657	1585	20294	43330
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds					0	0
Charitable activities	4	80777	325	52783	133885	36044
Total		80777	325	52783	133885	36044
Net income/(expenditure)		(64725)	2332	(51198)	(113591)	7286
Transfers between funds		2332	(2332)		0	0
Net movement in funds		(62393)	0	(51198)	(113591)	7286
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>						
Total funds brought forward		62393	0	51198	113591	106305
Total funds carried forward		0	0	0	0	113591

THE 1805 CLUB

BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Designated funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u>						
Current assets						
Debtors		0			0	1000
Cash at bank and in hand	6	102275		0	102275	126114
Total current assets		102275	0	0	102275	127114
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year						
Accruals		0		0	0	13523
Due to The 1805 Club CIO, charity number 1201272		102275			102275	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)		0	0	0	0	113591
Total net assets or liabilities		0	0	0	0	113591
<u>Funds of the Charity:</u>						
Restricted income funds	7			0	0	51198
Designated funds	7		0		0	0
Unrestricted funds	7	0			0	62393
Total funds		0	0	0	0	113591

Notes 1-9 on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Signed
John A Rodgaard, Chairman



Signed
Nicholas Ridge FCA, CTA

1 May 2024

THE 1805 CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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(b) Income recognition

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.

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

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

(c) Expenditure recognition

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.

(d) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(e) 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.

(f) Charitable activities

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

(g) Going concern

The business and assets of the Club were transferred to The 1805 Club CIO, charity number 1201272 at the AGM on 17 June 2023. The Club's bank account remains open however whilst members' Standing orders for membership renewals are transferred into the bank account of the new CIO. It is expected that the exercise may need to continue into 2026, during which time the Club necessarily remains technically active as a going concern.

(h) Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(i) Financial instruments

The charity 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.

(j) Debtors and cash at bank

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

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

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Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

No form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind was made to any of the trustees: in 2022 a trustee John Rodgaard received £3000 for joint editorship of The Trafalgar Chronicle. There were no other related party transactions in the year, except where reported elsewhere in the accounts.

3. Analysis of Incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:					
<i>Subscriptions plus the related Gift Aid</i>	14424			14424	19373
<i>Other donations and legacies</i>	267		1585	1852	7871
Charitable activities	259	2657		2916	15658
Investments, being bank interest	1102			1102	428
	16052	2657	1585	20294	43330

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Events - Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted income funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£		£	£	£
Project costs:					
<i>LIBOR projects</i>			507	507	7339
<i>Cornwallis/Peyton Memorials</i>	4950			4950	897

<i>Nelson uniform and cabinet</i>		1585	1585	0
<i>McMullen Sponsorship</i>			0	0
<i>Menheniot and Nelson Room</i>			0	1000
Events	325		325	7353
Trafalgar Chronicle			0	10191
Kedge Anchor	1957		1957	4569
Other publications			0	500
Postage	165		165	228
Stationery and Club Flyer and Logo	137		137	0
Website/IT exps	1649		1649	739
Grant to The 1805 Club CIO, charity number 1201272 – see Note 8	69298	50691	119989	0
Bank charges	96		96	98
Governance and support costs:				
<i>AGM</i>	2525		2525	1619
<i>Council</i>			0	84
<i>Independent Examiner</i>			0	972
<i>Insurance</i>			0	455
<i>Other support costs</i>	0		0	0
	80777	325	52783	133885
				36044

5. Staff costs

The Charity had no employees during the year (2022: none). No staff were paid emoluments greater than £60000.

6. Cash at bank

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
CAF Bank	102275	125835
Nat West Events account	0	279
	102275	126114

7. Movement in funds and comparatives

	<u>Brought forward, 1 January 2022</u>	<u>Incoming resources - see Note 3</u>	<u>Expenditure on Charitable activities - Note 4</u>	<u>Transfers between funds</u>	<u>Carried forward, 31 December 2022</u>	<u>Incoming resources - see Note 3</u>	<u>Expenditure on Fundraising</u>	<u>Charitable activities - Note 4</u>	<u>Transfers between funds</u>	<u>Carried forward, 31 December 2023</u>
	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>										
General	49311	41698	(28705)	89	62393	18709		84102		0
<i>Designated Events fund:</i>										
	89			(89)	0					0
<i>Restricted funds</i>										
LIBOR	53028	1632	(7339)		47321			(47321)		0
Nelson uniform and cabinet					0	1585		(1585)		
Fund for restoration of the grave of George Forbes	3000				3000			(3000)		0
Restricted fund for the commemoration of Admiral de Brueys	877				877			(877)		0
Total funds	106305	43330	(36044)	0	113591	20294	0	(133885)	0	0

8. A grant of £119989 equal to the Club's reserves was made to its successor organisation The 1805 Club CIO, charity number 1201272 in accordance with the powers contained within the Club's constitution and in furtherance of its objectives.

9. No Independent Examination is required because the Club's income was less than £25000.