



The Fleet Air Arm Memorial Pathway Project

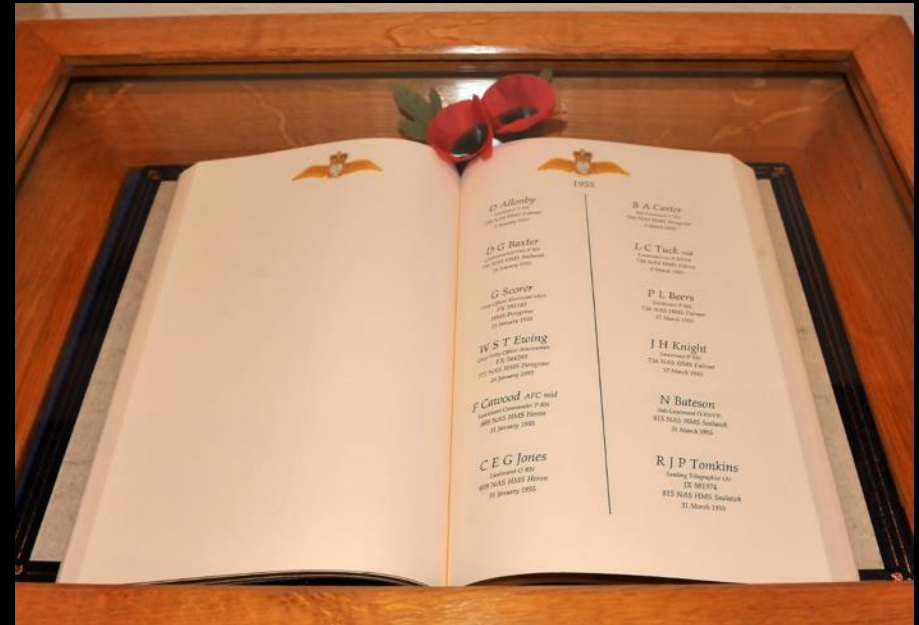
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Introduction

- The Fleet Air Arm Memorial Church (FAAMC) was dedicated in 1993
- It stands as a memorial to all those who have served in the Royal Naval Air Service and the Fleet Air Arm
- We (the Trustees) have a plan to improve the way that the FAAMC carries out this mission
- We'd like to hear what you think of it

Our Memorial Mission

- The FAAMC contains the Fleet Air Arm Roll of Honour
- This lists all those who have died on active service with the RNAS and the FAA



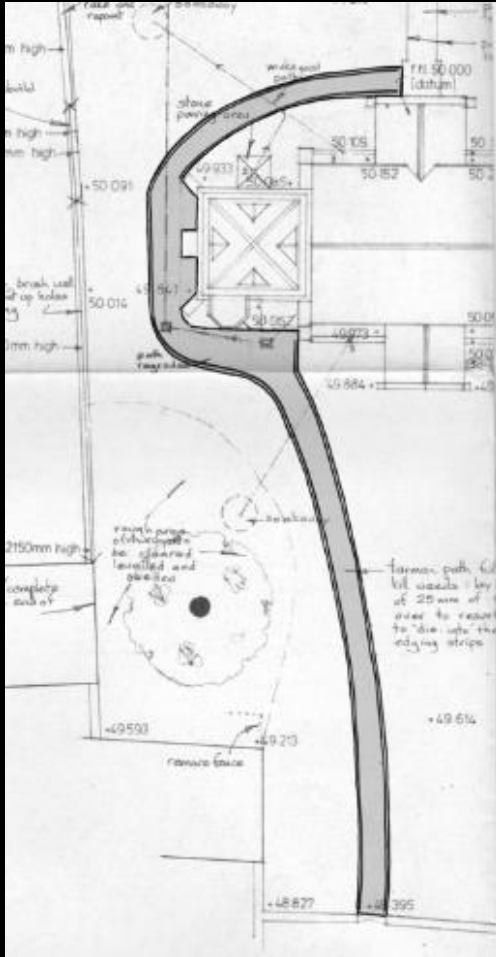
The Problem

- The Roll of Honour includes only those who have died while serving
- Over the years, we have had dozens of requests for memorials (plaques and tablets) for individuals who don't meet this condition
- Our Church has limited space and we have had to turn them down
- In 2019, we started work to find a solution. We have an initial concept – the **Fleet Air Arm Memorial Pathway**
- Now we want to know what you think

What We Want to Achieve

- A memorial for all who have served in the RNAS or the FAA and those who will serve
- An enduring memorial of high quality
- A standard pattern for all names – ‘Admiral to AET’
- Installation of names must be affordable and should be an occasion for friends, families and relatives
- Names must be available to view at all times

The FAA Memorial Pathway - Concept



- A plain concrete edged tarmac path already runs from the front porch, round the tower and down to the RN graveyard
- This would be replaced by a new pathway edged with large granite kerbs and laid with high quality paving bricks or stones
- Individual memorial tablets would then be laid in the pathway in place of the bricks or stones

The Memorial Tablets

- Individual 20cm by 10cm 'memorial tablets' would be commissioned and laid in the pathway. Would be made from a slab of black granite



- Over time the pathway would gradually fill up with tablets
- 'Laying in' of tablets would be a formal occasion for family and friends

Funding

- We would set up two Funds to receive donations:
 - A **Memorial Pathway Fund** would pay for the initial construction of the Pathway. It would be closed on completion and commissioning of the Pathway
 - A separate and enduring **Memorial Tablet Fund** would pay for the preparation and insertion of individual memorial tablets. This fund would also help pay for the continuing upkeep of the Pathway

Our Plan

- First, ensure we have support from the FAA community - YOU
- Prepare plans and detailed costings, get the required approvals
- Launch the **Memorial Pathway Fund** appeal and build the Pathway
- Launch the **Memorial Tablet Fund** and start commissioning individual memorial tablets
- When the Pathway is built and first batch of tablets are ready to be 'laid in', hold a formal commissioning event
- Then continue commissioning and 'laying in' tablets into the future

Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions?

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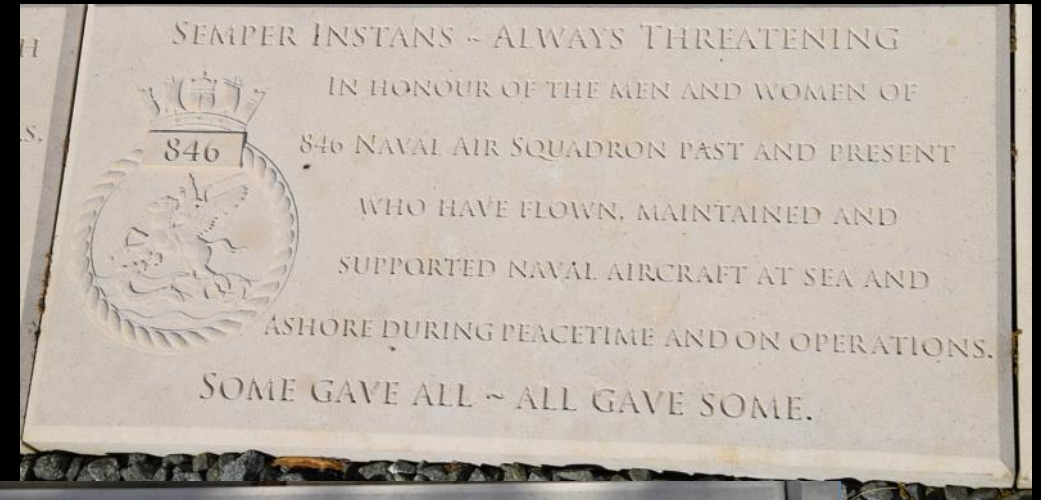
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FAA Memorials



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...and there are others