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Supporting the Museum

With the Society's commitment to support the Museum, here follows some recent examples how monies raised have been used to fund special projects.

THE BUST OF CAPTAIN ERIC "WINKLE" BROWN

An invited audience gathered before the restored Martlet fighter aircraft in the Fleet Air Arm Museum for the unveiling of this magnificent bronze artwork by Jenna Gearing.

The television and radio personality Kirsty Young unveiled the bust after paying a brief tribute to the assembled guests, including Captain Brown.



It has been a great honour for the Society of Friends, to fund this magnificent piece which complements the Museum's high standard for all exhibits.

WW2 FAIREY BARRACUDA TORPEDO BOMBER RESTORATION

Over 2500 Barracuda aircraft were delivered to the Fleet Air Arm, more than any other type ordered by the Royal Navy to date. But unlike other more iconic aircraft of its era, none were retained for posterity and no complete examples exist today.



Since the early 1970s the Fleet Air Arm Museum has been collecting Barracuda components from a wide variety of sources throughout the British Isles, with the long term aim of rebuilding a Barracuda.

Nose, centre section and wing components from Barracuda DP872 were the first to be collected and have since formed the basis of the rebuild. The project continues at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and occupies quite a large portion of the museum's in-house restoration facility!

PICTURE REFURBISHED

"Channel Patrol" is a spirited rendition of a World War 1 Felixstowe F2 flying boat taking off from (or possibly alighting on) artistically stormy seas. This painting has been in the Museum's possession for many years and was in desperate need of refurbishment.



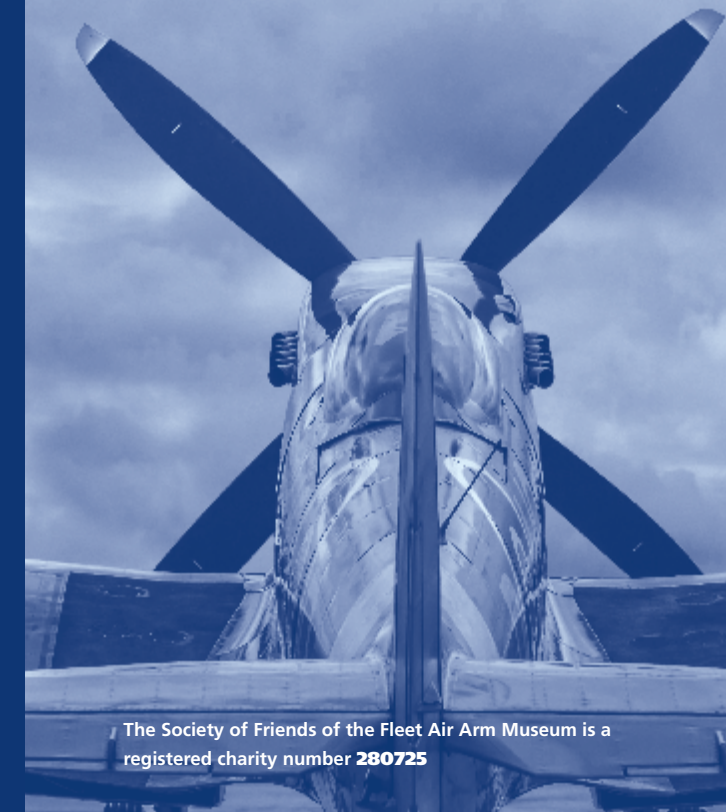
The artist, Charles E Turner, became a specialist in landscape and marine views. Proficient in watercolours and oils and exhibited at the Royal Academy in London as well as in Manchester and Liverpool. Turner fought in both the First and Second World Wars, as a captain in the Royal Naval Air Service.



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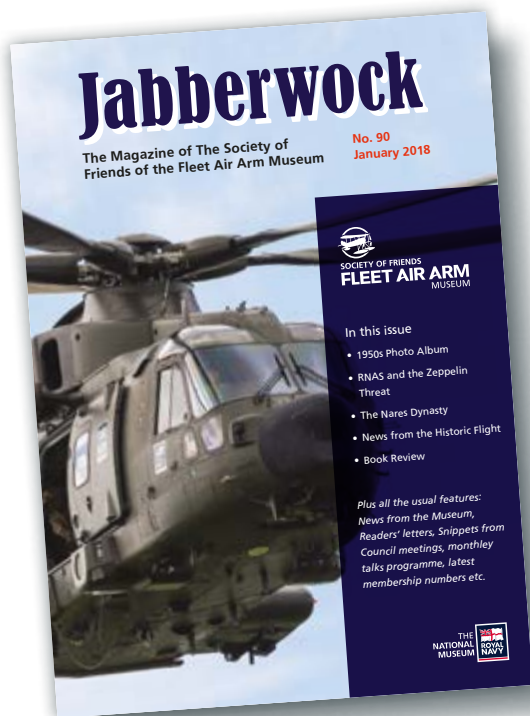
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Jabberwock

SOFFAAM members receive the quarterly Journal, "Jabberwock" either as an A5 magazine or as a digital PDF.

This lively publication provides details of forthcoming talks and visits, as well as information on events and acquisitions in the Museum. However, the majority of the Journal is taken up with articles provided by members, who are warmly encouraged to contribute their experiences to the Journal. You may view recent issues of Jabberwock on our web site, which gives details of other SOFFAAM publications, but to receive your own copy, you need to be a member!

To find out more about the Society and its activities visit www.fleetairarmfriends.org.uk



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