

FEAEA AGM AND DINNER 2026

Dear Members,

In our galaxy long, long ago there was a disturbance in the force which became known as World War II. As a result of some crewing requirements for heavy bombers there was born a branch called the Flight Engineer on 20 March 1941 via Air Ministry Order A190. This was 85 years ago, and it is felt that it should be marked by a celebration dinner. This year we'll pay tribute to our predecessors in Coastal Command. We also hope to welcome, as our guest speaker, Mr Mike Young, one of our members and a National Service Flight Engineer on Sunderlands.

The FEAEA Committee have decided that this year's AGM and Dinner will be held in Swindon. It will revolve around the Village Hotel, Tewkesbury Way, Near Shaw Ridge Leisure Park, Swindon, SN5 7DW. We have been here before, and although some have pointed out that it may not be the Ritz, it is satisfactory and is being refurbished as you read this.

A room rate has been negotiated of: Single £85 and Double/Twin £95 per room including Bed and Breakfast. This deal comes as a first come, first served and you must use the link below to book. At the top of the web page, there is a drop-down box for how many adults. The default is 1 Room 1 Adult. Click on that and change it to 1 Room 2 Adults if this is what you need. Now when you look at the dates 16 and 17 it should show £95 (this is a clue).

The cost of dinner (plus ½ bottle wine per head and port for toasts etc) is **£25.00** for members and **£45.00** for guests which I think constitutes good value. Please make your choices via the following link.

In order to confirm your place you will need to:

- Reserve your room directly with the hotel [via this link](#), which is valid until 21 Aug 26.
- Confirm you attendance, guests and meal choices [via this link](#). Before 30 Sep 26
- Make your payment to the following account:
 - Flight Engineers Association,
 - Acc No 02162997,
 - Sort Code 30-95-05
 - Please specify "Dinner" and who you are paying for.

If you follow us on Facebook but are not a member of the Association perhaps now is the time to join us. It only costs £15 per year which I am sure you can all afford. We could do with all the support we can muster! More info can be found [here](#): Nick Nicholls will welcome you into the fold (and try to flog you some tat).

The weekend is planned as follows:

Friday 16 October 2026

Check in to hotel not before 15:00

Meet and Greet in the bar as from 19:00 (bar food is available on payment)

Saturday 17 October 2026

Breakfast served 07:00 – 10:00

A proposed visit to Cotswold Airport (formerly RAF Kemble) is in its embryonic stage to view the Britannia and other aircraft there. Once interest has been established, we can also negotiate with the AV8 café for tea and stickies. Return to hotel for late lunch booked with hotel if you wish and pre-paid by credit/debit card or feed yourself somewhere else. There are alternatives close by (McDonalds or Pizza Hut etc.)

15:00 AGM

19:00 Dinner – Dress Code is: Gentlemen – Mess Dress or Black Tie and medals Ladies: Mess Dress and medals (for Flo) or Posh Frocks (Gentlemen - If you do not possess a dinner suit then lounge suit)

Sunday 18 October 2026

Breakfast served 07:00 – 10:00

Check out of hotel no later than 11:00

*NB – Any member or guest that has dietary requirements please make it clear on the FEAE booking form so we may inform the hotel.

There are other hotels in the area, and a quick search on Google Maps will show you alternatives to the Village Hotel. If you take this option, please remember to consider transport to/from when several libations may have been consumed!

I hope that you consider this package good value and hope to see as many of you as possible. In an ever-changing world, and as we all grow a little older, a chance to lie – sorry perhaps exaggerate a little - about what you did in the war, Dad, is not to be turned away lightly.

Terry Hulmes

Events Member