



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 27th May 2022 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

The Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by our Vice Chairman David Harding

Members Present: David Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Darryl Twinch, Steve Winter, Alan South, Jerry Docherty, Tex Rees-Avery, Brian Cager, Alan Mayers, Jim Talmey, John Talmey and Michael Taylor.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Michael Hobden, Mick Bird, David Collins, Peter Crowhurst, Rev. Egar, Mark Eve, Ray Metcalfe, Jack Neil, Peter Marcantonio, Bob Parker, Doug Raynsford, Brian Scott, John Shill, Brian Walter and Peter Wyatt.

Chairman's Report: Budge welcomed all Members to our Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that the total funds available are £810.62.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month.

Secretary's Report:

1. Any comments from the Minutes from our Meeting 29th April 2022. Proposed by Tex Rees-Avery and seconded by Darryl Twinch. Carried.
2. **Join St Marys' Supporters Club.** Membership is £15.00 per person or £10.00 if over 65 years – per year.
3. **Update 43 Bty.** Update provided.
4. **Royal Artillery Assembly** Norbreck Castle Hotel Blackpool - Friday 20th and Monday 23rd May 2022. Mark advised that he and our Vice Chairman, David Harding, both attended the RA Assembly and had a great weekend. Mark recommended the event and hope to see more Members attend next year.
5. **Annual Dinner 2022.** Confirmed as Saturday 28th May 2022. Our Guest of Honour is as WO2 (BSM) Pete Kinley of 43 Bty.
6. **Annual Chattri Memorial Service.** Sunday 12th June at 16:30. Darryl Twinch has confirmed that he will Standard Bear and Mark Harding will be Laying Our Wreath of Remembrance.
7. **RA Service of Remembrance** at NMA. Sat 2nd July 2022. Please refer to the info provided and send via email. This was again discussed that we look to organise a Branch Trip for this event in 2023.
8. **Race Night at St Marys'.** Sat 23rd July 2022. Members of St Marys' also invited. Please see the pre-purchase Race Schedule starting at page 4 of these Minutes for more details. Mark proposed that 50% of the final takings for the evening be donated to the RACF – this was agreed unanimously.

Would Members please let Mark or Jerry know if you are attending this event as we need to arrange the buffet?

9. **Dedication to the New Branch Standard & Branch BBQ.** Sunday 21st August 2022 followed by a Branch BBQ at St Marys'.

Dedication to Standard at St Anne's 13:00

Dress: Regt Ties and Blazers (Medals may be worn). Ladies dress equivalent.

Move to St Marys' ready for 14:00 start. Changing facilities are available.

Would Members please let Mark/Jerry know if you are attending this event as we need to arrange food?

Steve Winter and Tex Rees-Avery kindly volunteered to assist with the Branch BBQ.

10. **Website Gallery Area:** please send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on our website.
11. **Check emails.** As always, Mark reminded all Members to please periodically check your emails for all info regarding our Branch and the RAA in general.

AOB:

12. **Roll of Honour Board.** Alan South advised that our 25 Pdr is coming along. Members discussed the wood kindly provided by John Shill but it was felt that as this had not dried out as yet, it may be too green to use. Alan Mayers advised that he will contact a local sawmill to try to source something. Both Alan's will liaise to arrange this.
13. **Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club** is held at St Marys' Supporters Club on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please book Reservations directly by phone on 07547 905 913 or by email to edafvbc.lewes@yahoo.com. Please ensure that you book on time as places have to be booked in advance as Lewes AFVBC have to order the food from Morrison's on the preceding Thursday, 3-days prior to the breakfast. Quite simply - book early or go hungry.
14. Alan Mayers advised that all attendees had a great day at The Major General's Review of Trooping the Colour which they attended on Saturday 21st May 2022.
15. **Wall space in the Meeting Room.** If any Members has anything they feel they would like added to the wall space we have been allocated, please bring these along to Meetings to discuss.
16. **Remembrance Parade** Sunday 13th November 2022. Mark asked Members if they would like to retire to St Marys' after Remembrance Parade. This will be discussed again at our next Meeting.
17. **Card Reader:** Lee discussed purchasing a Card Reader to enable Members to pay subs, events etc using debit/credit card. This was agreed by all Members and Lee has ordered this.
18. Darryl advised that a local RMP liaison group is available for helping on transportation to large event etc. Mark will look into this and advise accordingly.
19. Darryl advised that Armed Forces Day 2022 was being held again in Eastbourne on Saturday 25th June 2022. Mark discussed with Members if we would like to attend with a stand and it was felt that as a Branch, we have a lot going on, so we would not attend this event this year.
20. Darryl advised that we only hold 1 RAA Wreath in stock. Mark advised that he had spoken to Dave Scott and ordered 2 more. Mark will contact Dave to chase.
21. Alan Mayers advised of an event for the Anlo German Memorial on or around 17 August 2022. Alan confirmed he would provide Mark with the full details who will then pass to Members.

With no other business, our May 2022 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 21:20.

The next Lewes Branch RAA get together will be Our Annual Dinner 2022 on Saturday 28th May 2022 at The John Harvey Tavern.

Venue: The John Harvey Tavern
Dress: Blazers/Suits & Regt Ties (Medals may be worn). Guests dress equivalent.
Timings: 16:30 for 19:00 start

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 24th June 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club
Dress: Smart Casual
Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

President: Peter Godding

Chairman: Michael Hobden

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LEWES BRANCH RAA FORECAST

2022

12 th June	Annual Chattri Memorial	Chattri, Patcham, Standen Lane, Brighton, BN1 8ZB
24 th June	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
2 nd July	RA Service of Remembrance	NMA
23 rd July	Lewes Branch Race Night	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th July	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
21 st August	Dedication to Branch Standard & BBQ	St Anne's Church & St Marys' Supporters Club
26 th August	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
30 th September	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
28 th October	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
11 th November	Armistice Day	TBC
13 th November	Remembrance Parade	Lewes War Memorial – St Marys' afterwards?
25 th November	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
December	Monthly Meeting	9 th or 16 th TBC

2023

27 th January	Lewes Branch RAA Annual General Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
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PLEASE ADVISE MARK/JERRY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ANY OF THE BELOW EVENTS SOONEST

- **Race Night at St Marys'**. Sat 23rd July 2022. 19:: Start. Dress: Smart Casual. St Marys' Supporters Club. Buffet included.
- **Dedication to Our Branch Standard** Sunday 21st August 2022 at 13:00 at St Anne's Church. Dress: Blazers/Suites & Regt Ties. Medals may be worn. **Then Branch BBQ** at St Marys' from 14:00 onwards. Dress: Smart Casual. Changing area is available.

Ser	Name	RAA Race Night	RAA Dedication/BBQ
1	Peter Godding		
2	Michael Hobden	1	1
3	David Harding	1	1
4	Mark Harding	1	1
5	Lee Harding	1	1
6	Darryl Twinch	1	1
7	Jerry Docherty	2	2
8	Paul Hughes	1	
9	Alan South	1	1
10	Steve Winter	1	1
11	Tex Rees-Avery	2 +	2 +
12	Peter Barnard		
13	Mick Bird		
14	Brian Cager	0	0
15	Gary Caulfield		
16	David Collett		
17	David Collins		
18	Peter Crowhurst		1
19	Rev Canon Judith Egar		1
20	Mark Eve		
21	Peter Head		
22	Ray Hughes		
23	Sean Kelly		
24	Colin Kemp		
25	Tim Maloney		
26	Peter Marcantonio		
27	Alan Mayers		
28	Raymond Metcalfe		
29	Jack Neil		
30	Simon Odey		
31	Robbie Parker		
32	Doug Raynsford		
33	Fred Rossington		
34	Brian Scott		
35	Dave Scott		
36	John Shill	0	
37	Paul Spooner		
38	Jim Talmey		1
39	John Talmey		1
40	Ray Talmey		
41	Michael Taylor	0	2
42	Brian Walter		
43	Steve White (Knocker)		
44	Peter Wyatt		
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