



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of The Monthly Meeting 26th November 2022 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

The Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by Our Vice Chairman, Budge Harding.

Members Present: Budge Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Darryl Twinch, David Collins, Rev. Egar, Mark Eve, Alan Mayers, Jack Neil, Bob Parker, John Shill, Peter Wyatt and Brian Scott.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Michael Hobden, Alan South, Paul Hughes, Jerry Docherty, Ken Amys, Rex Rees-Avery, Peter Crowhurst, Peter Head, Sean Kelly, Colin Kemp, Ray Metcalfe, Peter Marcantonio, Doug Raynsford, Dave Scott, John Talmey, Brian Walter, Steve White, Michael Taylor and Steve Winter.

Chairman's Report: Budge welcomed all to the Meeting and thanked so many for attending, especially as we have our Christmas Dinner tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that cash available stands at £1,144.25.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee confirmed that all Members had been contacted this month and no issues have arisen. Peter Godding asked Lee to send his best wishes to all Members.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Meeting held on 28th October 2022. With no comments, the Minutes were voted and passed as correct. Proposed by Mark Eve and seconded by Bob Parker. Carried.
2. Join St Marys' Supporters Club. Membership is £15.00 per person or £10.00 if over 65 years – per year.
3. Remembrance Parade Sunday 13th November 2022. This went very well and 43 Bty have been sent a note of thanks for their great support. Jack also spoke with regards to the new TC and what seems to be great support for these future events.
4. Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner Saturday 26th November 2022.

RAFFLE PRIZES. Please all dig deep and bring along a raffle prize(s) to make our evening even better. Raffle to be by envelope at £5 per envelope.

5. St Barbara's Day Sunday 4th December 2022 at The Royal Garrison Church – Larkhill. See email from Mark.
6. December Meeting on Friday 16th December 2022. Email from Jack: *Evening all, it has been confirmed that the Director of Membership will visit our branch on the 16th December. Whilst I know this is some weeks away, if you have any questions re the failing membership you would like to ask, please make a note of them so as to remember on the night. She will be staying overnight at the Premier Inn Lewes which I will try to book tomorrow.*
7. Website Gallery Area: please send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on our website.
8. Check emails. As always, remind all Members to check your emails please periodically for all info regarding our Branch and the RAA in general.

9. Lewes Branch RAA 30th Birthday Celebrations for our Annual Dinner next year. Suggestions for venue to Mark soonest.

AOB:

10. Donation to Rev. Egar's church, St Anne's. Rev. Egar has confirmed that she would like this to go into St Anne's general fund and thanks all Members for their kindness. Mark to liaise with Members regarding this.
11. Branch Plaque/Shield and Tie. Mark suggested designing our own Branch Plaque and Tie. Some rough designs were provided, and it was agreed that Members bring their ideas to the next Meeting.
12. Wall space in the Meeting Room. It was discussed and agreed that the Shields be placed along the top of the wall to enable more space. As discussed, if anyone wishes to hang anything on the wall, please bring it along to the Meetings where members will vote. RA Dover Salute print and Eire Cup Certificate voted to be hung on this wall.
13. The Combined Services Annual Christmas Dinner will take place at The Green Man on Saturday 10th December 2022 and would like as many Members as possible to attend please. Proformas have been emailed to all.
14. Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club. 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 must be booked in advance as Lewes AFVBC have to order the food from Morrison's on the Wednesday prior to the breakfast. Quite simply - book early or go hungry.
15. The Staff at St Marys' invited all Members to a Games Evening being held there on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 19:00 onwards. All Members welcome and hot dogs will be available.
16. Lee advised that he is looking onto a plinth for the RA Sword that Mark has as a table piece. Alan Mayers is sourcing the wood for this and will revert back to Members soonest.

With no other business, our November 2022 Meeting of Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:55.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Event will be our Christmas Dinner on Saturday 26th November 2022.

Venue: The John Harvey Tavern
Dress: Regimental Tie, Blazer/Suit. Guests dress equivalent. Medals may be worn.
Timings: Arrive any time you like. Please be ready to be called to your seats at approx. 18:45.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 16th December 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

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

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LEWES BRANCH RAA 2022 – 2023 FORECAST OF EVENTS

2022

26 th November	Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner	The John Harvey Tavern
3 rd December	St Marys' Games Night – All welcome	St Marys' Supporters Club
16 th December	Monthly Meeting and RBL Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club

2023

Items marked in yellow not yet agreed.

27 th January	Lewes Branch RAA Annual General Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
16 th February	RA Gold Cup	Sandown Park
24 th February	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
25 th February	RAA Race Night	St Marys' Supporters Club
16 th March	RAA NEC Meeting	Larkhill
31 st March	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
16 th April	Gunner Sunday	Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC)
28 th April	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th April	Curry Night	????
12 – 14 May	RA Assembly	Blackpool
13 th May	RAA NEC Meeting	Blackpool
26 th May	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
27 th May	Lewes Branch RAA Annual Dinner	John Harvey Tavern
30 th June	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
1 st July	RA Service of Remembrance	National Memorial Arboretum (NMA)
28 th July	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
25 th August	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
26 th August	Lewes Branch RAA BBQ	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th September	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
4 th October	RAA NEC Meeting	Larkhill
27 th October	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
28 th October	Function Day/Night	????
9 th November	Field of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey
11 th November	Armistice Day	Lewes
12 th November	Remembrance Parade	Lewes
12 th November	RA Ceremony of Remembrance	Hyde Park Corner
24 th November	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
25 th November	Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner	John Harvey Tavern
3 rd December	St Barbara's Day	Larkhill
December TBC	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club