



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



AGENDA OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 26th November 2021 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

Members Present: Darryl Twinch, David Harding, Lee Harding, Bob Parker, John Talmey, Steve Winter, Paul Hughes, Jerry Docherty, Mark Eve, Peter Wyatt, Peter Head and Steve White.

Apologies for Absence: Mark Harding, Michael Hobden, Colin Kemp, John Shill, Peter Crowhurst, Peter Godding and Peter Marcantonio.

Chairman's Report: Thanked all for attending Lewes Armistice and Remembrance Parades. A very good turnout by our Branch Members.

New Member joining Brian Scott from Eastbourne. Should be attending next month but as in his 90's, would require help with transport. Peter Crowhurst met him at Eastbourne Remembrance Parade and passed our details to him. Peter should be bringing him to our December Meeting. If anyone is also able to assist in transport for future Meetings, please advise.

Treasurer's Report: As at today, Branch Funds available are £754.08.

Welfare Officers Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month. Lee also advised with regards to the funeral of Des Foord.

Secretaries Report:

1. Darryl asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 29th October 2021. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Lee Harding and seconded by Paul Hughes Carried.
2. Nothing further to update regarding having to become Members of St Marys' Supporters Club. Mark will advise as and when.
3. 43 Bty Update: Capt Matthew Bush attended our Lewes Remembrance Parade with 4 Sentinels for the Bty. They all joined us in the pub after the Parade and had a real good chat with members thus really cementing our relationship. Photo taken with them and on our website and Facebook site. Mark emailed 43 BSM thanking them for arranging this.
4. CWGC 3 dates outside of normal Meeting dates; Nothing heard back as yet.
5. Remembrance Parade Sunday 14th November. 43 Bty provided 4 Sentinels in No 2 Dress. Darryl Twinch again Paraded Our Standard and Mark Harding Laid Our Wreath of Remembrance on behalf of Our Branch. A very good turnout from Lewes Branch RAA again which was noted. Colin Kemp also laid a Wreath of Remembrance on behalf of The Sussex Yeomanry Association.

Armistice Day Thursday 11th November. Darryl advised regarding the Armistice Parade.

6. Annual Dinner 2021. Mark has re-booked this venue for Our Annual Dinner on Saturday 28th May 2022. The event is limited to a maximum of 34 Members/Guests. More details to follow regarding menus etc.
7. Remind Members of the Gallery area on our website along with our Branch Scrapbook and to send photos/cuttings etc to Lee or Mark who will add them.
8. Remind Members of the importance of checking and reading emails as this is the main source of media that all information is sent to regarding our Branch.
9. Remind Members to submit their signed Permission Forms to enable us to use images, cuttings, videos etc of them on our website, social media, send to RAA HQ for publications etc.

AOB:

10. Roll of Honour with the RA CWG in the Lewes Area. Colin asked that a suggestion be put to Members to change this into a 'There But Not There' Honour Piece with engraved silver plaques attached for Members of Our Branch that are no longer with us. All Members agreed that this would be more pertinent to us. Suggestions were to possibly have Rank and Name these. Mark will discuss further with Colin to look at what we can provide.
11. Darryl reminded Members of the upcoming Combined Services Dinner 2021 will be held at The Green Man in Ringmer on Saturday 11th December 2021.
12. Branch Standard: Darryl advised that Mark had obtained a quotation for a new Standard which the cost is £373.79 of which Mark has asked RAA HQ to contribute and they have agreed to pay £187.00. It was put to Members to vote which was unanimous. Mark will go ahead and order our new Standard.
13. Lewes Breakfast Club. Await further details from Jack Neil, Dave Scott and Alan Mayers. They are still working on this, and it is moving forward quickly. Jack will provide further details as and when.
14. It was agreed that our December Meeting be held at St Mary's on Friday 17th December 2021, and we would provide nibbles etc. which will be very low-key food wise. Would Member please advise Mark Harding ASAP to ascertain who will be attending.

With no other business, our November 2021 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:20.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 17th December 2021 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

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

REMINDER

LEWES BRANCH RAA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club
Dress: Regimental Ties and Blazers
Date: Friday 28th January 2022
Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen
Chairman: Michael Hobden
Treasurer: Colin Kemp
Secretary: Mark Harding

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