



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 26th August 2022 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

The Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by Our Chairman, Michael Hobden.

Members Present: Michael Hobden, David Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Darryl Twinch, Jerry Docherty, Mark Eve, Bob Parker, Dave Scott, John Shill and Peter Wyatt.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Steve Winter, Alan South, Paul Hughes, Ken Amys, Tex Rees-Avery, Peter Crowhurst, Rev. Egar, Peter Head, Sean Kelly, Colin Kemp, Ray Metcalfe, Doug Raynsford, Brian Scott, Jim Talmey, John Talmey and Brian Walter.

Chairman's Report: Michael Hobden welcomed all and thanked Members for attending the Dedication of Our Standard and Branch BBQ on Sunday 21st August and thanks Mark Harding for organising all, Steve Winter for cooking and Rev. Egar for a great Service. He also congratulated all for winning the skittles.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that cash available stands at £1,129.92. Lee also advised that after paying out for the Dedication OOS and BBQ food, against the takings for the raffle, the whole day only cost £32.00.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted and no issues arose.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Meeting held on 29th July 2022. With no comments, the Minutes were voted and passed as correct. Proposed by Jerry Docherty 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. Dieppe Raid Commemoration on Sunday 14th August 2022. Members thanked Darryl for Standard Bearing and Peter Crowhurst for Laying Our Wreath of Remembrance. Darryl advised that the event went well albeit very hot.
4. Mark read and showed Members a letter of thanks from Col Matthew Carter the Reg'tl Sec for the RAA for the kind donation we made to the RACF.
5. Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner Saturday 26th November 2022. Menus for The John Harvey Tavern to follow. Max available to attend is 35. It was agreed that we invite two Members from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty. Mark to send invites once menus are available.
6. Website Gallery Area: please send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on our website.
7. Check emails. As always, remind all Members to please periodically check your emails for all info regarding our Branch and the RAA in general.
8. Lewes Branch RAA 30th Birthday Celebrations. Mark has set the ball rolling with regards holding this near our 30th Birthday date of 5th April 2023 (possibly Saturday 1st April as the following weekend is Easter Weekend – or later in April or May) to be hosted at 43 Bty WO's & Sgt's Mess at Larkhill. This is not yet

confirmed but would like to get the feel for who would attend. **See form on final page for options.**
Dependent upon choices, we may look at arranging a coach/minibus.

AOB:

9. Roll of Honour Board. Jerry advised that he is currently working on the plinth and will report again next month.
10. 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.
11. 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. It was discussed and agreed that the Shields be placed along the top of the wall to enable more space.
12. Remembrance Parade Sunday 13th November 2022. Mark asked Members if they would like to retire to St Marys' after Remembrance Parade but it was agreed not to. Mark advised that he may not be able to attend this year due to family commitments therefore we would like an RA volunteer to Lay Our Wreath of Remembrance.
13. Alan Mayers - Anglo German Memorial on or around 17th August 2022. Await Alans report next month.
14. Mark Eve suggested possible events for future day trip. The RE Museum in Gillingham, Kent, The RAF Manston Museum in Ramsgate and War & Peace in Paddocks Wood. Discuss at our next Meeting.
15. Jerry suggested to Members that we may want to place a donation to Rev. Egar's church annually. To discuss again at the next meeting.

With no other business, our August 2022 Meeting of Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:50.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 30th September 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

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?
26 th November	Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner	The John Harvey Tavern
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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POSSIBLE ANNUAL DINNER AT 43 BTY WO'S & SGT'S MESS 2023:

1 = Yes
0 = No

Ser	Name	With Spouse/Guest	Would you attend if accommodation CAN be provided	Would you attend if NO accommodation could be provided and stay locally	Would you attend if NO accommodation could be provided and travel home after the dinner	Would NOT attend at all.
1	Peter Godding					
2	Michael Hobden		1	1	1	0
3	David Harding	Poss	1	1	0	0
4	Mark Harding	Poss	1	1	0	0
5	Lee Harding	Poss	1	1	0	0
6	Darryl Twinch		1	1	1	0
7	Jerry Docherty	Poss	1	1	0	0
8	Paul Hughes	1	1	1	0	0
9	Alan South		1	1	0	0
10	Steve Winter					
11	Tex Rees-Avery					
12	Peter Barnard					
13	Mick Bird					
14	Brian Cager					
15	Gary Caulfield		1	1		0
16	David Collett					
17	David Collins					
18	Peter Crowhurst		1	1		0
19	Rev Canon Judith Egar	0	0	0	0	0
20	Mark Eve	0	0	0	0	1
21	Peter Head					
22	Ray Hughes					
23	Sean Kelly					
24	Colin Kemp					
25	Tim Maloney					
26	Peter Marcantonio					
27	Alan Mayers		1	1		0
28	Raymond Metcalfe					
29	Jack Neil		1	1		0
30	Simon Odey					
31	Robbie Parker		1	1		0
32	Doug Raynsford					
33	Fred Rossington					
34	Brian Scott					
35	Dave Scott					
36	John Shill		1	1	1	0
37	Paul Spooner					
38	Jim Talmey					
39	John Talmey	0				
40	Ray Talmey					
41	Michael Taylor					
42	Brian Walter					
43	Steve White		1	1		0
44	Peter Wyatt					
	TOTALS	1	15	15	3	1