



ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION  
LEWES BRANCH

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**Minutes of the Lewes Branch of the Royal Artillery Association  
Monthly Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - St Marys' Supporters Club  
Meeting Opened at 20:00**

**Commemoration of The Gunners:** Read by our Chairman Michael Hobden.

**Members Present:** Michael Hobden, David Harding, Mark Harding, Colin Kemp, Darryl Twinch, Lee Harding, Steve Winter, Mick Bird, Mark Eve, Peter Godding, Peter Marcantonio, and Fred Rossington.

**Apologies for Absence:** Michael Taylor, Alan South, David Collett, Peter Crowhurst, Paul Hughes, Sean Kelly, Ray Metcalfe, Jack Neil, Mick Norris, Robbie Parker, John Shill, John Talmey, Steve White, and Peter Wyatt.

**Chairman's Report:** Michael Hobden welcomed all Members to the Meeting and wished Peter Godding a very Happy Milestone 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A total of 12 Members attended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Colin Kemp advised the total cash in the bank stands at £1,048.35. With £208.00 yet to be cleared for our website upkeep, donation and wreathes, the amount available is £840.35.

**Welfare Report:** Lee advised that all Members had been contacted during the previous month and there was nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report:**

1. Mark advised of a mistake on the August 2020 Minutes. Proposer should read John Talmey.

Mark asked for any further comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Monthly Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. With no further comments reported, the August 2020 Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Peter Marcantonio and seconded by Peter Godding. Carried.

2. Mark raised the subject of the payment of subs again. As previously advised, we are unable to obtain a machine for this. After further discussion with our Treasurer and Members, it was clear that paying subs into the bank directly would create a lot of admin. It was agreed that subs should continue to be paid in cash and Members are asked to bring along the correct amount to negate the need for additional change handling. With all Members in agreement, this was put to vote. Proposed by Fred Rossington and seconded by Mark Eve. Carried.

3. Mark confirmed that he had provided the return to RAA HQ for the Chairman of the RAA to cast our Vote by proxy at the RAA AGM (via video conference) due on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Mark also provided details regarding the agenda for this AGM.

4. Mark provided copies of the Forecast of Events, the new RAA GAI's and the 2019 RAA HQ Accounts for Members to read.

5. Mark advised that he had sent details out to a new Member joining our Branch, Mr Jimmy Talmey. We hope to see him at our next Meeting. Our Branch now has 37 Members.

6. No further updates have been received from 43 Bty.

7. Mark confirmed that our 2020 Annual Dinner has been cancelled for this year. Let us all look forward to a great one next year.

8. Mark advised that he had received an email from RAA HQ asking for volunteers to become the RAA South Region Representative. Mark provided brief details for Members to view. Should any Member wish to put themselves forward for this, would you please contact Mark.

9. Mark emailed and showed the current plan for Lewes Remembrance Parade 2020. This is going forward at this time and Mark will keep Members updated of any changes.

10. Mark showed Members an email received via RAA HQ from the Not Forgotten Association asking for contact details for WWII Veterans who have been denied their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. They would like to provide a gift box to each to thank them for their service and the phenomenal generation they represent. Lee confirmed he would contact the family of Ted who Darryl and Budge visited last year.

11. Mark reminded Members that we do hold a Branch Scrapbook which any Member is welcome to add to. This can be anything that keeps our history going. Please feel free to bring along anything to add.

12. Mark kindly reminded Members with regards to the importance of keeping up to date with emails, our website and our Facebook page, as much information is emailed and/or posted on these platforms.

13. Mark confirmed that the 2020 Sussex Yeomanry Annual Reunion Dinner has been cancelled for this year.

14. Mark confirmed that the 2020 Combined Services Dinner has been cancelled for this year.

15. Mark showed an email and photos received from the son of an ex-Artilleryman who was enlisted in Worthing during WWII. Mark will contact the Worthing Branch of the RAA to discuss if they want these historic photos. Otherwise we will keep them in our archives.

**AOB:**

1. No Other business.

**With no other business, our September 2020 Meeting of the Lewes Branch of the RAA closed at 20:40.**

**The next RAA Lewes Branch Meeting will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at St Marys Supporters Club.**

**Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start**

**Dress: Casual**

**Subs: £7.50**

**Please remember that our Meetings are restricted to a maximum of 20 due to the current situation. Please do not turn up on the day with no confirmation of attendance.**

The following Members have confirmed that they would like to attend our October 2020 Meeting:

Michael Hobden, David Harding, Mark Harding, Colin Kemp, Darryl Twinch, Lee Harding, Steve Winter, Mark Eve, Peter Godding, Peter Marcantonio, Fred Rossington, Steve White, Jerry Docherty (new Member joining).

There are currently 13 Members wishing to attend, which leaves 7 available spaces. Would any Members wishing to attend please contact Mark to advise soonest?

Mark will confirm attendance to all soonest.

**Patron:** Her Majesty The Queen

**Chairman:** Michael Hobden

**Treasurer:** Colin Kemp

**Secretary:** Mark Harding

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