



## LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



### MINUTES OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – The Dorset Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

**Members Present:** Michael Hobden, Budge Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Darryl Twinch, Jerry Docherty, Alan South, Mick Bird, Peter Crowhurst, Tim Maloney, Bob Parker, Brian Scott, John Shill and John Talmeay.

**Apologies for Absence:** Peter Godding, Paul Hughes, Steve Winter, Tex Rees-Avery, Peter Barnard, Rev. Egar, Mark Eve, Peter Head, Alan Mayers, Ray Metcalfe, Jack Neil, Doug Raynsford, Brain Walter, Steve White and Peter Wyatt.

**Chairman's Report:** Michael welcomed Members to the Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee reported that the total funds available are £1,021.26.

**Welfare Officer's Report:** Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month. Daphne, Peter Wyatts Wife, has recently received surgery for her hip and a card was sent by Our Branch. Daphne is now at home and recovering. Lee and Mark are in constant contact with Peter.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. With no comments, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct. Proposed by Bob Parker and seconded by John Talmeay. 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.** The new BSM, WO2 (BSM) Pete Kinley, will be attending Annual Dinner with WO2 John Godwin-Smart.
4. **Gunner Sunday** at RHC - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. 10 (12) Members attended. Mark spoke about this event and advised that it was a really great day. Lewes Branch Members spent a long time speaking to the Regt Col and Regt RSM who were great fun. The date for Gunner Sunday 2023 is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Let's make this a Branch Outing and get as many Members attending along with our Standard.
5. **Royal Artillery Assembly** Norbreck Castle Hotel Blackpool - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. There are currently 2 Members attending this event.
6. **Annual Dinner 2022.** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. 31 attendees have been confirmed. There are currently 3 places available. **If you would like to attend or know of someone who would, please contact Mark Harding soonest.** Places will be given on a first-come-first-served basis. Our Guest of Honour is confirmed as WO2 (BSM) Pete Kinley of 43 Bty.

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

7. **Annual Chattri Memorial Service.** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 16:30. Darryl Twinch has confirmed that he will Standard Bear and Mark Harding will be Laying Our Wreath of Remembrance.
8. **RA Service of Remembrance** at NMA. Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
9. **Race Night at St Marys'.** Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 know if you are attending this event as we need to arrange the buffet?**

10. **Dedication to the New Branch Standard & Branch BBQ.** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Mark to liaise with Jerry to finalize all.

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

**Would you also please advise Mark if you are able to assist with the BBQ/setting up/stripping out during this event?**

11. **Gallery Area** on our website along with our Branch Scrapbook. Send to Lee or Mark who will add them.
12. **Check emails** as this is the main source of media that all information is sent to regarding our Branch & all other stuff.

**AOB:**

13. **Roll of Honour Board.** Alan discussed this with Members, and it was agreed that that our 25 Pdr would be used for this and be placed on a plinth, with the names of Fallen Comrades added to the plinth. Alan to look at and arrange.
14. **Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club** is held at St Marys' Supporters Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Please book Reservations directly by phone on 07547 905 913 or by email to [edafvbc.lewes@yahoo.com](mailto: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.
15. Jack Neil has managed to obtain a limited number of tickets for the Major General's Review of Trooping the Colour on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Tickets are £10.00 each. Please contact Jack if you have booked tickets as they are now available.
16. **Wall space in the Meeting Room.** Ideas and suggestions please. Members like the idea of RA related plaques along the top of the wall. Any Members who would like to donate an RA related plaque or anything else, please bring along to the next May Meeting.
17. **Remembrance Parade** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Do we want to go back to St Marys' afterwards and have a buffet and games? It was agreed that we discuss this during our May 2022 Meeting.

18. Darryl proposed that we invite Gary Caulfield to join Our Branch as an Affiliate Member. Gary served as a Royal Marine and now serves with Sussex ACF as RSM. It was agreed and Mark will write to Gary inviting him to join Our Branch.

**With no other business, our April 2022 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 21:15.**

**The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.**

**Venue:** St Marys' Supporters Club

**Dress:** Smart Casual

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

#### Lewes Branch RAA Forecast:

#### 2022

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

#### 2023

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Lewes Branch RAA Annual General Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
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**Patron:** Her Majesty The Queen

**President:** Peter Godding

**Chairman:** Michael Hobden

**Secretary:** Mark Harding

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**LEWES BRANCH RAA RACE NIGHT**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

There are 8 horses in each race, but only one winner. To make it more fun and to include those who may not be able to attend on the night, each horse is on sale for £2.00 (as the owner) and the winning owner will receive a bottle of wine.

This is with the exception of Race No 8 where the horses will be auctioned off on the night. Thanks to the sponsorship of Alan South, the owner will win a bottle of spirit as well as £20.00

Now, each Horse can only have ONE OWNER and it is first come first served. If you wish to purchase a horse PLEASE let Jerry Docherty know SOONEST via email or text. Jerry suffers from CRS and we would like to make sure that we within the Lewes Branch RAA are given first choice and before we offer the remaining (if any) to the club members.

**JERRY DOCHERTY – RACE MEISTER:**

Mobile: 07904 186 739

Email: [jdocherty721@gmail.com](mailto:jdocherty721@gmail.com)

**Don't forget, you can still bet on the horses on the night and remember, the odds shown on screen are NOT the correct odds. Jerry will advise what the odds are for each race.**

So, here are the races for you to pre-purchase a horse or three!! Please note, some Members have already purchased:

<b>RACE 1 – PANTO STAKES (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Fi, Fi, Fo, Fum		
2	He's Behind You	<b>MICK HOBDEN</b>	PAID
3	Oh Yes He Is		
4	Oh No He's Not	<b>JOHN TALMEY</b>	PAID
5	Twankey's Widow		
6	Wick Stepmother	<b>MARK H</b>	PAID
7	Idle Jack		
8	Aladdin's Lamp		

<b>RACE 2 – FRUIT BOWL PLATTER (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Pear Shaped		
2	Peachy Cheeked		
3	Grape Scott!		
4	Banana Republic	<b>MICK HOBDEN</b>	PAID
5	Plum Centre		
6	One Bad Apple	<b>MARK H</b>	PAID
7	Clockwork Melon	<b>LEE H</b>	PAID
8	Lemon Sip		

<b>RACE 3 – OLD MACDONALD STAKES (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Oink Oink	<b>BUDGE</b>	PAID
2	Woof Woof	<b>JOHN SHILL</b>	PAID
3	Cluck Cluck		
4	Quack Quack	<b>ALAN SOUTH</b>	PAID
5	Meow Meow		
6	Neigh Neigh		
7	Baa Baa		
8	Moo Moo		

<b>RACE 4 – VILE VILLAIN CHASE (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Doctor No		
2	Lord Sauron		
3	Lex Luther		
4	Mrs Coulter		
5	Count Olaf	<b>MARK H</b>	TO PAY
6	Lord Voldemort		
7	Professor Moriarty		
8	Doctor Fu Manchu		

<b>RACE 5 – PASTA RACE (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Cannelloni	<b>TIM MALONEY</b>	PAID
2	Macaroni	<b>JOHN T &amp; BOB</b>	PAID
3	Rigatoni		
4	Fusilli		
5	Linguini	<b>MARK H</b>	TO PAY
6	Ravioli		
7	Vermicelli		
8	Tortellini		

<b>RACE 6 – MISTER &amp; MISSES HANDICAP (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Mister Footing		
2	Miss Guided	<b>MARK H</b>	TO PAY
3	Mister Sitter		
4	Miss Demeaner		
5	Mister Chance		
6	Miss Fired	<b>DARRYL TWINCH</b>	PAID
7	Mister Bus		
8	Miss Heard		

<b>RACE 7 – TOO CLOSE TO CALL CUP (Win a Bottle of Wine)</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Dead Cert		
2	By a Head		
3	Photo Finish		
4	Jaws of Victory	<b>BUDGE</b>	PAID
5	By a Nose	<b>LEE</b>	PAID
6	Rank Outsider	<b>MARK H</b>	TO PAY
7	Head Bob	<b>BOB PARKER</b>	PAID
8	Evens Stevens		

**RACE 8 WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ON THE NIGHT. THEREFOR ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO PRE-PURCHASE.**

<b>RACE 8 – FAB MEMORIAL CHASE</b>			
<b>Horse No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Y / N £2.00 per horse</b>
1	Deelyboppers	N/A	
2	The Mullet	N/A	
3	Roller Disco	N/A	
4	Furry Dice	N/A	
5	Sinclair C5	N/A	
6	Smiley Badge	N/A	
7	Billy Bass	N/A	
8	Pet Rock	N/A	

Please see below the current confirmation regarding:

- **Annual Dinner 2022.** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- **Race Night at St Marys'.** Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022.
- **Dedication to the New Branch Standard & Branch BBQ.** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**Please advise soonest if you would like to attend any of these events.**

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