



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 24th June 2022 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

Members Present: David Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Darryl Twinch, Jerry Docherty, Paul Hughes, Steve Winter, Tex Rees-Avery, Mick Bird, Peter Head, Alan Mayers, Jack Neil, Bob Parker, Brian Scott, Dave Scott, Jim Talmey and Ray Talmey.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Doug Raynsford, Ray Metcalfe, Mark Eve, Steve White, Peter Wyatt, Colin Kemp, Michael Hobden, Alan South, Peter Crowhurst, John Shill, John Talmey, Michael Taylor and Gary Caulfield.

Chairman's Report: Our Vice Chairman welcomed all members to the Meeting and thanked all for a great turnout. Budes also thanked Mark for organising a great Annual Dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Lee advised that the funds available at present are £833.67. He also advised that he was in the process of returning the Card Reader already purchased as we are unable to take subs using this. He is in the process of purchasing a new one through our own bank, Lloyds, at a costs of £49.00. Members agreed to this unanimously.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee reported that all Members had been contacted this month and that Pete Godding sends his best wishes to all.

Secretary's Report:

1. Any comments from the Minutes from our Meeting 27th May 2022. Proposed by Darryl Twinch and seconded by Paul Hughes. 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. Update provided at our Annual Dinner.
4. Annual Dinner 2022. Great evening. Our Guest of Honour was WO2 (BSM) Pete Kinley of 43 Bty.
5. Annual Chattri Memorial Service. Sunday 12th June at 16:30. Darryl Twinch as our Standard Bearer, Mark Harding Laid our Wreath of Remembrance, Budge Harding, Lee Harding, Alan South, Paul Hughes, Alan Mayers, Tex Rees-Avery, Ray Metcalfe & their guests attended.
6. RA Service of Remembrance at NMA. Sat 2nd July 2022. Please refer to the info provided and sent via email. Look to organise a Branch Trip for this event in 2023. To be discussed further.
7. Race Night at St Marys'. Sat 23rd July 2022. Jerry advised that there were only a handful of pre-purchase horses left to buy. See form at bottom for attendees to date.

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 or Jerry know if you are attending this event as we need to arrange the buffet?

8. The 2022 service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid will take place on Sunday 14th August 2022 at 15:00hrs on the Memorial Garden, South Way, Newhaven. Darryl confirmed that he will be attending as our Standard Bearer and Mark shall Lay Our Wreath of Remembrance. Would Members please advise if attending in any capacity. See form at bottom for attendees to date.
9. Dedication to the New Branch Standard & Branch BBQ. Sunday 21st August 2022 followed by a Branch BBQ at St Marys'. See form at bottom for attendees to date.

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. Dress: Casual. Changing facilities are available.

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

Steve Winter and Tex Rees-Avery kindly volunteered to assist with the Branch BBQ. Paul confirmed that he would provide a gazebo for the event.

10. Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner Saturday 26th November 2022. Menus for The John Harvey Tavern to follow. Max available to attend is 35.
11. Website Gallery Area: please send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on our website.
12. Check emails. As always, remind all Members to please periodically check your emails for all info regarding our Branch and the RAA in general.
13. 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.
14. Mark advised Members that he, Budge and Alan South attended Founders Day at Royal Hospital Chelsea and it was a truly humbling day and encouraged Members to attend this very prestigious event in coming years.

AOB:

15. Roll of Honour Board. The base has been purchased with Members agreeing unanimously to pay for the cost of this which was £30.00. Jerry will plane it and either wax or varnish it ready for the Gun to be mounted.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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 no to.

19. Alan Mayers advised of an event for the Anglo German Memorial on or around 17th August 2022. Alan confirmed he would provide Mark with the full details who will then pass to Members. Mark sent the proforma to all Members by email.
20. Bob Parker advised that if you hold a Defence Service Discount Card; this entitles you to a 33% discount for entering Newhaven Fort.
21. Jack had the unfortunate duty to advise that Lewisian Man, Peter Dixon sadly passed away on 18th June. Peters funeral will be held at St Anne's on 6th July and 14:00.

With no other business, our June 2022 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 21:10.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Event will be held our Lewes Branch RAA Race Night on Saturday 23rd July 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

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

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 29th July 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

2 nd July	RA Service of Remembrance	NMA
23 rd July	Lewes Branch Race Night	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th July	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
14 th August	80 th Anniversary of Dieppe Raid	Newhaven
21 st August	Dedication to Branch Standard & BBQ	St Anne's Church & St Marys' Supporters Club
26 th August	Monthly Meeting	St Marys' Supporters Club
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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Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

President: Peter Godding

Chairman: Michael Hobden

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PLEASE ADVISE MARK/JERRY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ANY OF THE BELOW EVENTS SOONEST

- **Race Night at St Marys'**. Sat 23rd July 2022. 19:00 Start. Dress: Smart Casual. St Marys' Supporters Club. Buffet included.
- **80th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid** – Newhaven. Sunday 14th August 2022. 15:00.
- **Dedication to Our Branch Standard** Sunday 21st August 2022 at 13:00 at St Anne's Church. Dress: Blazers/Suites & Regt Ties. Medals may be worn. **Then Branch BBQ** at St Marys' from 14:00 onwards. Dress: Smart Casual. Changing area is available.

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

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	
3	David Harding	Poss	1	1	0	
4	Mark Harding	Poss	1	1	0	
5	Lee Harding	Poss	1	1	0	
6	Darryl Twinch		1	1	1	
7	Jerry Docherty	Poss	1	1	0	
8	Paul Hughes	1	1	1	0	
9	Alan South		1	1	0	
10	Steve Winter					
11	Tex Rees-Avery					
12	Peter Barnard					
13	Mick Bird					
14	Brian Cager					
15	Gary Caulfield		1	1		
16	David Collett					
17	David Collins					
18	Peter Crowhurst		1	1		
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		
28	Raymond Metcalfe					
29	Jack Neil		1	1		
30	Simon Odey					
31	Robbie Parker		1	1		
32	Doug Raynsford					
33	Fred Rossington					
34	Brian Scott					
35	Dave Scott					
36	John Shill		1	1	1	
37	Paul Spooner					
38	Jim Talmey					
39	John Talmey					
40	Ray Talmey					
41	Michael Taylor					
42	Brian Walter					
43	Steve White		1	1		
44	Peter Wyatt					
	TOTALS	1	14	15	3	1