



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 27th October 2023 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

Members Present: Jerry Docherty, Budge Harding, Mark Harding, Alan South, Darryl Twinch, John Bishop, Mark Eve, Peter Head, Colin Kemp, Bob Parker, Brian Scott, Dave Scott, Ray Talmey and Peter Talmey.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Lee Harding, Michael Hobden, Paul Hughes, Steve Winter, David Collins, Peter Crowhurst, Lawrence Gray, Alan Mayers, Ray Metcalfe, Gary Miles, Jack Neil, John Shill, John Talmey, Steve White and Peter Wyatt.

Chairman's Report: Our Vice Chairman, Budge Harding welcomed all members to the Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lapel Pins were purchased £120.00. Therefore, there is currently £1,076.96 available.

Welfare Officer's Report: No issues have been reported. Mark Eve advised that he has been in contact with John Henderson at RHC and he is all OK and doing well.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Meeting held on 29th September 2023. With no comments, the Minutes were voted and passed as correct. Proposed by Alan South and seconded by Bob Parker. Carried.
2. Lewes Armistice Day. Saturday 11th November 2023. Darryl Twinch will be Parading Our Standard. Members are encouraged to attend. Please see full details attached to this email.
3. Lewes Remembrance Parade. Sunday 12th November 2023. Darryl Twinch will be Parading Our Standard and Mark Harding will be Laying Our Wreath of Remembrance (unless another Member would like to do this).

There are 9 x SP from Lloyds Company attending this Parade including 4 x Sentinels.

Members are welcome to retire St Marys' Supporters Club after the Parade where Carly has kindly laid on a buffet. Would Members wishing to attend please advise Mark ASAP.

4. Lewes Branch RAA Annual Christmas Dinner. John Harvey Tavern. Saturday 18th November 2023

TIMINGS: Arrive at 17:30 and be seated at 18:00

COST: 2 Courses £23.00 Per Person

3 Courses £30.00 Per Person

DRESS: Regimental Ties and Blazers/Suits (Medals may be worn). Partners & Guests Dress Equivalent.

It was discussed and agreed that we will provide wine on the table from Branch Funds. As always, we must ask that for those members who spot others not drinking the free wine, please apply the 'buddy' system and buy them a pint.

Would any Member not attending the Dinner who wish to donate a Raffle Prize, please could you bring it along to the October 2023 Meeting.

Members attending the event, would you please bring a Raffle Prize on the night. The raffle will be by envelopes at £5.00 per envelope.

It was discussed that we provide The Ladies with a Buttonhole each on the evening. Michael Taylor volunteered to arrange this and has confirmed that a Red Rose be provided at a cost of £1.00 each. Mark has confirmed to Michael that we require 18 Red Rose Buttonholes.

5. Branch Website. Send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on the Gallery Area of our website. Please contact Lee/Mark for access to the Members Area of our website.
6. Please remember to check your emails as this is the main medium of contact to all Members.
7. Wall space in the Meeting Room. If anyone wishes to hang anything on the wall, please bring it along to the Meetings where Members will vote. Mark has asked the Club for more wall space and awaits their responses.

AOB:

8. Sword plinth: Jerry advised that he is continuing to work on this and is hopeful to have this ready for our Christmas Dinner.
9. Tools with a Mission (TWAM) Project: See Jerry for full details.
10. Branch Lapel Pins. Additional Branch Lapel Pins are now available. The first pin is free and Members can purchase additional pins at a cost of £6.00 each.
11. Mark advised that Our 2024 Lewes Branch RAA Annual Dinner has been booked for Saturday 25th May 2024 at Lewes Golf Club. Please find attached to this email the Menu Proforma.
12. RAA Christmas Cards are now available. Please find attached to this email the Proforma for ordering these.

With no other business, our Lewes Branch RAA October 2023 Meeting closed at 20:55.

Lewes Branch Armistice Day Parade to be held on Saturday 11th November 2023.

Venue: Lewes Memorial.
Dress: Regt Tie & Blazer with Medals if applicable.
Timings: Take up Positions at 10:45.

Lewes Remembrance Parade to be held on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Venue: Lewes Memorial.
Dress: Regt Tie & Blazer with Medals if applicable.
Timings: Assemble at White Lion Car Park at 14:15 ready for March Off at 14:30.

Lewes Branch Christmas Dinner 2024 to be held at The John Harvey Tavern on Saturday 18th November 2023.

Venue: The John Harvey Tavern.
Dress: Regt Tie & Blazer with Miniature Medals if applicable. Ladies/Guests dress equivalent.
Timings: Arrive at 17:30 and ready to be seated at 17:55.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be our Monthly Meeting to be held on Friday 24th November 2023.

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

Captain-General: His Majesty King Charles III

President: Peter Godding

Chairman: Michael Hobden

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