



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



AGENDA OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 25th February 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, Peter Barnard, Peter Crowhurst, Alan Mayers, Jack Neil, Bob Parker, Brian Scott, Dave Scott, John Talme, Michael Taylor and Peter Wyatt.

Apologies for Absence: Michael Hobden, Alan South, Mick Bird, Brian Cager, Rev. Egar, Mark Eve, Peter Godding, Colin Kemp, Peter Marcantonio, Fred Rossington and John Shill.

Chairman's Report: Our Vice Chairman, David Harding, Welcomed all Members to Our Meeting and also Welcomed New Member Peter Barnard to our Branch.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that since Our last Meeting, £132.55 had been paid in and £100.00 Paid out £90.00 for SMO and £10.00 Annual Registration fee. Therefore, the funds available as at 25/02/2022 is £824.50.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month with no issues. Lee also asked us to give our thoughts to Sabine Hobden our Chairman's Wife for a safe and speedy recovery and also our thoughts for those in Ukraine.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our AGM held on 28th January 2022. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct. Proposed by Darryl Twinch and seconded by Jerry Docherty. Carried.
2. Mark advised that St Marys' Supporters Club would like us to become Members of the Club. The costs for this are as follows:

£15.00 per person or £10.00 if over 65 years – per year. Mark emailed this application form to Members who should complete and return them directly to St Marys' along with their annual payment.
3. Mark provided an update from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty.
4. Annual Dinner 2021. This is booked Saturday 28th May 2022. The event is limited to 34 Members/Guests. Mark sent menu proformas to all Members.

As at Sunday 27th February 2022, 28 attendees have been confirmed.

It was agreed that we invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewes. Michael Hobden has sent invite. Mark has also invited two Serving Members from 43 Bty.

Subsidising was also discussed and went to vote between subsidising part of the cost of the meal or providing wine.

This was put to vote and carried with a majority of providing wine on the tables. It was agreed that this be based on a ratio of 1:3. Mark asked Members to play nicely and work on the 'buy a friend a pint' scenario if they do not drink wine.

Members agreed that the raffle be held in the 'envelope' format for this event.

Members also agreed that we should celebrate our Patron and Captain General's, Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee during our Dinner. Jerry agreed to organise this.

Members also asked if 43 Bty were able to provide their Regimental Port for this event. Mark will discuss with them.

5. The RA Gold Cup at Sandown Race Park on Thursday 17th February 2022. Met with 43 Bty BSM, SSgt Lou.
6. Gunner Sunday is being held at Royal Hospital Chelsea on Sunday 24th April 2022. Please see Mark's email to you regarding booking this event.

To date, the following Members are attending and require Lunch:

Mark Harding	Transport	Paul Hughes	Train
David Harding	Transport	Jane Davey	Train
Lee Harding	Transport	Brenda Murphy	Train
Lynda Twigge	Transport		
Jerry Docherty	Transport		
Bob Parker	Transport		
John Talmey	Transport		

It was discussed and agreed that Jerry can book a 9-seater for approx. £109.00 and be split between those requiring transport along with fuel and congestion charges costs. Full details TBC.

Mark had booked and paid for the lunch for all. Please provide your lunch payments of £12.00 directly to Mark.

7. The Royal Artillery Assembly will be held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel Blackpool between Friday 20th and Monday 23rd May 2022. Please see Mark's email to you regarding booking this event.
8. Remind Members of the Gallery area on our website along with our Branch Scrapbook and to send photos/cuttings etc to Lee or Mark who will add them.
9. Remind Members of the importance of checking and reading emails as this is the main source of media that all information is sent to regarding our Branch.
10. Remind Members to submit their signed Permission Forms to enable us to use images, cuttings, videos etc of them on our website, social media, send to RAA HQ for publications etc.

AOB:

11. Roll of Honour with the RA CWG in the Lewes Area. Colin asked that a suggestion be put to Members to change this into a 'There But Not There' Honour Piece with engraved silver plaques attached for Members of Our Branch who are no longer with us. Mark will discuss further with Colin to look at what we can provide.
12. Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club last Sunday. Please book Reservations directly by phone on 07547 905 913 or by email to edafvbc.lewes@yahoo.com

13. Darryl proposed that we hold a Dedication to the New Standard. This was agreed to take place on Sunday 21st August 2022 followed by a Branch BBQ at St Marys'. Mark has booked St Marys' for this date and will discuss with our Chaplain, Rev. Canon Egar with regards to availability for either St Annes or another venue.
14. Darryl advised that we hold only one RAA Wreath in stock. Mark advised that this is in hand with Dave Scott.
15. Jack Neil has managed to obtain a limited number of tickets for the Major General's Review of Trooping the Colour on Saturday 21st May 2022. Tickets are £10.00 each. Please contact Jack if you have booked tickets as they are now available.
16. The wall space that we have been allocated in the Meeting Room was discussed in terms of what to display etc. Paul Hughes advised that he lead and coordinate this. Ideas and suggestions to Paul please. Mark presented a framed picture of our Members at our January 2022 AGM which is now on display.
17. 2022 Events were discussed:
 - Sat 28th May 2022: Annual Dinner
 - Sat 23rd July 2022: Race Night at St Marys'. Mark has booked this and Jerry to organize. Members agreed that non-members at St Marys' are welcome to join in this event.
 - Sun 21st August 2022: Dedication to The Lewes Branch Standard followed by drinks at St Marys' followed by Branch BBQ and games at St Marys'.

With no other business, our February 2022 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 21:00.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be on Friday 25th March 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

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

Lewes Branch RAA 2022 Monthly Meeting Forecast:

25 th March 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th April 2022	Mark to seek alternative venue due to the unavailability of St Marys' due to panto.
27 th May 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
24 th June 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
29 th July 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
26 th August 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
30 th September 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
28 th October 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
25 th November 2022	St Marys' Supporters Club
December 2022	9 th or 16 th TBC

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