



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



AGENDA OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 17th December 2021 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:10

The Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by Our Chairman Michael Hobden.

Members Present: Michael Hobden, David Harding, Mark Harding, Colin Kemp, Darryl Twinch, Lee Harding, Alan South, David Collett, Peter Crowhurst, Jerry Docherty, Peter Head, Ray Hughes, Jack Neil, Alan Mayers, Dave Scott, John Talme, Peter Wyatt, Brian Scott, Tex Rees-Avery and Tim Maloney.

Apologies for Absence: Steve Winter, Paul Hughes, Peter Barnard, Mick Bird, Brian Cager, David Collins, Mark Eve, Sean Kelly, Ray Metcalfe, Peter Marcantonio, Bob Parker, Doug Raynsford, Fred Rossington, John Shill, Michael Taylor, Brian Walter and Steve White.

Chairman's Report: Thanked all for attending Lewes Armistice and Remembrance Parades. A very good turnout by our Branch Members.

Michael also Welcomed New Members Brian Scott, Tex Rees-Avery and Tim Maloney to our Branch and provided them with their Members Cards, Rule Book and Branch Lapel Badge.

Michael also wished Members a very Merry Christmas and a much better 2022.

Treasurer's Report: TBC.

Welfare Officers Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month.

Secretaries Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 26th November 2021. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Peter Wyatt and seconded by Darryl Twinch. Carried.
2. Nothing further to update regarding having to become Members of St Marys' Supporters Club. Mark will advise as and when.
3. Mark provided an update from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty.
4. CWGC 3 dates outside of normal Meeting dates; Nothing heard back as yet.
5. Annual Dinner 2021. Mark has re-booked this venue for Our Annual Dinner on Saturday 28th May 2022. The event is limited to a maximum of 34 Members/Guests. More details to follow regarding menus etc.

Members discussed inviting an Honorary Guest and it was agreed that we invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewes. Michael Hobden will send an invite.

6. Mark advised that it that time of year again to ask current Branch Officers and Committee Members if they wish to stand again for 2022.

The following Members confirmed that they would like to stand again:

Current Role	Name	Remain
President	Vacant	
Chairman	Michael Hobden	Yes
Vice Chairman	David Harding	Yes
Secretary	Mark Harding	Yes
Welfare Officer	Lee Harding	Yes
Standard Bearer	Darryl Twinch	Yes
Chaplin	Reverend Canon Judith Egar	Yes
Additional Committee Members	Darryl Twinch	Yes
	Steve Winter	TBC
	Alan South	Yes
	Paul Hughes	Yes

Colin Kemp advised that he would like to stand down as our Treasurer. This was discussed and Lee Harding confirmed that he would like to take on this role.

This was put to the Members and there were no other Members wishing to take up this role. Therefore, it was agreed that if no Members that were not present come forward to volunteer for this, then Lee Harding would take over as our Treasurer in 2022 and be voted in at our AGM on 28th January 2022.

We would like to thank Colin for his extreme hard work and commitment to our Branch as our Treasurer over many years.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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:

10. 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 that are no longer with us. All Members agreed that this would be more pertinent to us. Rank and Name will be added to this. Mark will discuss further with Colin to look at what we can provide.
11. Mark thanked Jack for putting on a great Combined Services Dinner on Saturday 11th December at the Green Man. It was well attended, and all seemed to have had a great evening. Jack confirmed that £205.00 had been raised for the ABF.
12. Branch Standard: Mark had confirmed that he had put in the order for this at a cost of £373.79 of which RAA HQ have put £187.00 towards this. Upon receiving the proof, Mark advised that we had only been quoted for the print to be on one side. The additional cost for this mix up by the suppliers has been reduced to an additional £68.44 which Members agreed on paying. Mark has since confirmed this with the suppliers and this has now gone to production.
13. Lewes Breakfast Club. Mark had received an email from Steve Scudder at Eastbourne District AFVBC and also spoke to Jack Neil and Dave Scott regarding this. Dave has confirmed that Lewes Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club will be taking place on the 4th Sunday of the month, at St Mary's from 9am.

The first live run will be on Sunday 23rd January - initially spaces will be limited to 20 until it takes off. Cost is £6 per head unless you are either a WW2 or Korean war veteran in which case it will be free.

Reservations by phone on 07547 905 913 or by email to edafvbc.lewes@yahoo.com

Please see the flyer attached to this email.

14. It was agreed that our December Meeting that we provide a buffet. This was provided by Mark free to thank all Members for their hard work and commitment to Our Branch.

With no other business, our December 2021 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:45.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be our AGM on Friday 28th January 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

LEWES BRANCH RAA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club
Dress: Regimental Ties and Blazers
Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Chairman: Michael Hobden

Treasurer: Colin Kemp

Secretary: Mark Harding

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