



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 29th July 2022 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

Members Present: Michael Hobden, David Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, Paul Hughes, Jerry Docherty, Tex Rees-Avery, Peter Crowhurst, Mark Eve, Peter Head, Bob Parker, Brian Scott, Dave Scott, Jim Talmey, John Talmey, Steve White, Peter Wyatt and Ken Amys.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Darryl Twinch, Alan South, David Collins, Rev. Egar, Ray Metcalfe, Peter Marcantonio, Doug Raynsford, John Shill, Michael Taylor and Brian Walter.

Chairman's Report: Michael Hobden welcomed Members to the July 2022 Meeting. Michael thanked Sue & Jerry Docherty for organising a great Race Night last Saturday and thanks Alan South for the kind donation of a bottle of spirits as an additional prize. All had a great evening. Michael then welcomed new Member Ken Amys and provided him with his Membership Card and Lewes Branch RAA lapel badge.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Harding advised that the amount available in the bank is £1,051.82.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee Harding advised that all Members had been contacted this month and no issues arisen. Our President Peter Godding sends his love and best wishes to all Members.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Meeting held on 24th June 2022. With no comments, the Minutes were voted and passed as correct. Proposed by Bob Parker and seconded by Steve White. 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. Race Night 2022. All Members had a great evening and the Branch raised £331.00. As agreed, £165.00 of this has been donated with thanks to the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund (RACF).
5. 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.
6. The Dedication to Our New Branch Standard & Branch BBQ will take place on Sunday 21st August 2022 followed by Our Branch BBQ at St Marys'. See form at bottom for attendees to date.

Dedication to Standard at St Anne's Church at 13:00.

Dress: Regt Ties and Blazers (Medals may be worn). Ladies dress equivalent.

Move to St Marys' ready for 14:00 start.

Dress: Loud Shirts. Changing facilities are available.

Would Members please let Mark 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, Jerry and Tex have all confirmed that they will provide a gazebo each for the event.

7. Lewes Branch RAA Christmas Dinner Saturday 26th November 2022. Menus for The John Harvey Tavern to follow. Max available to attend is 35. It was agreed that we invite two Members from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty. Mark to send invites once menus are available.
8. Website Gallery Area: please send photos to Mark/Lee who will add these on our website.
9. Check emails. As always, remind all Members to please periodically check your emails for all info regarding our Branch and the RAA in general.
10. 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.

AOB:

11. Nic Dockree Brighton - Ex Boy Service RA Funeral. Wed 10th August 2022 at Downs Crematorium 14:00. White Horse Rottingdean after – all welcome. We have been asked to provide a Standard Bearer if possible. Tex has volunteered for this. All Members are welcome to attend the funeral and wake. Dress: RAA Blazers and Regt Ties.
12. Roll of Honour Board. Nothing to report.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 not to.
16. 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.
17. Bob Parker advised that if you hold a Defence Service Discount Card; this entitles you to a 33% discount for entering Newhaven Fort.
18. Mark Eve suggested two possible events for future day trip. The RE Museum in Gillingham, Kent and The RAF Manston Museum in Ramsgate. Discuss at our next Meeting.

With no other business, our July 2022 Meeting of Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:40.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Event to be held is Our Dedication to Our Branch Standard and Branch BBQ on Sunday 21st August 2022 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

Venue: St Anne's Church
Dress: Regt Ties and Blazers (Medals may be worn). Ladies dress equivalent.
Timings: 12:30 for 13:00 start

The move to:

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club
Dress: Loud Shirts
Timings: Directly after the Dedication to Our Standard.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 26th August 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

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

- **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: Loud Shirts. Changing area is available.

Ser	Name	Dieppe Raid	RAA Dedication/BBQ
1	Peter Godding		
2	Michael Hobden		1
3	David Harding	1	1
4	Mark Harding	1 Wreath	1
5	Lee Harding	0	2
6	Darryl Twinch	1 Std Bearer	1
7	Jerry Docherty	1	2
8	Paul Hughes		2
9	Alan South		1
10	Steve Winter		1
11	Tex Rees-Avery		2 +
12	Peter Barnard		
13	Mick Bird		
14	Brian Cager		0
15	Gary Caulfield		
16	David Collett		
17	David Collins		
18	Peter Crowhurst	1	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		
30	Simon Odey		
31	Robbie Parker		
32	Doug Raynsford		
33	Fred Rossington		
34	Brian Scott	0	1
35	Dave Scott		
36	John Shill	0	
37	Paul Spooner		
38	Jim Talmey		1
39	John Talmey		1
40	Ray Talmey		1
41	Michael Taylor		2
42	Brian Walter		
43	Steve White (Knocker)		
44	Peter Wyatt		
		6	22 +

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	0				
40	Ray Talmey					
41	Michael Taylor					
42	Brian Walter					
43	Steve White		1	1		
44	Peter Wyatt					
	TOTALS	1	15	15	3	1