



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 25th March 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, Darryl Twinch, Jerry Docherty, Alan South, Tex Rees-Avery, David Collins, Mark Eve, Peter Head, Ray Hughes, Colin Kemp, Bob Parker, John Shill, John Talmey, Steve White and Peter Wyatt.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Godding, Paul Hughes, Peter Crowhurst, Rev. Egar, Alan Mayers, Ray Metcalfe, Jack Neil, Doug Raynsford, Brian Scott, Dave Scott and Michael Taylor.

Chairman's Report: Michael Hobden welcomed Members to the Meeting and thanked all for the card sent to his Wife. 18 Members attended.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that the total funds available are £921.70.

Welfare Officer's Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted during this month. Peter Godding sends his 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 25th February 2022. With no comments, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct. Proposed by Michael Hobden and seconded by Darryl Twinch. Carried.
2. Mark reminded Members that we are asked to join St Marys' Supporters Club. Membership is £15.00 per person or £10.00 if over 65 years – per year.
3. Mark provided an update from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty.
4. Mark attended the NEC at Larkhill on Wed 16th March 2022. Mark provided an update.
5. **Gunner Sunday** was held at Royal Hospital Chelsea on Sunday 24th April 2022. Jerry provided an update on the costs for transport. Jerry gave a brief update on the transport booking and cost which is £103.00. Jerry is liaising with Lee regarding the hire. 10 Members are booked to attend.
6. 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 original email to you regarding booking this event. There are currently 5 Members attending this event.
7. **Annual Dinner 2022.** This is booked Saturday 28th May 2022.

As at today, the maximum of 34 attendees have been confirmed. Should any places become available, Mark will advise Members accordingly.

8. **RA Service of Remembrance** at NMA. Sat 2nd July 2022. Please refer to the info provided and send via email.

9. Sat 23rd July 2022: **Race Night at St Marys'**. Members agreed that we also invite Members of St Marys'. Jerry will organise and provide all details relevant soonest. Jerry will liaise with Tex regarding St Marys'. Lee agreed to provide a flyer/poster for website/Facebook and St Marys'. It was also agreed that we should provide a buffet for this evening.
10. **Dedication to the New Standard & Branch BBQ.** Agreed to take place on Sunday 21st August 2022 followed by a Branch BBQ at St Marys'. Dress for the Dedication will be Regt Ties and Blazers. For the BBQ, changing facilities are available at St Marys'.
11. Reminded 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.
12. Reminded 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.
13. Reminded 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:

14. Roll of Honour board. Mark to liaise with Colin.
15. Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club held at St Marys' on the last 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.
16. 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.
17. Wall space in the Meeting Room. Paul Hughes advised that he take the lead and coordinate this. Ideas and suggestions to Paul please. Members like the idea of RA related plaques along the top of the wall. Any Members who would like to donate an RA related plaque or anything else, please bring along to the next Meeting.
18. Jerry didn't win the raffle!!
19. There was also a discussion in the bar after the Meeting with some members regarding the upkeep of our 25 Pounder. Alan advised he would lead on this and discuss with Members at our April Meeting.

With no other business, our March 2022 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:30.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be on Friday 29th April 2022 at The Dorset. 22 Malling St, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2RD.

Venue: The Dorset (Function Room)
Dress: Smart Casual
Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start

Lewes Branch RAA 2022 Monthly Meeting Forecast:

29 th April 2022	The Dorset. 22 Malling St, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2RD.
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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