



ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
LEWES BRANCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Lewes Branch of the Royal Artillery Association
27th July 2018 at St Mary's Supporters Club
Meeting Opened at 20:00

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

Members Present: Michael Hobden, Peter Godding, Jack Neil, Michael Taylor, Peter Wyatt, Russel Simpson, Peter Crowhurst, Darryl Twinch, Colin Kemp, Mark Harding, Sean Kelly, Alan South, David Harding and Lee Harding.

Apologies for Absence: Mick Bird, Paul Hughes and Brian Cager.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer Colin Kemp advised the current amount available in the bank stands at [REDACTED] as at 27/07/2018.

Secretaries Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 27th April 2018. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Peter Wyatt and seconded by Alan South. Carried.
2. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 29th June 2018. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Michael Taylor and seconded by Michael Hobden. Carried.
3. Mark provided copies of the Forecast of Events from RAA HQ along with the Annual Reports for Members to view.
4. Mark reminded Members with regards to the completion of Privacy Forms required by RAA HQ and explained what these are for. Some Members advised that they had already received and returned these completed to RAA HQ.
5. Members discussed the success of our Annual Dinner held at the White Hart on 26th May 2018. There were limited slight disappointments with regards to the food served and Mark advised he would pass this on to the venue.
6. Mark confirmed with Members that the Christmas Dinner be held at the White Hart on Saturday 24th November 2018 in the Sheriffs Room. Timings confirmed as arrive at 18:30 for sit down at 19:00.

Dress will be Blazers and Regimental Ties (Medals may be worn). Ladies dress equivalent.

Mark has received the menus both for the event and will bring them along to the September Meeting.

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen
Chairman: Michael Hobden
Treasurer: Colin Kemp
Secretary: Mark Harding

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AOB:

1. Jack Neil advised with regards to the RBL Race Night being held at St Marys' Supporters Club on Saturday 25th August 2018. Mark provided leaflets for Members to view that he had received. Doors open at 19:30 with the first race starting at 20:15. Please feel free to donate a raffle prize to help make the night better. All proceeds to the RBL Lewes Branch.
2. Mark advised that he had received two applications for possible new Members and will contact them directly.
3. Darryl advised that the Annual Dieppe Raid Commemoration is to be held on 12th August 2018 where he would be parading our Standard. All Members welcome to attend. Darryl provided full details.
4. Darryl also advised that the Royal Sussex Dinner was to be held on 8th September 2018 and would provide full details to interested Members.
5. Members asked is it would be possible for any Member(s) that attends a functions/events etc to provide a brief stand up talk at the next Meeting with details of how the day/event went etc.
6. Members then discussed future dinners whereby we would normally invite an Honourary Guest and/or other Guests from other Associations. It was agreed that we would continue to invite an Honourary Guest to our Annual Dinner only and that other Guests from other Associations we would invite to our Christmas Dinner.

With no other business, the July 2018 Meeting of the Lewes Branch of the RAA closed at 20:40.

The next Meeting will be at St Marys' Supporters Club on Friday 28th September 2018.

Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start.

Dress: Casual.