



LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



AGENDA OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28th January 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, Darryl Twinch, Lee Harding, Steve Winter, Paul Hughes, Mick Bird, David Collett, Peter Crowhurst, Jerry Docherty, Rev. Canon Judith Egar, Peter Head, Tim Maloney, Jack Neil, Peter Marcantonio, Alan Mayers, Fred Rossington, Brian Scott, John Shill, John Talmev and Peter Wyatt.

Apologies for Absence: Colin Kemp, Alan South, David Collins, Mark Eve, Peter Godding, Bob Parker, Dave Scott, Michael Taylor, Brian Walter and Steve White.

Chairman's Report: Michael wishes all Member a belated Happy New Year and welcomed a great 22 Members to our AGM.

Treasurer's Report: In Colin's absence, Mark advised that there is currently £791.95 available in the Bank.

Mark provided a copy of the Lewes Branch RAA 2021 Annual Accounts for Members to view.

These Accounts were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by John Talmev and seconded by Paul Hughes. Carried.

Welfare Officers Report: Lee advised that all Members had been contacted this month. Lee also advised that Peter Godding's Wife Pat and Sussex Yeomanry Member Jim Hedger have sadly passed away. Condolences were sent to both Families.

Lee also advised that he is able to set up a presentation from a Volunteer at SSAFA. Members showed great interest in this and Lee advised he would arrange this to go ahead during one of our monthly Meetings.

Fred mentioned an old comrade Tony Crowson who may like visitors/contact etc. Fred agreed to send Mark further details to follow up.

Jack also mentioned that the NHS help providing assistance methods for such things as putting on socks etc. Jack to send Lee details.

Secretaries Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 17th December 2021. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Michael Hobden and seconded by Steve Winter. Carried.
2. Mark sent an email out in December with regards to the Officers and Committee Members standing again in 2022, and asking if any Member would like to take on a role:
 - a. The following current Officers and Committee Members were voted enblock to stand again for 2022. Carried.

Chairman	Michael Hobden
Vice Chairman	David Harding
Secretary	Mark Harding
Welfare Officer	Lee Harding
Standard Bearer	Darryl Twinch
Chaplain	Rev. Canon Judith Egar
Committee Members of four	Darryl Twinch
	Steve Winter
	Alan South
	Paul Hughes

- b. In Mark's email in December and at our December Meeting, Mark advised that Colin Kemp has chosen to stand down as our Branch Treasurer. Lee Harding volunteered to take on this role. As no other Members requested to take on this role.

This was voted enblock. Carried.

We Minute our sincere thanks to Colin Kemp for his tremendous dedication and commitment as our Treasurer over many years.

- c. Darryl Twinch proposed that due to the dedication, commitment and long service to our Branch, that Peter Godding be elected as Lewes Branch RAA President.

This was put to our Members and voted enblock. Carried.

- d. It was discussed regarding setting up an Entertainments Group to assist in the organisation and execution of annual events. The current Committee Members of 4 would be included in this and Jerry Docherty also volunteered to join and head up this group.

This was put to our Members and voted enblock. Carried.

Therefore, the Officers and Committee Members for Lewes Branch RAA for 2022 are:

President	Peter Godding
Chairman	Michael Hobden
Vice Chairman	David Harding
Secretary	Mark Harding
Treasurer	Lee Harding
Welfare Officer	Lee Harding
Standard Bearer	Darryl Twinch
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3. 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.

Alternatively, each and every time we hold a Meeting or Event, it would cosy £2.00 per Members.

This was discussed in depth and was agreed that all Members should pay their own subscription fee to St Marys'. Mark will email all Members the Application Form for St Marys'.

4. Mark provided an update from our Affiliated Bty, 43 Bty.
5. Annual Dinner 2021. This is booked Saturday 28th May 2022. The event is limited to a maximum of 34 Members/Guests. Mark is awaiting Menu's and costs from the venue and will provide the ASAP>

It was agreed that we invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewes. Michael Hobden will send an invite. It was also agreed that we invite two Serving Members from 43 Bty. Mark will arrange this.

It was also discussed and agreed that the raffle be in the 'envelope' format for this event.

6. The RA Gold Cup is being held at Sandown Race Park on Thursday 17th February 2022. Please see Mark's email to you regarding booking this event.
7. 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, David Harding, Lee Harding, Jerry & Sue Docherty, Bob Parker, John Talmey, Paul Hughes and Jane Davey and David Collett.

There are 10 Members attending so far. Mark will look into the costs of minibus hire and revert back to Members soonest.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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:

12. 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.
13. All who attended the first Lewes Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club last Sunday, thanked Shirley, Sheila, Dave Scott, Jack, Alan Mayers and Steve Townsend for putting on a great first Breakfast. Alan advised that the April Breakfast may be postponed but will update accordingly. The next Breakfast is on Sunday 27th February 2022. Please book Reservations directly by phone on 07547 905 913 or by email to edafvbc.lewes@yahoo.com
14. Darryl presented to members our new Branch Standard. Darryl also proposed that we hold a Dedication to the New Standard. We shall discuss this during our February Meeting to arrange.
15. Darryl proposed that we invite Steve Townsend (RNR) as an Associate Member of our Branch. This was agreed by all. Mark will write to Steve with an invitation.

16. Mark provided the article from the Lewes News that Dave Scott managed to get in there free for us. Many thanks to Dave.
17. The 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 directly at jackneil69@hotmail.com with your requirements.
18. It was discussed as to what to do with our old Standard. Various suggestions were raised but was agreed that we should use this to display at events etc.
19. 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.
20. 2022 Events were discussed, and it was agreed that we hold a BBQ, Games Evening and possible Day Trips. The Entertainments Group were therefore asked to provide dates for a BBQ and Games Evening. All Members were asked to submit further suggestions to discuss during our February Meeting.

With no other business, our January 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 21:15.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be our AGM on Friday 25th February 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 February 2022	St Marys' - Pool Room
25 th March 2022	St Marys' - Pool Room
15 th April 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room, No availability at the Club for other Fridays due to Panto
20 th May 2022	St Marys' - Committee Room. Due to Annual Dinner on 28 th May 2022.
24 th June 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
29 th July 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
26 th August 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
30 th September 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
28 th October 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
25 th November 2022	St Marys' – Committee Room
December 2022	9 th or 16 th TBC

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Chairman: Michael Hobden

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