



ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION LEWES BRANCH



MINUTES OF THE LEWES BRANCH ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION 20th August 2021 – 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, Colin Kemp, Darryl Twinch, Lee Harding, Paul Hughes, Jerry Docherty, Rev. Canon Judith Egar, Ray Hughes, Jack Neil, Peter Marcantonio, Alan Mayers, Bob Parker, Dave Scott, John Talmey and Peter Wyatt.

Apologies for Absence: Steve Winter, Alan South, Mick Bird, Brian Cager, David Collett, David Collins, Peter Crowhurst, Mark Eve, Des Foord, Peter Godding, Peter Head, Sean Kelly, Ray Metcalfe, Mick Norris, Doug Raynsford, Fred Rossington, John Shill, Ray Talmey, Michael Taylor, Brian Walter & Steve White.

Chairman's Report: Michael Hobden Welcomed all Members to the Meeting. Michael stressed the need to reach out to any Afghanistan Veterans that may require any assistance due to the current situation.

Treasurer's Report: £80.95 paid in from Bar Drawers last month, £37.00 paid out for two Wreaths. £100.00 set aside for Des Foord Memorabilia. Available £570.68 incl £20.00 petty cash.

Welfare Officers Report: Lee advised that Mick Norris is currently in hospital and has send a card on our behalf. No further update available with regards to Des Foord. All Members have been contacted during this month.

Secretaries Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 23rd July 2021. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Darryl Twinch and seconded by Lee Harding. Carried.
2. Mark advised that the amended GAI's are available and have been sent to all Members that have email.
3. Mark advised Members to contact him if they require a copy of the Forecast of Events (also on our website) or a copy of the RAA 2020 Accounts.
4. Members thanked Darryl for Bearing Our Standard at the Annual Dieppe Raid Memorial on 8th August.
5. 43 Bty Update: No further update.
6. CWGC 3 dates outside of normal Meeting dates; Nothing heard back as yet.
7. The re-scheduling of Our Service of Remembrance. Members discussed and agreed that this be scheduled for October. Mark to liaise with Rev. Canon Egar to arrange a date and time. Mark to revert back.
8. Lewes Branch RAA Games Evening on Saturday 28th August 2021. Names to Mark ASAP. Games include at moment Skittles, Cards incl Cribbage, Boules, Dominoes.

Mark has booked the use of the Garden and Meeting Room between 15:00 – 19:00 at a cost of £10.00 per hour. Buffet style food will be organised by Mark at a cost of no greater than £10.00 per head.

We will be holding a raffle as usual and ask Members to please provide prizes for this. Like the BBQ, the more taken on the raffle, the less we have to pay for the hire and the food.

Spouse/Partners/Guest are also welcome.

Timings: 15:00 – 19:00 (We are able to use the bar afterwards should Members wish to stay on).

Dress: As you are.

9. Race Night at St Marys'. Due to ongoing events, it was agreed that this be parked until the New Year.
10. Mark can confirm that the Annual Dinner 2021 will be held at The John Harvey Tavern on Saturday 9th October 2021. The event is limited to a maximum of 40 Members/Guests. This will be held on a first-come-first-served basis. Partners and Guests welcome.

Would Members please let Mark know ASAP of your attendance and menu choices to ascertain numbers to then see if we are able to then invite Honoured Guests etc?

Timings: Arrive 18:30 for sit down at 19:00.

Dress: Regt Ties, Blazers/Suits (Medals may be worn). Partners/Guest dress equivalent.

We will be holding a raffle as usual and ask Members to please provide prizes for this.

11. Darryl spoke to Mick Larkin with regards to a Branch visit to the little museum under the Town Hall. Mark will discuss dates with Mick at our Games Evening and revert back.
12. Mark 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.
13. Mark 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.
14. Mark 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:

1. Des Foord 25 Pounder. As discussed. Mark has delivered the piece to the guy as discussed on 28th July with a view of plugging the barrel and adding a vent on the side or upwards to enable us to use this as a Gavel. The cost should be no greater than £50.00. This will ensure that we keep the piece for the use it was designed for.
2. Nothing further to update regarding having to become Members of St Marys' Supporters Club. Mark will advise as and when.
3. Roll of Honour with the RA CWG in the Lewes Area. As previously, Lee advised that the cost of this may be very high and was looking into other alternatives. Peter Head also advised that he may have a source and will look into this and revert back to us.
4. Dave Scott advised that the Chess Set from Des Foord is going to auction next week and will revert back to us.
5. Jack Neil advised with regarding to NHS Veterans priority treatment. You will need to contact your GP and ensure the code 17JY is attached to your file to note that you are a Veteran.
6. Jack advised that Remembrance Parade is planned to go ahead as normal this year. Please note that Armistice Day is on Thursday 11th November and Remembrance Parade is on Sunday 14th November. Once details are available, Mark will advise all.

7. Jack also confirmed that the Combined Services Dinner 2021 will be held at The Green Man in Ringmer on Saturday 11th December 2021. Once more details are available, Mark will provide to all.
8. Alan Mayers advised that him and Jack had recently been to the Breakfast Club in Eastbourne and is looking to possibly set up a Breakfast Club in the Lewes Area. Alan is currently looking for a suitable venue to host this. He will revert back with more details and things progress.

With no other business, our August 2021 Meeting of the Lewes Branch RAA closed at 20:40.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Event will be held on Saturday 28th August 2021 for our Games Evening at St Marys' Supporters Club.

Dress: As you are

Timings: 15:00 to 19:00. Members wishing to stay on afterwards in the Bar are most welcome to.

The next Lewes Branch RAA Meeting will be held on Friday 17th September 2021 at St Marys' Supporters Club.

Dress: Smart Casual

Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start

Please see the list below for those Members who have already confirmed their attendance at various Events as at today.

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Chairman: Michael Hobden

Treasurer: Colin Kemp

Secretary: Mark Harding

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CURRENT ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS

Games Evening 28th August 2021Monthly Meeting 17th September 2021Annual Dinner 9th October 2021

Name	Games Evening 28 th August	No's	Monthly Meeting 17 th September	No's	Annual Dinner 9 th October	No's
Michael Hobden	No	0	Yes	1		0
David Harding (Budge)	Yes	2	Yes	1		0
Mark Harding	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	1
Colin Kemp	No	0	Yes	1		0
Darryl Twinch	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	2
Lee Harding	Yes	1	Yes	1		0
Steve Winter	No	0		0		0
Alan South	Yes	1		0		0
Paul Hughes	Yes	1	Yes	1		0
Mick Bird	No	0		0		0
Brian Cager	No	0		0		0
David Collett	No	0		0		0
David Collins	No	0		0		0
Peter Crowhurst	No	0		0		0
Jerry Docherty	Yes	2	Yes	1	Yes	2
Rev Canon Judith Egar		0		0		0
Mark Eve	No	0		0		0
Des Foord	No	0		0		0
Peter Godding	No	0		0		0
Peter Head	Yes	1		0		0
Ray Hughes		0		0		0
Sean Kelly	No	0		0		0
Raymond Metcalfe	No	0		0		0
Peter Marcantonio	No	0	Yes	1	Yes	1
Alan Mayers		0		0		0
Mick Norris	No	0		0		0
Jack Neil		0		0		0
Simon Odey		0		0		0
Robbie Parker	Yes	2	Yes	1		0
Doug Raynsford	No	0		0		0
Fred Rossington	No	0		0		0
Dave Scott	Yes	2		0		0
John Shill	No	0		0		0
Paul Spooner		0		0		0
Jim Talmey	No	0		0		0
John Talmey	Yes	1	Yes	1		0
Ray Talmey	No	0		0		0
Michael Taylor	No	0		0		0
Brian Walter	No	0		0		0
Steve White (Knocker)	No	0		0		0
Peter Wyatt	No	0		0		0
Tex & Carly Rees-Avery	Yes	2		0		0
Mick Larkin	Yes	1		0		0
	TOTALS	18	TOTALS	11	TOTALS	6