



LEWES & SUSSEX BRANCH

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 26th June 2026 – St Marys' Supporters Club Meeting Opened at 20:00

The Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by our Committee Member, John Talmey.

Members Present: Budge Harding, Mark Harding, Lee Harding, John Talmey, Darryl Twinch, Mark Eve, Chris Kemp, Colin Kemp, Jim Talmey and Steve Winter.

Apologies for Absence: Bob Parker, Jerry Docherty, Paul Hughes, Tex Rees-Avery, Mick Bird, John Bishop, Brian Cager, Peter Crowhurst, Peter Head, Phil Kemp, Ray Metcalfe, Gary Miles, Brian Scott, John Shill, Alan South, Ray Talmey, Michael Taylor, John Woollard and Peter Wyatt.

Chairman's Report: John Talmey welcomed all Members to the Meeting. John also thanked all who attended the Chattri Annual memorial and advised that the day went very well.

Treasurer's Report: Lee advised that there is currently £926.54 available in our funds.

Welfare Officer's Report: On behalf of Paul Hughes, Mark provided a Welfare update to all. Members wishing further info, please contact Paul directly.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes from our Monthly Meeting held on 29th May 2026. With no comments, the Minutes were voted and passed as correct. Proposed by Darryl Twinch and seconded by Mark Eve. Carried.
2. Further to Mark's email sent regarding Lewes TC consultation to change the timings for Remembrance Parade to 11am, it has been confirmed that timings will remain as is.
3. We will be holding our Annual BBQ on Saturday 1st August 2026 from 1300 onwards. Volunteers are required for assisting with this event. Lee & Lynda have volunteered to provide pasta bowls. Lawrence and Chris have volunteered to assist with cooking and Ray with the setup of this event. Budge has volunteered to provide a gazebo. Mark H will provide coleslaw. Please advise soonest if you are available with the set up and strip out etc, or any other duties.
4. 43 Bty Update: Mark provided Members with a 43 Bty Update.
5. The Dieppe Raid Commemoration Sunday 9th August 2025. It has been confirmed that Darryl will be our Standard Bearer & Jim Talmey our Wreath Layer. John T, Mark H also attending. Names applied for the lunch are as follows: Darryl Twinch, John Talmey, Mark Harding, Jim Talmey, Colin & Chris Kemp.
6. Please remember to check your emails as this is the main medium of contact to all Members.
7. Branch Website. Send photos to Lee who will add these on the Gallery Area of our website. Please also contact Lee or Mark for access to the Members Area of our website. <https://www.theraalewes.co.uk/>

8. Lewes Branch RAA business cards are now available to carry and hand out. They will be available for collection at every Meeting.

AOB:

9. Branch Dinners. Mark emailed all Members to see if they would attend Dinners outside of Lewes. Ray to look into Newhaven. It was discussed and decided that our 2026 Xmas Dinner will go ahead at Lewes Golf Club, and we will continue to look into other venues in the meantime. Due to parking restrictions, it was agreed not to follow up on The Cumberland Hotel. Mid Sussex Golf Club was suggested, but due to the remoteness of this venue, it was decided not to pursue. Mark Eve contacted The View Hotel in Eastbourne and awaits their responses.
10. Ray suggested holding an event in support of the Great Tommy Sleep Out. Ray to advise.
11. Darryl advised that he would be attending the stand organized by Clare Crouch on AFD 2026 in Lewes.

With no other business, our Lewes Branch RAA June 2026 Meeting closed at 20:50.

The next Branch Meeting will be on 24th July 2026.

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club.
Dress: Smart Casual.
Timings: 1915 for 1930 Start for Committee Meeting.
1930 for 2000 start for General Meeting.

The next Branch Event our Annual Summer BBQ will be on 1st August 2026.

Venue: St Marys' Supporters Club.
Dress: BBQ Dress.
Timings: 1300 onwards.

Captain-General and Patron: His Majesty King Charles III

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