



ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
LEWES BRANCH

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

Commemoration of The Gunners: Read by our Vice Chairman Peter Godding.

Members Present: Peter Godding, Brian Walter, Mick Taylor, Peter Wyatt, Darryl Twinch, Colin Kemp, Mick Bird, Mick Norris, Mark Harding, David Harding, Alan South, Lee Harding, Peter Crowhurst and Jack Neil.

Apologies for Absence: Michael Hobden, Des Foord, Steve Winter, Ray Metcalfe, Paul Hughes, Sean Kelly and Russel Simpson.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer Colin Kemp advised that as at 16th April 2018 the available cash in the bank is:

Secretaries Report:

1. Mark asked for any comments from the Members with regards to the Minutes for our Meeting held on 30th March 2018. With no comments advised, the Minutes were voted on and passed as correct with no comments. Proposed by Peter Godding and seconded by Darryl Twinch. Carried.
2. Mark provided copies of the Forecast of Events, the RA Assembly and the RAA 2017 accounts for all Members to read.
4. Mark confirmed that the 2018 Annual Dinner to be held at the White Hart on Saturday 26th May 2018 was close to finalising. The close off date for attendees and menu choices is Saturday 19th May 2018.

Timings: Arrive at 18:30 ready for seating at 19:00.

Dress: Regt Ties and Blazers/Suits (Medals may be worn). Partners & Guests Dress Equivalent.

Cost: £22.00 per person excluding drinks.

Would all Members please check the attached menu choices to ensure they are correct?

AOB:

1. Mark reminded Members that the 2018 Grand Draw raffle tickets are now available from him. Mark will bring them along to all Meetings. Latest to receive raffle money in is July 2018 meeting.
2. A Summer Event was again discussed. Members initially discussed the possibility of a trip to visit 43 Bty RA at our March meeting and now Mark advised that the Bty were extremely busy and does not think this would be an option this year so would all Members please have a think and suggest options during our Annual Dinner.

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Chairman: Michael Hobden

Treasurer: Colin Kemp

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3. Darryl advised that he will be parading our Branch Standard at the 67th Annual Chattri Memorial Service on Sunday 10th June 2018 at 14:30. The Chattri is the Memorial built to Honour the Indian dead of the First World War. All Members are encouraged to attend also.

Darryl also advised that he had been contacted by them to ask if we would like to lay a wreath. It was agreed that we put to vote and passed. Proposed by Mark Harding and seconded by Darryl Twinch. Carried.

Mark asked Members if they would like to lay the wreath and it stood that at this time, Mark would do this unless another Members wishes to do so.

4. Mark advised Members that one of our Members, Ray Metcalfe, has advised that he will be no longer able to attend Meetings due to hanging up his gloves "so to speak" as he is approaching his 80th and will be giving up driving next year so his mobility will be an issue. Mark confirmed that he has been in contact with Ray to wish him all the best and advised Ray will remain in our Branch as a Non-Attending Member and will continue to receive our Meeting Minutes and updates and is very welcome to future Meetings and events.
5. Jack advised that the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band would be giving a concert of Remembrance, Reflection and Celebration marking the many significant anniversaries that have taken place during 2018 at Lewes Town Hall by kind permission of the Mayor of Lewes on 10th November 2018 from 15:30 for 16:00. All Members are very welcome to attend this event. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the RBL.
6. Mark asked Jack if there were any plans with regards to the 100 Year Celebrations. Jack advised that this was currently not on the agenda with the Lewes Council and went on to discuss other possible options. Jack advised he would keep us updated.
7. Jack advised that the Trooping the Colour tickets were on their way and would confirm once arrived.

With no other business, the April 2018 Meeting of the Lewes Branch of the RAA closed at 20:35.

The next Meeting will be our Annual Dinner on Friday 26th May 2018 at The White Hart – Lewes. 18:30 for 19:00 sit down.

The next RAA Lewes Branch Meeting will be held on Friday 29th June 2018 at St Marys Supporters Club.

Timings: 19:30 for 20:00 start.

Dress: Casual.