

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JANUARY-MARCH 2022



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AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am sure members will appreciate the restrictions created by the Covid -19 pandemic have, over the past two years, made it difficult to organise functions, and, sadly, key members of the committee have died, and some have had to retire. Throughout the lock-down, tributes and donations have continued to be sent on the passing of members, and birthday cards have also been sent, thanks to those members of the committee who are responsible for those tasks.

On Thursday the 17th March the Committee were able to meet for the first time this year, Covid-19 restrictions lifted, the Brigade have allowed us to hold our meetings back at Billericay Fire Station. It was great to welcome new members to the committee, Jan Caldwell, Jan Baker and Dave Birks. Members are reminded that the search for new blood to join the committee continues and a warm welcome awaits. During the meeting it was proposed to organise a lunch event in June/July and provided the Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease, a theatre trip will be arranged for later in the year.

Following a letter sent to the new Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Rick Hylton asking him to follow the tradition of becoming the RMA President, he has requested a meeting with the Secretary and Chairman, a very welcome gesture. The meeting is due to take place in late April at Service H.Q.

The AGM will be held on the 28th of May at the Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HP. This is a couple of weeks later than normal, the reason being to allow key members of the committee to recover from medical treatment. Please inform the Chairman smudger39@live.co.uk or the Secretary barrycable@gmail.com of your intention to attend to allow for the appropriate expenditure on catering. With many members living in the North of the county who have to travel considerable distances to meetings held in the south, it was considered reasonable to hold the AGM more centrally this year.



Annual General Meeting of The Retired Members Association

Saturday 28th May 2022 at 14:00 hrs

Village Hall, Maldon Road,
Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HP

RSVP smudger39@live.co.uk or
barrycable@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Do you know anyone who would like to become a member of the RMA for only £2 per year? They will receive a birthday card each year and be kept up to date with the Newsletters, plus details of all events etc.

**Please email the RMA Secretary on
barryccable@gmail.com**

Let's ensure that all retired ECFRS personnel are able to keep in touch with their former colleagues

EVENTS

Members will be pleased to learn that the RMA Committee are now starting to plan for events in 2022. Apart from the Annual General Meeting on 28th May, as announced above, investigations are ongoing for one or two lunch events and maybe, later in the year, a visit to a theatre. This is, of course, all dependent on the situation with regard to Covid-19, and if the Government determines that it becomes essential to reintroduce safeguards, unfortunately the plans will have to be put on hold again.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMA is very pleased to welcome the following new members: Andrew Bishop, Brenda Goodrick, Nigel Gregory, Simon Whitworth.

OBITUARY

It is with regret we have to announce the passing of the following RMA members since the last Newsletter: Keith Narbrough, Bob Peters, and Ernest Willett. Our thoughts are with their respective families.

Bob's wife, Christine, has now sent through the details of his funeral for anyone wishing to attend. They are: Friday 8th April, 14:40 hrs at Southend Crematorium, followed by refreshments at St. Michael's Church Hall, St. Michael's Road, Dawes Heath, SS7 2UW. Donations in Bob's memory will be gratefully received for Fight Bladder Cancer or Cancer Research UK.

OPPORTUNITY

A company called Specialised Canvas Services Ltd own an SME called Flagmakers who sell and install flags and flagpoles around the UK. They have approached the RMA as they are recruiting for an install engineer to carry out installations and services of flagpoles in London. A flyer outlining the job description is attached to this Newsletter. It should be noted that the RMA is not in any way connected with Flagmakers and therefore any arrangements resulting from this notification are strictly between the member and Flagmakers. The RMA accepts no responsibility whatsoever on the outcome of such liaison.



THE NEW SUBSCRIPTION YEAR FOR RMA STARTED ON 1st April 2022. If you haven't yet set up a Standing Order for your annual payment of £2.00, it's not too late to do so. Details are: Account name: ECFRS Retired Members' Association. Account number: 49411768. Sort Code: 30-91-85. Add your name as the comment to enable the payment to be identified.

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RETIRED MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The 2022 AGM of the ECFRS Retired Members' Association
will be held on Saturday 28th May 2022 at
The Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HP
at 14.00 hrs**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 27th April 2019
3. Matters Arising
4. Report from the Chairman
5. Report from the Secretary
6. Report from the Membership Secretary
7. Report from the Treasurer
8. Subscription rates for 2022/2023
9. Election of Officers
10. Events
11. Any Other Business

Barry Cable

Secretary

**Your committee invites you to join them
at the buffet reception, which will follow the meeting**

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Flagmakers, a division of Specialised Canvas Services are looking for an installation engineer to join our experienced team!

As an Installation engineer you will be responsible for assisting in the installation/repairs of flagpoles, metal work and various types of signage within the London area, including conducting flag changes across London hotels and stores. Previous experience or a CSCS/IPAF card is advantageous but not essential as full training will be provided.

This role includes frequent travel in and around the centre of London, working at heights and outdoor work with occasional overnight stays. You will have access to company vehicles and must be competent in driving safely, speeding fines or parking tickets incurred may be chargeable.

An ideal candidate will...

- Be self-motivated and have the ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Be able to follow instructions and take ownership and responsibility of duties.
- Be physically able to lift, push & carry equipment.
- Be able to act on initiative and ensure full compliance with Health & Safety is adhered.
- Be a team player with a positive attitude.
- Work to a high standard delivery a quality service.
- Be willing to attend training course as and when required.
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Required Skills:

- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Good time keeping
- General competency
- Full drivers Licence

This role is a permanent, full-time position of 30 hours per week Monday - Friday. Other working hours may be considered.

If you would like to join our skilled team and are interested in this role, please apply via indeed and send your CV for consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Salary: £13.00 - £14.50 per hour