

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

## RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER JULY 2022



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Just when you think there are no events in the pipeline, three come along at once...

## AN OLD FAVOURITE, A NEW EXPERIENCE, PLUS TIME FOR TEA – THESE ARE YOUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

### SEPTEMBER

#### FISH AND CHIP LUNCH

Where: Leigh Sailing Club, High Street, Leigh SS9 2EP

When: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 12 noon for 1 p.m.

Cost: £9.50 per person

Travel: Own transport

**See flyer attached for full booking details – BOOK NOW**

### OCTOBER

#### AFTERNOON TEA

Where: Tiptree Tea Room at The Barn at Cressing Temple

When: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 12 noon.

Cost: £16.00 per person

Travel: Own transport

**See flyer attached for full booking details – BOOK NOW**

### NOVEMBER

#### FOUR NIGHTS AT HEYTHROP PARK

Where: Heythrop Park, Enstone, Chipping Norton OX7 5UF

When: Four nights from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Cost: Currently £398 per person (*with sufficient numbers, the group is entitled to a group discount and a benefit to a few single bookers.*)

Travel: Own transport

**IMPORTANT – ACTION NEEDED NOW, PLEASE: see flyer attached**

### DECEMBER

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Full details will be published in a future Newsletter

**Register your interest in this event to: [dj.rogers@btinternet.com](mailto:dj.rogers@btinternet.com)**

## ROARING SUCCESS AT THE LION INN

The first RMA event since the Covid lockdown was a resounding success - excellent company, exceptional food and service and a magnificent venue with great atmosphere. Thanks go to Diane and John Rogers for organising a very enjoyable afternoon.



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The RMA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Steve Bailey  
John Batchelor  
Phillip Brownlie  
Ann Edgell  
Tony Harmon  
Carl Pullen

Glad to have you on board and hope to see you at some of the forthcoming events.

## A THANK YOU FROM ...

We always receive acknowledgements of the donations to charities made in memory of our deceased members, but as an example we share an extract from the recent letter received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance:

“Dear all at ECFRS Retired Members’ Association. On behalf of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance team, thank you for your kind donation of £25 in memory of your colleague Ron Bridges. Please accept our sincere condolences at this time. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity. As you may be aware EHAAT is a charity that provides a vital helicopter emergency medical service for the people of Essex, Hertfordshire and the surrounding areas. It continues to cost in excess of £750,000 per month for us to remain operational and cover all charitable costs. If it were not for the generosity of people like you, we would not be able to keep flying...”

**QUICK REMINDER...** In order to become eligible for a possible group discount at Heythrop Park, you ***must*** register your interest in this event as soon as possible. Contact Dave Birks on telephone: 01702 528355 or text: 07951957260 or e-mail: [dave-jean-birks@supanet.com](mailto:dave-jean-birks@supanet.com)

...SEE YOU THERE



## **FISH AND CHIP LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**LEIGH SAILING CLUB, HIGH STREET, LEIGH SS9 2EP**

**Thanks are due to Alan Stone and Dave Birks for bringing back a favourite event of RMA members - join friends and colleagues once again at Leigh Sailing Club for a fish and chip luncheon.**

**Lunch will be served at 1.00 pm but you are welcome to arrive from 12 noon and enjoy drinks in the bar or on the balcony overlooking the sea.**

**The cost of this event is £9.50 per person for fish and chips and choc ice, although chicken can be substituted at no extra cost.**

If you would like to attend this event, send an e-mail to

[dave-jean-birks@supanet.com](mailto:dave-jean-birks@supanet.com)

to book your places,

and pay by online banking as follows:

Account: ECFRS RMA, Sort Code: 30-91-85, Account number: 49411768,

Reference: RMA fish lunch

or, alternatively

You can pay by cheque made payable to

ECFRS RMA and send it to

Dave Birks, 58 Fairfield Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 5SF

**Please advise your choice of menu, fish or chicken.**

**For further details email [dave-jean-birks@supanet.com](mailto:dave-jean-birks@supanet.com)**

**Parking will be available in Leigh Sailing Club private car park.**



## **TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA**

### **Tiptree Tea Room at The Barns, Cressing Temple**

### **Witham Road, Cressing, Essex CM77 8PD**

*Suitable for wheelchair users or visitors with limited mobility*

'The Barns' at Cressing Temple is a bright and vibrant tearoom. Experience a unique piece of history at the 13th century, Knights Templar Barns, complete with restored Tudor walled garden and Tiptree tea rooms. Visitors can make their way around the fascinating and outstanding 13<sup>th</sup> century barns and admire the Tudor herb garden. Tiptree Barns has a well-stocked shop; amongst the regular jars and pots you will find they are now even producing fruit infused alcohol; the ideal gift!

**Join your friends and colleagues for afternoon tea at The Barns.**

**12 noon until 3.30 p.m.**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Cost: £16.00 per person**

If you would like to attend this event, please forward a cheque made payable to ECFRS RMA to  
The RMA Secretary, "Briarlea" Southend Road, Billericay CM11 2PR

Alternatively

reserve your places by email by clicking [here](#) and  
pay by online banking as follows:

Account: ECFRS RMA, sort code: 30-91-85, account number: 49411768,  
reference: The Barns Tea

**When you book your places, please remember to indicate  
whether you have any food allergies**

The RMA committee has been looking for something special for our members to get involved in after the restrictions of Covid-19. A short holiday as a group to a Warner Leisure Hotel is planned. From a suggestion and research by Alan Stone and Dave Birks, Heythrop Park in the Cotswolds is selected for a four-night holiday break.



### **Heythrop Park. Enstone, Chipping Norton OX7 5UF**

We have chosen Heythrop Park for the following reasons: It is Warner's newest hotel, opened this year. It is larger than most which offers more chance of acquiring the rooms required. There are many local attractions to visit and in the words of Warner....

"Heythrop Park has been a feature in the Cotswolds since 1710. Then, a look-at-me manor of lofty arches and columns, it's now Grade II\* listed, still with showmanship but stylishly refurbished. It has everything to elevate a country escape – 18-hole golf course, a spa, traditional sports and 440 acres of parkland. But it also delivers all the cool music, bars, foodie experiences and theatre for exceptional nights out.

This is a new kind of hotel experience, designed just for adults."

For full information visit [heythroppark.com](http://heythroppark.com)

To simplify travel arrangements, and allow freedom to roam the Cotswolds, we feel that travel in your own car would be the best way to attend, but car sharing could be an advantage. Distance from Chelmsford to Chipping Norton is 111 miles.

**Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for four nights**  
**Standard Room Cost: £398pp at time of you receiving this Newsletter.**

#### **Included in your price**

- Breakfast every day
- Three-course evening meal
- Daily live music and shows
- Full access to pool and sauna
- Complimentary sports and activities
- Free parking and Wi-Fi
- History and grounds tour

**Interest is already building among our RMA members**

#### **IMPORTANT – ACTION NEEDED NOW PLEASE:**

Declare your interest to Dave Birks as soon as possible to enable a booking to be made. Telephone: 01702 528355 or text: 07951957260 or e-mail: [dave-jean-birks@supanet.com](mailto:dave-jean-birks@supanet.com)

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