

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022



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WE ARE NOT FISHING FOR COMPLIMENTS, BUT...

what a successful lunch. Those in the RMA party who came together on 27th September for a fish and chips lunch, thoroughly enjoyed the good food and the opportunity to catch up with friends not seen for some time. Picturesque views over the Thames Estuary as the sun fought to come through the heavy clouds but the rain held off in the main, which added to an excellent afternoon. This is a favourite event that the RMA hasn't been able to arrange for some years and our return this year didn't disappoint. Thanks go to Leigh Sailing Club for hosting the event, and to Dave Birks and Alan Stone for coordinating the lunch. Thanks also go to Nicola (Alan's daughter) who very efficiently handled the bar, and to Jean Birks who helped with making the event go smoothly on the day.



WE WANT TO CONTINUE IN 2023 WITH A SERIES OF EVENTS BUT YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED...

The Committee has been discussing the plans for events next year, and the following are some of the ideas that have been put forward. We can't progress further with these proposals until we obtain some feedback on the number of members who would be interested in booking places at the events. We are aware that the costs are a little higher than we have paid previously, but we have

endeavoured to keep them as low as possible. With regard to coach travel to London to see a show etc. there is now the Ultra-Low Emissions Zone charge to add to the cost which makes coach travel quite expensive. Complete the attached questionnaire to give us some indication of the take-up of these events.

- 1) **Salmon and Sail:** A tour round the Foreman's Smoked Salmon processing plant with a two-hour cruise of some of the forgotten rivers of East London, concluding in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Approximately 40 people needed for the trip to go ahead and the cost per person (including coach travel to Foreman's) is approximately £60 per person. We did this trip a couple of years ago and it was brilliant.
- 2) **London Show:** The two shows suggested are "Hamilton" or "Moulin Rouge the Musical". The cost per person will depend on the show chosen and the number of people who want to attend. A rough guide to approximate costs for show ticket and coach to London is £85.00 - £95.00 per person.
- 3) **Dog Racing at Romford Stadium:** An evening meeting in June to the Romford Dog Track which would cost about £30.00 per head for a 3-course meal and race card. Travel would be by own transport.

IMPORTANT REMINDER...

We really do need your feedback on events. Please don't forget to complete the attached questionnaire and either post it to the Secretary (address at the top of this Newsletter) or send your answers to: barryccable@gmail.com

OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2022 ARE...

NOVEMBER

FOUR NIGHTS AT HEYTHROP PARK

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

When: Four nights from Monday 14th November 2022

Cost: Discount applied.

Travel: Own transport

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Where: The Crown, The Green, Sandon, Chelmsford CM2 7SH

When: 14th December 2022 12 noon for 1 p.m.

Cost: £25.95 per person

Travel: Own transport

See flyer attached for full booking details – BOOK NOW

RMA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
THE CROWN, THE GREEN, SANDON, CHELMSFORD, CM2 7SH

Suitable for wheelchair users or visitors with limited mobility



WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

MEET IN THE BAR FROM 12 NOON
FOR 1PM LUNCH

Enjoy a 3-course lunch - £25.95 per person

CHOICE OF MENU

Starters

Halloumi Fries
Prawn Cocktail
Homemade soup
Pate

Mains

Roast Beef
Roast Turkey
Steak & Ale Pie
Asparagus Parcel

All served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, Stuffing, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding

Desserts

Apple Pie & Custard
Christmas Pudding & Custard
Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream
Ice Cream Wafer

Tea or Coffee

If you wish to attend the luncheon, please forward your choice of menu and cheque made payable to ECFRS RMA for the full amount to: -
John Rogers, 1 Ruffles Close, Rayleigh, SS6 8EW

Alternatively, you may email your menu choice to dj.rogers@btinternet.com
and pay the full amount by bank transfer to: -

Account: ECFRS RMA, Sort Code 30-91-85, Account Number 49411768
Reference: Christmas Lunch

(please don't forget to add the reference so that your payment can be allocated to the correct event.)

Name (Optional)

QUESTIONNAIRE ON RMA PROPOSED EVENTS IN 2023

Please complete and return to the Secretary by post to
"Briarlea" Southend Road, Billericay CM11 2PR
Or send the your answer and ideas in an email barryccable@gmail.com

WOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW?

<i>Event with approximate cost per head</i>	yes	no	Comments:
Salmon & Sail - £60 per person – travel: coach (details in the Newsletter)			
London Shows/Events - £85 - £95 per person – travel: coach (costs vary depending on seat prices) (details in Newsletter)			
Romford Dog Racing - £30 per head – travel: own transport (details in Newsletter)			
Programme of lunches, either every month or quarterly at different restaurants if possible.			
Any other ideas?			

PLEASE NOTE ALL COSTS STATED ABOVE ARE APPROXIMATE