

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



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RMA Website: https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/Media/Retired_Members_Association/

Nothing better than a nice cup of tea... and Traditional Afternoon Tea at The Barns Crossing Temple didn't disappoint.

We've received some very positive feedback from RMA members, 40 of whom came together on 13th October and enjoyed an ample supply of sandwiches, cream cakes, scones with jam and cream, and an unlimited supply of tea and coffee. After tea, guests wandered around the 13th century Knights Templar Barns and the Tudor herb garden. If you haven't been to the Barns, it is well worth a visit (CM77 8PD). The RMA will certainly be returning to the venue in 2023.



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 – only a few places left

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

The RMA is pleased to welcome the following new member:

Shaun Cornish

IMPORTANT REMINDER...

We really do need your feedback on events. If you haven't already done so, 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

OBITUARY

We have the sad duty to report the death of RMA members:

Ray O'Neil, passed away at the age of 92. Ray served most of his service in Southend Fire Brigade. Funeral details are: Thursday 10th November 2022 at 11:20 hrs. Southend Crematorium, 285 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea SS2 5PX. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research UK. Parade Outside Southend Fire Station.

Martyn "Taffy" James. Martyn was the last recruit to be employed in Southend County Borough Fire Brigade. Funeral details are: Friday 11th November 2022 at 11:20 hrs. Southend Crematorium, 285 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 5PX. Family have requested no flowers or suits, but casual attire. Donations to Fair Havens Hospice. All welcome to join the parade outside Southend Fire Station.

Roy Larby, former handyman driver at Colchester for many years, passed away Sunday evening 16th October. Funeral details are: Monday 14th November 2022 at 15:30 hrs. Colchester Crematorium, Mersea Road, Colchester CO2 8RU. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

John “Sam” Green. Sam, who served at Grays, Tilbury, Hadleigh and Basildon, passed away peacefully on the morning of 18th October. Funeral on Thursday 24th November at 2 p.m. at Southend Crematorium. All who knew John “Sam” are very welcome to attend.

Vince Underwood passed away on 10th October. His funeral is at 1 o'clock on 28th October at Cromer Crematorium, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9JJ, and afterwards at the Royal Hotel, Mundesley for a 'cuppa' and nibbles. Vince served for many years as a Sub-Officer and BA Instructor before retiring to become 'C' Division Handyman/Driver. He was a person of strong principles and he will be sadly missed. Condolences to his wife, Pat.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

EXTRACTS FROM THE OCTOBER EDITION OF ECFRS NEWS

Fire Service staff recognised for long service

The event held on Tuesday 4 October saw 32 staff members recognised for their 20 and 30+ year career. Their proud families, friends and colleagues joined them to celebrate their career milestones. The ceremony was opened by Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Rick Hylton, Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner, and was hosted by Deputy Chief Fire Officer Moira Bruin. Lord Lieutenant of Essex Jennifer Tolhurst presented 28 firefighters with medals for their 20 years' service. Two uniformed colleagues were recognised for 30 years' service with Long Service Awards. Two colleagues were also recognised for 20 and 30 years' service and were presented with Long Service Support Staff Awards. *[Editors' note: Unfortunately no recipients' names were given.]*

Firefighter and member of the public commended for lifesaving actions

One of ECFRS' firefighters and a member of the public have received commendations for life saving actions. Station Manager Syd Barrett and Scott Ellis, who works at Stansted Airport, received Chief Fire Officer commendations for their actions at a road traffic collision in August 2021. Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Rick Hylton awarded the commendations for their quick thinking and life saving actions. The award is one of the highest accolades a Chief Fire Officer can give to recognise those who go above and beyond.

Stay safe this winter

For people most at risk of fire or with concerns about fire safety in their home, ECFRS offers a free home fire safety visit, and will fit smoke alarms for free. You can book a visit for yourself or for someone you know at www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book or by calling 0300 303 0088.

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?

Event with approximate cost per head	yes	no	Comments:
Salmon & Sail - £60 per person – travel: coach (details in the October Newsletter)			
London Shows/Events - £85 - £95 per person – travel: coach (costs vary depending on seat prices) (details in October Newsletter)			
Romford Dog Racing - £30 per head – travel: own transport (details in October 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