

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

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TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

5th October Crossing Temple Barns



Another delightful afternoon tea with friends and colleagues. The Tiptree Tearooms did us proud once again and the event was enjoyed by all who attended. The bonus was the weather, a beautiful sunny afternoon which enabled us to explore the grounds.

Our thanks to Jan & Barry Cable for organising this popular event.

Forthcoming Events:-



Christmas Lunch at the Lion Inn

Thursday 7th December 2023

This year our Christmas Lunch will be held at The Lion Inn at Boreham in their private dining room. We are looking forward to meeting up again with friends and colleagues at this popular annual event.

This Event is now fully subscribed although if there is further interest we will start a reserve list to fill vacancies should anyone drop out.

Traditionally between the Christmas Lunch and March we do not arrange events because of dark evenings and likely bad weather when most members would not want to journey out. However, by way of a change to the normal content, winter newsletters will feature articles which it is hoped will provide appropriate and interesting reading.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome **Dave Brigden, Adrian Emberson and Nigel Larken**, as new members.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Do you know anyone who is retiring from the Service and would like to become a member of the RMA for only £3 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 at
barryccable@gmail.com

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



WE WILL REMEMBER...

The 4 May is 'International Firefighters Day' and in some countries is celebrated as 'St Florian's Day', with the intention of commemorating the dedication, commitment, and sacrifices of Firefighters everywhere. That said, this coming week will see the country remembering the sacrifices of the men and women of all services who fought for the freedom of the country in the World Wars and the many battles that have taken place since.

But this will also be the time when RMA members will think of the bravery of the Firefighters who fought the raging fires of London during the blitz in 1940/41. In the first 22 nights of air raids, Firefighters fought nearly 10,000 fires. Tragically, by the time hostilities had ended, 327 of London's Firefighters had lost their lives. We have also to remember those Firefighters who have since unfortunately died performing their duties.



THESE SACRIFICES MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.