

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

## RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



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## Welcome to our April Newsletter

### *Our Afternoon Tea was a great success...*

On 27<sup>th</sup> March the RMA met up at Cressing Temple Barns for an afternoon tea, our thanks to Jan & Barry Cable for organising this popular event which was a great success once again. Also our thanks to everyone who came along to this event and supported the RMA.



***Our Annual General Meeting*** will take place on **Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm** at the Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS. The Agenda is attached herewith. Please let the Secretary know if you are able to attend; email [barryccable@gmail.com](mailto:barryccable@gmail.com). Donations for the AGM raffle will be greatly appreciated.

## RMA ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION



Time is running out for you to revise your Standing Order for your RMA subscription which increased to £3 per annum on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

## Committee Members Wanted

Would you like to be part of the RMA Committee and help the association organise and provide functions and events for the membership?

The Committee normally meets every six weeks, no special skills are required but an enthusiastic and positive attitude would be ideal.

If you would like to know more, please contact the RMA Secretary Barry Cable at [barrycable@gmail.com](mailto:barrycable@gmail.com)



## More dates for your diary:

**Greyhound Racing at Romford Stadium** – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This is a fun event including a meal. More details to follow next month.

**Garden Visit** – By popular demand visit Brian & Wendy's lovely garden at St Osyth on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 1.30pm. They are wonderful hosts and their refreshments are superb. More details will follow.

**Warners Hotel Getaway, Littlecote House, Berkshire** - A 4night/5day break at this beautiful Grade I listed Tudor Manor will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024. **There are still places available including some single rooms, so don't delay, contact Dave Birks for more details – see attached flyer for more details.**



## MESSAGE BOARD



We have a number of RMA lapel badges available for sale at a cost of £2 each. Anyone interested should contact the secretary Barry Cable. They will also be available at the AGM on the 20th April

## **NEW MEMBER**

We are pleased to welcome Gerry Hudson-Crane as a new member.

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***The following article has been taken from the ECFRS Website***



### **Have you got mains wired smoke alarms?**

This is your reminder to replace your smoke alarms every 10 years, regardless of the power source.

It is a common misconception that mains-wired smoke alarms don't need to be replaced every 10 years.

All smoke alarms, no matter how they are powered, have sensors that deteriorate over time, meaning they're less likely to detect smoke. We're urging all Essex residents to check the expiry date of their smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly.

To guarantee the effectiveness of smoke alarms older than 10 years, we recommend replacing their detector heads. This is best carried out by a qualified electrician. It might cost you money but it well outweighs the cost of fire to your home and your life.



## ***Warners Hotel Getaway at Littlecote House, Berkshire 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024***

***Following the success of previous visits to Warners Hotels we are offering a 4-night/5-day break at the above venue for 2024.***

Built in the mid-1500's, this beautiful Grade I listed Tudor manor has a truly unique story. History is literally on your doorstep: the stunning location has played host to occupying Romans, a Tudor tryst and even a Civil War army. The grounds contain an ornate Roman mosaic floor and settlement remains. Henry VIII courted Jane Seymour here, and the D-Day landings were planned within the house.

**Littlecote House offers outstanding service, delicious food in the spacious restaurant, live entertainment every night, and a host of activities from tennis to air-rifle shooting.**

Why not visit the nearby historic market town of Newbury or further afield Blenheim Palace with its extensive grounds, the Formal Gardens with their majestic water terraces, private Italian garden, rose garden and much more?

**There are still places available for RMA members, their families and friends  
(sorry, no children)**

### **Included in the price**

- Breakfast & 3 Course Evening Dinner every day
- Evening Entertainment
- Activities and Leisure Facilities

**The cost (with a group discount) is £362 per person for signature room accommodation.  
The group carries 3 singles at the same cost.**

In the first instance, to declare your interest contact the Group Leader Dave Birks on 01702 528355 or [dave-jean-birks@supanet.com](mailto:dave-jean-birks@supanet.com) where more information can be given, and a small deposit requested to secure your booking.

*The financial arrangements will be handled by the RMA Treasurer.  
A visit to the Warners Littlecote House website is recommended for full details of the venue.*

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The 2024 AGM of the ECFRS Retired Members' Association  
will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at  
The Essex Fire Museum,  
Fire Station, Hog Lane, Grays RM17 5QS  
at 14.00 hrs**

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### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023
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 2024/2025
9. Election of Officers
10. Events
11. Any Other Business

**Barry Cable**  
Secretary

**Your committee invites you to join them for  
tea, coffee and biscuits, after the meeting**