

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 2019



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EVENTS UPDATE



Members recently attended the 2019 RMA AGM held at Hadleigh Old Fire Station, the minutes of this meeting will be attached to the June newsletter.

FUTURE EVENTS

Greyhound Racing Romford Stadium Thursday 13th June 2019 **Now Booking**

Romford dogs, you asked for it, we have arranged it! Enjoy an afternoon of greyhound racing at Romford Stadium with a 3 course meal in the Pavilion Restaurant. Be seated by 1pm, first race 2.12pm. Booking details regarding this event can be found on the attached flyer.

Afternoon Tea Wednesday 10th July 2019 **New Event - Now Booking**

Spoil yourself and enjoy an afternoon tea with members in Reids Restaurant, Billericay.

More details regarding this event can be found on the attached flyer.

Theatre Trip Thursday 28th November 2019 **Fully Booked**

The theatre trip to see Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre proved to be very popular with members and as a result sold out very quickly. A waiting list is in operation in case of any cancellations, to go on this list please email Mick vanner264@btinternet.com or phone 01702 548111.

Events in the pipeline include a lunch followed by a river boat trip, an evening meal and a Christmas carvery. Once advertised, be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!



HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Roger Pickett was delighted to welcome RMA member Bill Coyston to the recently held Heritage Open Day at the museum.

Bill, who will be 100 years old in December, is the last survivor of the original Grays Thurrock UDC Fire Brigade which he joined in 1935.

Bill is pictured with Roger in front of the F12, which he rode in as Officer in Charge during his service.

Bill retired from the service in 1979.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMA are pleased to welcome Mark Samuels, Sarah Parker, Jeff Hammond and Lee Palfreyman who have joined the Association since the publication of the last newsletter.

OBITUARY

It is with regret to inform you of the death of RMA member Kevin Brushett and our thoughts are with Kevin's family and friends.

The Association has also been informed of the death of non RMA members John Crust and Michael Barrago and our thoughts are also with their respective family and friends.

John's funeral will be held at Weeley Crematorium on Friday 7th June 2019 at 2pm. All welcome.

It was with regret that the Service announced the sudden death of Firefighter Ben LeFevre of Dovercourt Fire Station. Ben, just 35 years old, was an on-call firefighter at Dovercourt and leaves behind a partner and three young children.

Our thoughts are with Ben's family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time.

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Race Meeting at Romford Greyhound Stadium RM7 9DU

Thursday 13th June 2019



**Enjoy an afternoon of greyhound racing at Romford Greyhound Stadium
with a 3 course meal in the Pavilion Restaurant**



The Pavilion is situated on the first bend and has an outdoor terrace offering a panoramic view of the race track where you can enjoy the thrilling atmosphere of the greyhounds racing past. Table service for food, drinks and betting is available and a three course meal, chosen from the menu on the day, will be served during the event.

The cost of entry, a race card and meal is £15.00 per person, so if you would like to attend please forward a cheque, payable to B. Ricketts, to Jayne at 2 Everest Rise, Billericay, Essex CM12 9JB. Any person who looks under the age of 25 will be asked to provide proof of age, so don't forget to bring suitable ID with you !!

Due to the close proximity of this event no coach will be arranged, but it is hoped that members would be willing to car share. When you book, please indicate that you either have spaces available in your vehicle or you would like to join another member for the journey. Every effort will be made to arrange suitable travelling arrangements.

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Afternoon Tea Wednesday 10th July 2019



**To be served in the restaurant
Reids, Laindon Road
Billericay CM12 9LD
£14.95 per person**

**Meet in the restaurant from 2.30pm
Tea served 3pm**

Enjoy

**A selection of sandwiches
Scone with clotted cream & jam,
Assortment of mini desserts
Unlimited tea & coffee**

**Please be advised that any valid dietary requirements can only be
accommodated if advised at time of booking**

**If you wish to attend this event, please forward your payment to
Jayne Ricketts, 2 Everest Rise, Billericay CM12 9JB
Please make cheques payable to B. Ricketts**

**For more information contact Jayne
01277 623413 or email jayne.ricketts@tiscali.co.uk**