

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



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EVENTS UPDATE



Members recently enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea at Reids, Billericay, and were also delighted to welcome our Secretary’s mother, centenarian Josephine (Jo) Cable, widow of Charlie Cable, originally a serving firefighter and subsequently driver to many DCFOs.

Don’t forget, you too could meet up with fellow members at future events, more details on the following page.

FUTURE EVENTS

Hertfordshire Canal Cruise Friday 23rd August 2019

Booking now closed

Members are looking forward to the next RMA event when they will be enjoying a two course lunch at a Ware riverside pub before commencing on a two and a half hour cruise to Hertford through the rural beauty of the Lee Valley.

Evening Meal Thursday 12th September 2019

New event now booking

You will be spoilt for choice when you see the menu for our evening meal, which this year will be held at The Whalebone, South Woodham Ferrers on Thursday 12th September.

Menu and booking details can be found on the attached flyer.

Fish & Chip Luncheon Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Reserve the date

Full details will be in the September edition of the RMA newsletter.

Amazon Visit Monday 14th October 2019

Free event

Have you ever wondered what happens after you click “buy” on Amazon? Well now is the opportunity to find out. The RMA has arranged a tour of their Tilbury Distribution Centre at 13.15 hours, Monday 14th October.

During the tour you will have the opportunity to take a close look at the daily job of employees at work, as well as observing many of the key processes and technologies of the centre such as picking and retrieving ordered items from the shelves to the packing, where items are carefully parcelled in Amazon’s famous brown boxes before being sent on their way to us, the customers.

You will be required to make your own way to the site where free parking is available. Numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like to be included on this tour please send an email to jayne.ricketts@tiscali.co.uk or telephone Jayne on 01277 623413.

Full address details with guidelines that must be adhered too on the tour will be forwarded to those who are successful in securing a place.

The RMA will endeavour to arrange a second visit for members that are unsuccessful.

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.

Christmas Carvery Thursday 19th December 2019

Reserve the date

40 YEARS SERVICE WITH ECFRS

Gary Mussett has recently retired from the service after completing exactly 40 years as an on-call firefighter at West Mersea Fire Station.

Joining back in July 1979 Gary became part of a proud family tradition, initially serving alongside his father, David Mussett.

Gary, seen in the picture with his brother and Watch Manager Jon, means the West Mersea Mussett tradition lives on.



Also congratulations to Debbie Lock who recently completed 40 continuous years with ECFRS. In 1979 Debbie joined the service straight from school as a Girl Friday and at the age of eighteen moved to Service Control where she has worked her way through the ranks.

Debbie is looking forward to her retirement in 2023 and we sincerely hope that she joins the RMA.

OBITUARY

It is with regret to inform you of the death of RMA member Peter 'Ben' Goodman and our thoughts are with his family and friends. Ben's funeral will be held at Pitsea Crematorium on Thursday 8th August at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Association has also been informed of the death of non RMA members Robert 'Nobby' Clarke and Brian 'Bill' Beckwith and our thoughts are also with their respective family and friends. Bill's funeral will take place on Monday 12th August at 12 noon at Southend Crematorium.

It was with deep regret the service announced the death of firefighter Adam Kellingray and our thoughts are with Adam's family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time.

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Evening Meal Thursday 12th September 2019



Arrive from 6.30pm for 7.30pm Dinner
Enjoy a three course meal
with tea/coffee
£20.00 per person

Starters

- Minestrone Soup served with warm roll and butter (v)
- Prawn Cocktail served with wholegrain roll (g/f available)
- Creamy Garlic Mushrooms served on toasted ciabatta with salad (v) (g/f available)
- Cod Parcels wrapped in Parma ham served with basil pesto mayonnaise and mini tomato bruschetta (g/f available)

Mains

- Baked Salmon Fillet with new potatoes, served with fresh vegetables and lemon and herb butter (gf)
- King Prawn and Crab Linguine in white wine, cream and garlic sauce with a hint of chilli, served with toasted garlic croutons and parmesan shavings (g/f available)
- Chicken Roulade with Spinach and Parma Ham, served with hasselback potatoes, roasted cherry tomatoes and creamy mushroom sauce (gf)
- Slow Roasted Lamb Shank with creamy mash, served with French beans and red wine and mint jus (gf)

Dessert

- Chocolate Mousse with chocolate biscuit base, served with honeycomb and salted caramel sauce (gf)
 - Lemon Tart served with ice cream and raspberry coulis
- Cheeseboard selection of cheeses served with crackers, grapes, celery and onion chutney (g/f available)
 - Vanilla Ice Cream - chocolate sauce and flake optional (gf)
 - Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae

If you would like to attend this event, please forward your choice of menu and a cheque (made payable to M. Vanner) to M.Vanner, 32 Rochford Garden Way, Rochford, Essex SS4 1QH. If you have any queries please call Mick on 01702 548111 / 07899 931114 or email vanner264@btinternet.com