

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



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EVENTS UPDATE



Members, family and friends recently enjoyed a tranquil day out in Hertfordshire. Travelling from their local pick up points, they arrived at The Riverside Inn, Ware where they were able to sit in the waterside garden with refreshments before enjoying a two course lunch.

Following lunch they enjoyed a two and a half hour cruise through the delightful Lee Valley before disembarking for the return journey home.

“So peaceful and such lovely company”

“It was so lovely on the river I enjoyed every minute”

Thank you for your feedback, glad that you all enjoyed it.



FUTURE EVENTS

Fish & Chip Luncheon Wednesday 2nd October 2019 **New Event Now Booking**

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our annual fish & chip luncheon at Leigh Sailing Club this year, but so as not to disappoint members this will now be held in the appliance bay of the former Hadleigh Fire Station, different outlook, but the same friendly faces !

Full details can be found on the attached flyer.

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. 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.

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.

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**

FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY

ECFRS has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fire Fighters Charity after raising an incredible £148,760.62 during the 2018/2019 year. This figure results in an increase of almost £7000 from the previous year and is one of the highest of any Fire & Rescue Service in the country.

Well done to all involved for their efforts in supporting this charity which genuinely makes a difference to the lives of serving and former Fire and Rescue colleagues based locally and across the UK.

FORMER FIRE SERVICE HQ



You may recall in the July 2018 edition of the RMA newsletter the above picture showed the former ECFRS HQ at Hutton demolished to heaps of rubble.

Work began in December 2018 on the 3.3 acre site, creating an underground car park as well as constructing a 55 apartment assisted living development and a 77 bed care home, as can be seen in the artists impression below, which is scheduled to open its doors to residents in 2020.



When opened the assisted living development will feature luxury 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with kitchen and bathroom. The communal areas will include a fully staffed cafe/bistro, a bar and library as well as a gym.

Meanwhile the care home facilities will include a café, cinema, hairdressers and therapy room. Other innovations will include five roof top terraces, and an outdoor log cabin in the newly landscaped gardens.

THANK YOU

Thank you message received from
John Field

'Thanks for my birthday card much appreciated and now 70 so 12 to go and I will equal the years paid in for my pension'

'All the very best to all retired members'

And all the very best to you too John
from all members of the RMA



OBITUARY

It is with regret to inform you of the death of former Fire Control Operator and RMA member Jackie Scaggs and our thoughts are with Jackie's family and friends.

The picture on the right was taken when Jackie joined fellow members recently for the RMA afternoon tea.

There are no details regarding Jackie's funeral arrangements at present, but these will be circulated to members once known.



We are also saddened to inform you of the death of former RMA committee member Jack Williams and our thoughts are with Jack's family and friends. Jack's funeral will be held at Chelmsford Crematorium on Thursday 5th September at 12.30 pm.

Family flowers only but donations accepted for the Fire Fighters' Charity.

The Association have also been informed of the death of non RMA member Derek Green who served at Thaxted Fire Station from 1972 until 1997 and again our thoughts are with Derek's family and friends.

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Fish 'n Chip Luncheon Wednesday 2nd October 2019



**To be held at
The Old Fire Station
High Street
Hadleigh SS7 2PA**

£8.00 per person

Unfortunately the RMA are unable to hold their annual fish and chip luncheon at Leigh Sailing Club this year. So as not to disappoint members we have secured the old fire station at Hadleigh for this event, so different venue, but same familiar faces.

Tea/coffee facilities will be available but you are quite welcome to bring your own alcoholic/soft drink and glasses if you prefer.

Chicken will be available as an alternative to fish if required.

There is limited parking at the Old Fire Station, but parking is available at Morrison's Supermarket, opposite the fire station.

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
and please give your choice of fish or chicken.**

For more information contact 01277 623413 or email

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