

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

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FUTURE EVENTS

Amazon Visit Monday 14th October 2019 **Free event, booking closing 9th Oct**

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.

A few places remain on this event so 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

Now Booking

Our Christmas event this year will be held at one of the RMA’s favourite venues, The New Times, Tiptree. We are hoping that as many members as possible will be able to attend, as the RMA are taking the opportunity at this event to wish our eldest member, Bill Coyston, a Happy 100th Birthday. Those of you who attend our functions will know that Bill is a great supporter of our luncheons and we are delighted to take this opportunity to congratulate him on this significant milestone.

Full details can be found on the attached flyer.

HOCKY HOCKET

And talking about 100 years old, a lady who helped keep Essex safe during World War Two recently visited The Essex Fire Museum to celebrate her 100th birthday. 'Hocky' Hocket, who was based at the original fire station in Orsett Road, Grays, in what was then the National Fire Service, was greeted by Roger Pickett and her family as a special surprise.

Roger said: "Hocky is an inspiration to us all – her tale of helping to keep Thurrock and the surrounding areas safe during a time when the country was at war and under immense threat is very special. It was a pleasure to welcome Hocky back to Grays, where her life as a firewoman began all those years ago – her passion for the Fire Service, even at 100 years old, is fantastic."



40 YEARS SERVICE

Back in late 1979, three engineers joined ECFRS Workshops at Lexden within the space of eight weeks – each embarking on an incredible career. Four decades on, Ray Thomas, Workshops Manager, Richard Lever and Tony Scott, both Engineers, are still with the Service, well done chaps, keep up the good work !



HELP US TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

The RMA are indebted to Service Headquarters for their ongoing support in distributing our newsletter. With this in mind, it is important to remind members who still receive their newsletter by post, but have access to a computer, to advise our membership secretary of their email address. This will ensure that you receive your newsletter promptly and efficiently, thus reducing the postal costs being incurred.

Don't forget to also keep us informed if you change your email address, your postal address or telephone number. Please notify all details to our Membership Secretary, Graham Farrell, by email at grahamwf@btinternet.com or by telephone on 01621 859833.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMA are pleased to welcome Steve Nosworthy and Peter Bennett who have joined the Association since the publication of the last newsletter.

OBITUARY

It is with regret to inform you of the deaths of non RMA members Chris Day and Ray Vautier and our thoughts are with their respective family and friends.

The funeral for Chris will take place on Thursday 10th October at 11.00 am at Pitsea Crematorium. All welcome to attend.

The funeral for Ray Vautier will take place at Southend Crematorium on Friday 11th October at 3.20 pm. All welcome to attend the service or join in the guard of honour outside Southend Fire Station at 3pm.

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Christmas Luncheon, Thursday 19th December 2019
New Times, Tiptree CO5 0BN



Meet in the bar 12 noon
Lunch 12.30pm

2 Course Carvery Meal £16.25pp
3 Course Carvery Meal £19.25pp

The carvery has a starter bar or should you prefer hot soup can be served from the kitchen. This is followed by a visit to the carvery, where the chef will carve for you from a choice of succulent, freshly cooked joints of meats. You can then help yourself to seasonal vegetables, stuffing, Yorkshire puddings, gravy and a choice of sauces. Desserts can be served at your table. Vegetarian option available.



As previously mentioned in this newsletter, the RMA are using this luncheon to wish our eldest member, Bill Coyston, a very happy 100th birthday and your committee are hoping that as many members as possible will be able to join Bill and his family to mark this momentous occasion.

A £5.00 per person deposit is required to secure your place at this event with the remainder payable on the day, dependant of number of courses.

If you would like to attend please forward your deposit to Jayne Ricketts, 2 Everest Rise, Billericay, Essex CM12 9JB. Cheques should be made payable to B. Ricketts.