

# ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019



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## EVENTS UPDATE



Members, their families and friends recently had an enjoyable and informative tour of the Amazon LCY2 Fulfilment Centre, Tilbury. The 2.2 million square feet building, the equivalent to 28 football pitches, has 4 floors and 16 miles of conveyor belts. Yes, that is correct, 16 miles! The 2 year old building has 6 robotic fields, 2 on each of the upper 3 floors, 6,000 robots and 45-50,000 pods, all of which helps to speed up order processing time and increase storage capacity. As one member stated ‘I could not believe my eyes, I have never said wow so many times’.

## EVENTS UPDATE cont.

The fish and chip luncheon, held at The Old Fire Station Hadleigh, was another successful event arranged by your Association. The building held so many memories for the guests, and site manager and RMA member, Brian Hickey, showed a party around the upstairs of the building to see the transformation of the old quiet room, recreation room and dormitory.

Brian said *'It was a real pleasure to have the RMA here today and great to see my first Sub Officer, Jim Hudson, and his wife Connie looking so well'*.

Don't forget, you too, can catch up with old friends and colleagues at RMA events.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Theatre Trip Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Fully Booked**

It has been a long time coming, but members now eagerly await the forthcoming theatre trip later this month to see Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre.

**Christmas Carvery Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Fully Booked**

Our Christmas event this year will be held at one of the RMA's favourite venues, The New Times, Tiptree. As mentioned in last month's newsletter the RMA are using this event to wish our eldest member, Bill Coyston, a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Those of you who attend our functions will know that Bill is a great supporter of our luncheons and we are delighted to be able to take this opportunity to congratulate him on this significant milestone.

Unfortunately this event is now fully booked, but a waiting list is in operation in case of any cancellations. To go on the waiting list please contact Jayne Ricketts at [jayne.ricketts@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jayne.ricketts@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01277 623413.

**Brick Lane Musical Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**New Event Now Booking**

Your committee are delighted to have secured a booking at the ever popular Brick Lane Musical.

Enjoy a three course lunch before the fun begins with the humour and spectacle of a good old fashioned music hall.

Full details can be found on the attached flyer.

**ECFRS RMA AGM Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Reserve the date**

The Retired Members Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Full details will be published in the New Year.



## DOGGIE EXERCISE !

Representing Essex County Fire and Rescue Service in a challenging two-day exercise was cocker spaniel Jarvis and his handler Graham Currie. The recent exercise saw Search and Rescue dogs from across the UK take part in a challenging two-day exercise in Brightlingsea. The event saw handlers lead their dogs onto high-speed boats from Brightlingsea sea front across to Mersea Island, where they began a search of several acres for 'casualties'. Despite challenging conditions, the animals braved the wind and rain to successfully complete the first part of their task before carrying out a more routine search of nearby school grounds and outbuildings.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

ECFRS need your views on how the future priorities of the Service are delivered.

This consultation is your chance to say what matters to you and what approach should be taken.

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## OBITUARY

It is with regret to inform you of the death of non RMA members Michael Findlay, who served at Burnham on Crouch for 30 years, and Victor Clarke, formally of Red Watch, Colchester.

Our thoughts are with their respective family and friends.

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**Brick Lane Musical with Lunch  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**



Join RMA members for a matinee show and lunch in this totally unique theatre and dining venue. Brick Lane Music Hall, named after its original home in Brick Lane, receives worldwide acclaim and attracts audiences from all over the country to its home in a former church in London's Docklands.

Our coach will drop off at the pedestrian gate located in front of the main doors and there is a short, level walk into the theatre. Once seated at our table we will be served a three course lunch, freshly prepared on the premises, before the matinee performance. To accompany your meal a licenced bar will be available for you to purchase drinks.



As they say, laughter is the best medicine in the world, so do away with the winter blues, come and enjoy this good old fashioned music hall event. The trip will depart from Hawkwell Fire Station, before proceeding to Billericay Fire Station with parking available at both sites. Seats for the music hall show and the three course meal are £45.00 per person, and are on hold for the Association for a limited time. To secure your place on this event send a cheque made payable to B. Ricketts to 2 Everest Rise, Billericay, Essex CM12 9JB. Please advise of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

The cost of the coach and the drivers gratuity will become payable on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. It is anticipated that if all places are filled on this event the cost will be in the region of £12/13.00 per person.