

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

[A visit from the Chief Fire Officer...](#)

The RMA Committee was delighted that the Chief Fire Officer Rick Hylton took time out of his busy schedule to call in to Maldon fire station where the recent committee meeting was being held. The CFO spoke in brief over coffee in a very cordial, relaxed and informal way about his ambitions for the future of the Service, future trends and general items of interest concerning the ECFRS. He said that he appreciated the work of the RMA Committee and wished the group good luck for the future and, that he would try to meet the Committee maybe a couple of times per year.

The Chairman John Smith thanked the CFO for his interest in the RMA and for his continuing support which he commented was the first visit from a CFO possibly in the last twenty years or so.

[Forthcoming Events](#)

RMA AGM - Saturday 15th April, venue to be advised.

It's still early in 2023 and a number of events are in the planning stage but to whet your appetite here are a few ideas that the committee has:-

Tickets will soon be available for the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" in May 2023 at the Chelmsford Theatre, Fairfield Road, CM1 1JG. This promises to be a brilliant show. Further details to follow in the next newsletter.

Afternoon Tea – Cressing Temple

A visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon in June. See attached flyer.

Summer lunch in July.

A visit to The Wickenden's wonderful garden at St Osyth with afternoon tea & cake in early August.

11th September, Warners Getaway to Sudley Castle, Warwickshire, see flyer below.



Warners Hotel Getaway at Studley Castle, Warwickshire

11th September 2023

5 days, 4 nights with breakfast & dinner

Studley Castle, Hardwick Lane, Studley, B80 7AJ

Grade II listed Gothic Revival House

“A beautiful hotel curating more than 180 years of history, but utterly modern in outlook. It’s the perfect setting for a short break exploring and relaxing in rural Warwickshire. There’s a lot to do…… and lots of ways to do nothing.”

This is a superbly renovated castle in beautiful grounds and is very close to Stratford-on-Avon and the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, along with other places of interest which are well worth a visit.

Travel by car would be the best way to attend, but car sharing could be an advantage.

The cost, with group discount is £454 per person for a standard room accommodation.

Three single rooms are available without supplement

This booking needs to be taken up ASAP therefore an immediate response is necessary as the booking needs to be confirmed by 9th February to qualify for group benefit.

A deposit of £20 per person is required to secure your booking.

Account: ECFRS RMA, Sort Code 30-91-85, Account Number 49411768 Reference:
Studley Castle

Alternatively, a cheque payable to ECFRS RMA to Graham Farrell
95 Washington Road, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6JF

If you need further information please contact Dave Birks: 01702 528355
dave-jean-birks@supanet.com

Warners Leisure Hotels website gives additional information.

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RAF Museum, Hendon Trip Wednesday 14th June 2023



The RAF Museum Hendon, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL

The trip will depart from Hawkwell Fire Station, before proceeding to Billericay Fire Station with parking available at both sites. Coach collection times will be published later.

The entry to the museum is free, however the coach booking cost will be dependent on numbers.

It is anticipated that if all 49 coach seats are sold the coach fare will be £14.00 pp including the driver's gratuity.

The cost of the coach will become payable on 1st May 2023, (this includes the central London Ultra Low Emission Zone and coaches will be charged £100 to enter this zone and this is passed on to customers).

To secure your place on this event please send an expression of interest to Martin Pullen by email pullenmartin34@gmail.com or by phone/text 07979-707536 by 20th Feb 2023. Once numbers are known payment details will follow.

The museum is open from 10:00hrs to 17:00hrs.

Further information on the museum can be accessed here on their website <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/> There are other extra events that can be purchased individually, as can be seen on their website e.g. Typhoon simulator, 4D experience, Spitfire experience.

EXTRACT FROM THE JANUARY EDITION OF ECFRS NEWS

What would you do if a fire started while you were sleeping?

If there was a fire in your house while you were asleep it's unlikely you'd wake up by chance. What you need is a smoke alarm that will wake you up at the first sign of fire.

We were recently called to a house after a woman put her tumble dryer on before going to bed. It caught fire. Thankfully her smoke alarm woke her and she was able to get outside and call 999.

In another incident, a man was rescued from a smoke filled house. He had fallen asleep after putting food in the oven. He couldn't hear his smoke alarms but his neighbours could and promptly called us.

They don't just alert you to a fire in your home but they can alert neighbours and passers-by,

It's so important you have at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home. Set a reminder to test them regularly; they can only save lives if they work.

OBITUARY

KEITH WEBSTER

It is with sadness that we have to report the loss of RMA member Keith Webster. Keith passed away on 9th January 2023. We now have the details of Keith's funeral, as follows:

13:15 hrs on Monday 20th February 2023 at Sutton Road Cemetery, Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 5PX.

Keith's son has set up a tribute page for all those who would like to pay tribute to Keith or light a candle in his memory. The link to the page is here:
<https://keith-roy-webster.muchloved.com/>