

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



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WELCOME TO THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 15th April 2023 2pm at The Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS.

The RMA will be holding its Annual General Meeting at The Essex Fire Museum and would love to see as many members as possible get together for this event. Members are respectfully reminded that the Association's subscription of £2 for the year 2023/4 becomes due on the 1st April. So, why not come along, meet up with old friends and colleagues and enjoy light refreshments following the official part of the meeting.

If you wish to donate a prize for the Raffle, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please Note: To assist with the catering arrangements it is important to advise the Secretary, Barry Cable, if you will be attending the AGM so that appropriate provision can be made. Please advise Barry at janbarrycable@gmail.com or telephone 07850 984593 / 01277 624152.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

AFTERNOON TEA – 20th April 2023 12 noon–3.30pm Cressing Temple Barns
It's not too late to join us at this event...

By popular demand we are returning to The Barns at Cressing Temple for an Afternoon Tea. Why not come along and meet up with friends and maybe look around the amazing timber-framed barns and the Tudor walled garden on the medieval Knights Templar estate. See the flyer attached for details.

MAY

CHITTY, CHITTY, BANG, BANG

Due to lack of support, we were unable to fill our group booking and we have therefore unfortunately had to cancel this event. We are sure that there would be seats available should you wish to book independently.

JUNE

RAF MUSEUM AT HENDON – 14TH June 2023

A visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon on 14th June 2023. See attached flyer for details – Please note that there is an amendment to the price due to a change of coach company.

JULY

GREYHOUND RACING AT ROMFORD STADIUM – 7TH JULY 17.30Hrs

Enjoy an evening of greyhound racing at Romford Stadium with a 3-course meal in the Paddock Restaurant. Overlooking the winning line, the Paddock Restaurant is set out across two tiers and offers excellent views of the racing action. It really is the place to be on race nights!

Booking details regarding this event can be found on the attached flyer.

AUGUST

GARDEN VISIT – 2ND August 2023

A visit to Brian & Wendy Wickenden's garden at St Osyth with afternoon tea & cake.

Back by popular demand is another visit to the beautiful garden of Brian and Wendy Wickenden. The hospitality that we receive from Brian and Wendy is outstanding as many of you will testify. Details to be included in a future newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

4-NIGHT STAY AT STUDLEY CASTLE, WARWICKSHIRE - 11TH September 2023

Places are still available for the Warners Getaway to Studley Castle, Warwickshire, see flyer attached for details.

NEW MEMBER

The RMA is very pleased to welcome Debbie Lock as a new member.



TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

Tiptree Tea Room at The
Barns, Cressing Temple
Witham Road, Cressing, Essex
CM77 8PD

*Suitable for wheelchair users or visitors
with limited mobility*

“Experience a unique piece of history at the 13th century, Knights Templar Barns, complete with restored Tudor walled garden and Tiptree tea rooms. Visitors can make their way around the fascinating and outstanding 13th century barns and admire the Tudor herb garden. Just a short drive from Cressing Temple visitors can also find the Braintree Freeport Designer Shopping Village.”

**The RMA visited the Cressing Temple Barns in 2022
and by popular demand
we are returning to this amazing venue, so come and join your
friends and colleagues for afternoon tea at The Barns.**

**12 noon until 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 20th April 2023
Cost: £16.00 per person**

If you would like to attend this event, reserve your places by email to
baryccable@gmail.com

With two methods of payment:

by online banking as follows:

Account: ECFRS RMA, sort code: 30-91-85, account number: 49411768,
Please use reference: “Barns Tea [your surname]”
so that we know how to attribute the payment.

or, alternatively

forward a cheque made payable to ECFRS RMA to
The RMA Secretary, “Briarlea” Southend Road, Billericay CM11 2PR

***When you book your places, please remember to indicate
whether anyone in your party has any food allergies***

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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.

Entry to the museum is free.

The coach booking cost is dependent on numbers and as we have not been able to fill a 49-seater coach we have opted for a smaller coach and unfortunately a revised cost is unavoidable, increasing from £14:00 per head to a sum in the region of £22:00 - £25:00 per head. However, we still believe that it is very good value for money.

If you haven't already done so, 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 30th April 2023. Once final 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.

**Join your
fellow
RMA
members
at...**



GREYHOUND RACING AT ROMFORD STADIUM

The RMA is bringing together a group of members to attend a race meeting which will be held in July. We've chosen the July date because of the lighter nights, and it might make it easier for some people to get home.

Details are:

Date: Friday evening 7th July 2023

Time: Gate open at 17:30 hrs and members to be there by 18:00 hrs

Travel: Own Transport. *(parking is available on a first come-first-served basis.)*

Please inform us of any allergies, dietary requirements, accessibility needs, or wheelchair users.

Tickets are £37.50 per person which includes:
Admission and Racecard
3-course meal in the Paddock Restaurant
Drinks Table Service
Tote Messenger Betting Service

Please reserve your places by email to
Tony Pizzala: tonypizzala1950@gmail.com

*There are two methods of payment:
by online banking as follows:*

Account: ECFRS RMA, sort code: 30-91-85, account number: 49411768,
Please use reference: "Rom Dogs [surname]"

so that we know how to attribute the payment.

or alternatively:
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The RMA Secretary, "Briarlea, Southend Road, Billericay CM11 2PR

*Important: Please note that once final figures are given to the venue,
refunds cannot be made for non-attendance.*



Warners Hotel Getaway at Studley Castle, Warwickshire

11th September 2023

**5 days, 4 nights with breakfast & dinner
Studley Castle, Hardwick Lane, Studley,
B80 7AJ**

Last year Heythrop Park was a huge success and all those that visited are returning to Studley Castle this September.

Warners Hotels offer outstanding service with excellent dining.

Included in the price

- Breakfast every day
- Three-course evening dinner
- Daily live music and entertainment
- Full access to pool & Sauna
- Free parking & Wi-Fi
- History & Grounds tour

“Studley Castle is nestled in the glorious Warwickshire countryside, an area best known as Shakespeare's England. Stratford Upon Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, is a must see, and where you can experience historic sites, or stroll alongside the canals and perhaps enjoy a refreshing drink at one of the many pubs. Also close by is picturesque Henley-in-Arden, the charming town of Warwick, with its timber-framed houses and more notably Warwick Castle. Venture a little further afield and you can admire the villages and countryside of the Cotswolds”.

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

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

Three single rooms are available without supplement

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

or visit the Warners Studley Castle website for full details.

Have any of you got grandchildren aspiring to be fire fighters?

If so, you could be interested in the following....

EXTRACT FROM THE MARCH EDITION OF ECFRS NEWS

We're taking applications to become a fire cadet



Do you know someone aged 14 - 17 who is looking for a fun, challenging, exciting way to gain new skills?

There are so many reasons to apply to be a fire cadet - here are just a few:

- Activities include hose running, ladder pitching, search and rescue, first aid and control room procedures.
- Taking part in community engagement, home fire safety activities, fire station events and open days.
- The opportunity to work towards Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

We're now taking Fire Cadet applications for September 2023. Our units are based in a number of locations across the County and you've got until 17 April to apply.

Details of how to apply can be found on

<https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/apply-to-be-a-fire-cadet>