

THE ROUNDTHEADS

NEWS LETTER OF THE LFB RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT RON DOBSON QFSM WWW.LFBRMA.ORG

The Eight – pointed Star On a Firemen’s Badge

The eight-pointed is the cross of St John. It originated in the Maltese Cross, the emblem of the Knights of Malta & was used by the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, at the time of the Crusades.

Tact

Sympathy

Perseverance

Observation

Gallantry

Explicitness

Loyalty



Dexterity

The points were said to represent the Virtues required of a knight. Since these also represent the quality’s required by a fireman, the star was chosen as the insignia of the National and Auxiliary Fire Service & has remained so, through to the Fire Service of today.

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THE CHAIRMAN WRITES

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

In my letter last September I made a comment about how well the London Fire Brigade had performed during the Olympics in respect of their contingency planning and the efficiency of the operational response. I am sure that many of you realised that the LFB, unlike other brigades up and down the country, had been partly protected from major financial cuts during the Olympic year. Well, with the Olympics now a happy memory, the LFB faces £45m budget cuts in the next financial year.

One of the initiatives that proved very successful were the fleet of five specially adapted firefighting Minis used at the Olympic Park during last summer's Games.

We could be seeing more of these small first response vehicles on the roads in London as the Brigade looks for innovative ways to make budget cuts whilst still providing the people of London with an effective and efficient fire and emergency service.

As a car driver I can remember feeling very annoyed when the Congestion Charge started in London, but for me and my wife Mary it had the desired effect. We started using the underground and buses instead of the cars when visiting Central London, so when we both reached 60 and got our freedom passes it was a real bonus. The bus and freedom passes now appear to be under threat as the Chancellor looks for ways to make further financial savings. I for one will find it very hard to give up my pass if the Government decides to include this benefit in its "cuts" program.

The Government is giving away £1 billion to people under 65 by raising the annual income they can have before they pay tax. It will increase from £8,105 to £9,440 a year from April 6. For those born before April 5 1948; their tax-free allowances will not change. Their higher allowances of £10,500 (for people born between April 6 1938 to April 5, 1948) and £10,660 (for those born on or before April 5, 1938) will be frozen. The system for dealing with higher allowances is also changing. People born between April 6, 1947 and April 5, 1948 should ensure they get the higher allowance for the whole of 2012/13 – even if their birthday was as late as April 5, 1948. These changes are part of the major changes the Government is making to the state pension system. Make sure you are properly informed by contacting HMRC for details.

In October 2012 the Association held a very successful Dinner and Dance at a new venue for us, the Victory Services Club near Marble Arch. This is always a very enjoyable event and was an ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends in a relaxing environment. Our next AGM will also be held at this venue in May and I look forward to meeting many of you there.

I write this in the week of the Eastleigh By-election caused by a Cabinet Minister admitting that he deliberately broke the law, there has been talk of negative interest on savings, the pound has fallen to a two year low against the Dollar, it has been a miserable cold wet winter with increasing heating cost but large profits for British Gas, the price to fill up the car seems to go up every day and even the Pope feels it is a good time to go!

We may feel that things look bleak at the moment but as you look around the rest of Europe especially Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy (where over 25% of the electorate voted for a comedian) and even France it makes you realise that there are many people in a much worse position than we are in the UK and we members also have the LFB pension scheme. Perhaps the Royal birth will lift everybody's spirits back towards the highs of last summer's Olympics and Paralympics.

My thanks once again to Barry Sargent our Secretary, the Branch Secretaries and Committee Members for their support and hard work during the year. After a miserable winter I wish you all a better Spring and a hot dry summer.

Martin Coffey OBE



**This man is so pleased to be captured at last.
After spending the last 67 Years hiding behind a Bush,
for him the war is finally over.
Names on a postcard please.
(Only Joking)
It's Norman Paulding.**



FSSAA



LFB Swim Team report 2012

Wow what a fantastic FSSAA 2012 Open and masters Swimming Championships hosted by Tyne & Wear FRS on Saturday 3rd November 2012 at Tynemouth pool, Tyne and Wear was. There were 102 swimmers from 15 brigades including Cornwall, Manchester and Lincoln competing in this annual event which is hosted by a different Brigade each year.. We won the overall Masters Team Championships and gained a very creditable 3rd in the overall Open Team Championships. 67 medals were won and several UK fire service records were broken by our team of 10. Biz Barrell and Martin Heron achieved a brilliant performance by winning the individual Masters trophy, what a great achievement by both. Biz also broke a UK fire service record in the 50m Backstroke (age band H) Sheila Macgregor, Sam Grooves and Kay Broom picked up 5 x gold, 6 x silver and 2 x bronze and in the Team events we also won 12 x medals. We would have won a lot more if we could get more girlies to swim, so come on Ladies we know you're out there? Sheila also broke 3 UK fire service records in 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Martin Heron, John Paul Laver, Bob Bray, Phil Charrington, Biz Barrell, Roy Cook and Chris Green picked up 13 x golds, 9 x silver and 5 x bronze and in the team events they also won 15 medals. Our overall medal tally was 67 which was an absolutely amazing performance from all 10 swimmers who were from all sections of the Brigade including both firefighters, FRS and retired members. Well done to all those swimmers who made a great effort to pull themselves away from their comfy sofas to swim in a meet that was quite a distance away from London. It was good to hear the current chair of the National swimming section who is a current chief talk about how sport is an integral part of fire service work and how swimming allows both men and women of all ages and from all sections of the service to take part in the same events within the competition. He had even gone so far as to re introduce selective sports leave. Now that is progression! Our next event will be the Purley Swimathon on Thursday 7th February 2013 at 8pm which will be in aid of the Fire Fighters Charity. We are always looking for swimmers from 18 -80, so if and when you see us advertising please email us or contact Bob Bray, Seth Why, Sam Groves or Kay Broom via e-mail. The more swimmers we get the more achievements we will gain. You can check out www.fssaa.co.uk/swimming for all the results, records and times.

NB

Next World Police & Fire Games are due in Belfast 2013

Next World Fire Fighter Games are due to be held in LA 2014

see www.WFG2014.com

LFB Swim Team member

Sheila Macgregor.



Hi All,

I managed to buy a brass LCC LFB fire helmet; although not in the best of condition it still has the original leather inner lining and chin straps minus the buckle.

The leather has dried out and becoming very flaky when touched, I looked at how to remove the inner liner but it is held in by a riveted plate therefore I don't want to remove these as it will spoil the original materials.

Is there anyone out there who can give me some advice on how to save the leather work and what should be used, or if a reader could recommend a good restorer?

Thank you for taking the time to read my request.

Best regards,

Mike West, Please contact me by email. james.westwest@btinternet.com

REG UPTON

It is with deep regret that our old mate Reg Upton passed away on the 19th. October 2012 at Barnet General Hospital after a severe illness. Reg was a well respected colleague and friend and a great character to all who knew him. He joined the Middlesex Fire Brigade in December 1955 served all his service between Enfield and Barnet before finishing as an instructor at Finchley Training Centre. He was a great supporter of the RMA and attended most of the re-unions at The Northern and The Annual Re-union in Central London. He was laid to rest on the 31st. October 2012 at Enfield Crematorium it was well attended by old colleagues from Middlesex and London. His Family want to send their thanks to all who made the effort and were overwhelmed by the number of old friends who had made the effort.



Jock Ramsay

(Served With Reg at Barnet)

Rev the rev

You get called some strange things doing this job! Father, Pastor, Padre' Reverend and even on occasion, Sir!! I prefer just plain Jeff but my favourite tag is one bestowed upon me by an old Railway colleague from my Liverpool St days who always calls out 'hey...Rev the rev!' Or 'here comes Rev the rev'. This is due to the fact that he's a motor-cyclist like myself, well almost he's the proud owner of a Honda 90 which is of course closer to being a Sewing machine than a motorbike. He won't mind me sharing that a few years ago, he had a bad accident on the bike and lost the lower part of a leg. I'd known him about two years before I found this out when one day he said during a conversation 'well you know I have a false leg! And tapped it sharply, with a litter picker. You could have knocked me over with a feather!! He moved around so well I hadn't noticed over the years. Motorcycle travel of course can be dangerous, as I found out recently when a combination of ice, lack of concentration and a mad-man in a van meant I experienced an intimate association with the road! Apart from a few lumps and bruises I was fine, I walked a bit like Frankenstein's monster for a couple of days, but other than that escaped any real physical injury. It made me think again though by what a slender thread we tread this earth! We can be "here today and gone tomorrow ". A sobering thought, but one which should be tempered with Gods assurance that if we ask Him, he will "never leave nor forsake us" on this earth and on into eternity. That's a promise for us made by the great promise maker who never breaks His word. And it's a promise which we can rest on for our own peace and trust on for those who have gone on before us that were also trusting in Him. I read the 23rd psalm this morning and recommend it to you; it's not just for funerals but tells how God is there to bring health life comfort and rest in and through the stresses and strains of life as well as a secure eternity.



Happy Easter all!!

Jeff Potter

A BLAST FROM THE PAST.

An excerpt from the (NORTHERN STAR). The Northern Commands Magazine, from May 1971.

A Division Whaler Boys Make it three wins out of six

All four Divisions A, D, G, & J, competed once again for the coveted (Command Whaler Cup), on Saturday 8th May 1971. The race was rowed, without any help from the tide from Lambeth to Kings Reach. It was a bit of a mixed bag on the day, as the football association was holding one of their more important fixtures on the same day and could not be cancelled. Then just before the briefing took place, an intrepid Officer (who shall remain nameless) decided to have the audacity to make pumps 10in the G division. This put paid to our finishing Judge (DACO Sennett & our Officer Presiding ACO Watts. Arrangements were hastily re-adjusted & ADO Quick was dispatched to HMS President with a Colt 45 lashed around his neck, resembling a somewhat fearsome American Army General. (Mr Quick told us later, that nobody argued with him or caused him any bother in the traffic jams on route). All the boats carried a spare oar, but after a double mishap J Division broke



"A" Division wins Northern Command Whaler race

L to R: L.Frn Cooper (A27)/ Frn. Barclay (A23)/ Frn. Vaux (A25)/ L.Frn. Beckler (A22)
ADO Carris/ Frn. Morley (A28)/ Frn. Woodcock (A25)

two of their oars which left them with four rowers and one passenger. They still did extremely well & finished third. The final positions were 1st A Div, 2nd G Div, 3rd J Div & 4th D Div. [F L Hurcombe & Steven Aindow](#)

MANCHESTER SQ September 68

Following on from the article about Manchester Square in the issue no14 winter 2012, I joined the LFB in 1955 straight from the Royal Marines and was posted to Westminster Fire Station. I ended up in Manchester Square from 1960 to 1970, white watch. The mention of the mess managers Dicky Day and George Acutt brought back memories. I enclose a certain newspaper article referring to the "BIG FIRE" at the Manchester Square Fire Station!!!!. Of all the watches at the Square our white watch was known as the "social" watch. On this particular evening it was decided that as a treat we would have an extra "big eats nosh" in the kitchen. We settled on hot dogs. Unfortunately one awkward bloke said he did not like hot dogs, so could he have a large plate of chips, this was okayed. (Disaster!) all machines ordered to a fire at Lords Cricket Ground. Off we all went; I was driving the TL with my old oppo leading hand Jim Cleary in the No1 seat. Luckily, false alarm malicious. Back we came hopefully to our late night big eats. As we were queuing up in Chiltern Street, grey smoke came drifting past us coming from the fire station. You now know the result, gutted kitchen. ACO Ernie Allday who lived in the flat above and had just returned from holiday, was trying to do something about the carnage and was relieved that we had returned to take over. We spent all night trying to clear up and cut away the damage. The silly sod who wanted chips had not turned off the gas. ADO Ferdie Hurcombe was in charge of proceedings and when asked "are we having a relief pump guv?" the resulting answer I cannot repeat! I can always remember Dicky Day's facial expression when he turned up next morning as blue watch mess manager. The result of all this. Not much, a slap on the wrist about eating out of hours etc. Our Governor John Bovenizer wrote an excellent report and that was that. Thank goodness it was in a past era and not now, can you imagine loads of blokes in high viz jackets descending on the station with enquiries lasting several months. Referring to the watch system change in the early sixties from two to three watches, it was a standard joke that the two governor's from red and blue watches spent time picking and choosing the firemen they would prefer on their watch. All the skates, trouble makers etc relegated to the newly formed white watch with newly appointed station officer. It was the best thing that ever happened, the Manchester Square white watch ended up the happiest and socially minded watch, and, I might add, very efficient with a popular and no nonsense governor, Les Henson. Rumour has it that it didn't go down too well with the other two governors as Les was only a T/Station Officer!! I remember reading the Chief's article; in the Roundthreads Winter edition of 2009. That maybe our era was not the good old days. Sorry, they were!!! Nobody seems happy these days, why?
Yours, Alex Fry (Sub..O) Retired

Monday, September 9, 1968 PAGE 1

Blaze at fire station, but no firemen

THE firemen were out at the time, fighting a fire. And while they were away, their station caught alight.

Only one fireman was left in the building. But he didn't even know the place was burning.

The blaze was discovered when the crews of three fire engines returned to Manchester-square fire station in Marylebone yesterday.

Then, after spending two hours fighting someone else's fire, the firemen had to turn to and put their own out.

Damaged

It was in the kitchen on the first floor of the fire station. The room was extensively damaged.

A spokesman said: "The only fireman in the station while the crews were out was on duty in the ground-floor control room.

"He didn't know about the fire upstairs. In any case, he would not have been able to leave his post."

Last night fire officers were trying to track down the cause of the blaze.

One theory was that someone forgot to take the chip-pan off the cooker when the fire bells went. Which, figuratively speaking, really put the fat in the fire.

Sunday Telegraph Seven Magazine 13 January 2013 page 20.

Henry Green's (volunteer fireman) novel Caught, published 1943 "is a captivating novel about the fire service in combustible wartime London, which remains after 70 years a book of surpassing skill and thrill". Jacquetta Gomes

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all the members, that have sent me articles for inclusion in the magazine. There must be a wealth of funny and interesting stories to be told and I would like everyone, who has a story or an event they would like published in our magazine, to send it to me. It is getting increasingly difficult to fill the magazine with different stories & articles and try to keep our magazine up to-date; informative and interesting. So if you would like to see your article published send it to me. If you have photographs to go with the story or event send them as well, it makes for a better article. You can email me at keith.sefton@btopenworld.com Thank you in advance.

Keith Sefton

EDITOR ROUNDTHEADS.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE YPRES BELGIUM 2013

Deputy Standard Bearer, Dave Bradbury; represented the LFBRMA at the Menin Gate service on Remembrance Day last November. He was proud to lead the LFB contingent in the march to the gate; Tony Hare laid the RMA wreath. The moving service was held in the sunshine, but with a cool breeze blowing. Returning from the service in Ypres Dave stopped at the village church, where he spotted a small group of war graves. He was moved to discover that a wreath of fresh flowers had been placed there that morning by the Ypres Council. A touching gesture from the Authorities to the sacrifice made by so many.



LIFE AFTER THE BRIGADE.

By Fred Freeman

While in the Fire Brigade I joined St John Ambulance and became interested in First Aid. I was trained to use a defibrillator and became the first St John Volunteer to use it on a patient, this was at Twickenham Stadium and had a successful result. Sometime after I retired from the Brigade I moved to Mersea Island near Colchester, Essex. Soon after moving to the Island I became aware of a group called Heart watch First Responders who had been set up about five years previously and were actively seeking more volunteers. For some history of First Responders I must go back to a study carried out in America in 1985 and 86, which highlighted the fact that time was vital to survival following a heart attack or stroke. At that time it was realised that in the so-called educated world only some three per cent of those suffering heart attacks survived and recovered, which was an awful statistic. An exception was found to be in Seattle where the survival rate was far higher due to the wooden houses, to be more accurate because of the wooden buildings fire engines were given a shorter time to attend, the fire appliances also carried defibrillators and were sent to medical emergencies as well as fires. This seemed to drastically improve the survival rate. Our government, at that time, asked the Essex Ambulance Service to carry out a trial to see if this was true and if it was, to carry out a pilot trial to see how the response times could be improved. As a result four teams of volunteers were formed in Brightlingsea, Mersea, Raleigh and Lakeside – all more than fifteen minutes away from an Ambulance Station -to try to reduce the response time from between 15 and 45 minutes to less than ten minutes. Mersea was chosen because it can take an ambulance some time to arrive, depending on the state of the tide and where the ambulance has to come from – they can be sent here from Colchester, (20-25min) Clacton, (40+ min) Halstead or Whitham, I have even waited for a vehicle from Saffron Walden (about 2 hours). This pilot trial proved a success and showed that using volunteers does work. So the government gave all Ambulance Services the target to get to every category A call within eight minutes and all category B calls within 19 minutes. Category C calls, it was decided, could be answered as and when an ambulance was available. In order to decide what category a call should be put in, whenever you dial 999 and ask to be put through to the Ambulance Service you are asked a number of questions that enable the dispatcher in the operations room to decide whether the call should be categorised as A, B or C and it is the dispatcher, who having made that decision, activates a Responder, a paramedic, an ambulance crew and if necessary a helicopter ambulance. When we were first formed the Teams were equipped with a defibrillator, trained in basic life support drills, shown how to use the defib and became active Heart watch Responders controlled by the emergency control room at the Ambulance Service's locality office in Chelmsford. Since then our Team have answered over 1580 calls to patients on the Island. To begin with we did not get called out often, but, since then, the need has increased to the point where last year we were called out 218 times and so far this year we've been called to help patients 221 times. We have used the defibrillator 10 times, attended 6 children, 7 traumas, given Oxygen 118 times and reassurance only 85 times. The Island's Community Responder Team, as it is now called, has been in existence for coming up to 14 years. It is now a part of the East of England Ambulance Service that was formed four years ago by the amalgamation of the Ambulance Services of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. The duty responder is sent to a patient by the Ambulance Emergency Control Centre (EOC) following a 999 call requiring a category A or B response. This instruction goes to a mobile phone that gets passed from Responder to Responder with the kit. Responders cannot answer direct calls from friends or neighbours, though of course we do get asked to help our neighbours if they need it.



In that case we act as a member of the public and dial 999 or 112 and ask for help, if that kind of help is needed. As time passed and the trial proved a success the idea of using volunteer responders as a part of the Ambulance Service has spread to all the counties in the country, except London; to the extent that now responders answer about 10% of all the 999 calls the Ambulance Services receive. When the pilot trial first began the responders were told that, unlike the Ambulance Service, they would not have any exemption from the Road Traffic Acts and so would have to abide by whatever speed limits were in force. This is still the case and means that in practice responders can generally get to patients in West Mersea within eight minutes of a 999 call being made, and to the caravan sites and East Mersea in ten to twelve minutes. The Mersea Team aims to provide cover for 24 hours a day every day, but generally provides cover for 80-85% of the time. The Mersea Team is one of the 74 Teams in Essex that have some 1000 responders in them, and who answer some 500-600 calls every month. About five years after the Team became operational the Ambulance Service decided to allow responders to give oxygen to those patients who would benefit from it. Since then the use of glucogel for diabetic patients has been added to the skills a responder can use. The Mersea Team is now one of only four in the county trained to answer calls to babies and young children; so no matter who the patient is, if the call is for a life threatening condition that is classified as either a category A or B a call the duty Mersea Responder will be sent to help look after the patient until a paramedic or ambulance crew arrives. The core equipment the Team uses, the defib, oxygen, facemasks and glucogel are provided by the Ambulance Service, but the remaining kit we need to have - the hi-visibility jackets, car signs, training aids and pulseoximeter - have to be obtained by the Teams themselves. Here in Mersea the Team is fortunate, as we have been helped financially by the Lions in recent years. In the early years the Strood Charity and Gowens the sail makers,



London Fire Brigade's most exclusive appliance.

Having read the article in the last edition about The Square I felt there was an omission with no mention of the London Fire Brigade's most exclusive appliance, there was only one of them in the Brigade from about 1980 onwards. Call sign Charlie Victor 2, the Canteen Van. You might all mock but before we got the Sally Army this was the best you got and I never heard anyone complain when we turned up. It might have only been biscuits, tea or coffee but at least it gave a small rest spot for a time. For those of you who don't remember it, it was crewed by a Leading Fireman (remember them?) and a driver. In those days if we needed a stand-by LF or driver they always knew what they would be riding so it was not the most sought after stand-by. But on night duty stand-bys at least it was generally a socks off night for them and us, when it was our turn. We were normally only ordered on at eight pumps and above or by request and we had a 30 minute turn out time. On turn out, believe it or not, it was a blue light shout. I always hoped we did not get stopped by the police, can you imagine explaining that you were on a shout in a canteen van. There was a small bonus that if there was a shout for the van the duty watch had free biscuits, tea and coffee for a good few duties. Obviously when it eventually went there were no real tears shed and the Sally Army was a definite improvement with sandwiches, pies and cakes. But it is a part of history and I certainly remember it with a touch of nostalgia especially, as it harks back to those slightly less formal days before it got serious, remember them?

Erik Crichton



helped the Team get the first kit bag, that would take the oxygen bottle, and the defib. All of them deserve our very grateful thanks, for without their help the Team would not be nearly as effective as it is. The system we have in place now-a-days means that members of a CFR Team look after a patient until the paramedic or ambulance arrives. By day this is not a problem as it is rarely for a longer period than 30 minutes,

because the air ambulance acts as a backup that will arrive if a land ambulance cannot get to a patient quickly, but at night this cannot happen, because the helicopter doesn't fly at night yet, and so, in that situation, the Responder has to stay and look after the patient until a paramedic can get there, however long that takes – and when the tide is up it can be quite a long time. We do have an arrangement with the Lifeboat whereby a paramedic and additional equipment can be collected from a pre-arranged rendezvous point and brought across. Mersea Island has been lucky to have such a Team and its first ten year's work was recognised three years ago when it was given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which is marked by all the Team Members being able to wear the badge. More recently members with over 5 year's service were awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Fred Freeman



Photo copywrite Erik Criton

[Message to all branch secretaries](#)

Standard Bearer's Expenses

Following the LFBRMA committee meeting on the 28th September 2012, the chairman suggested and approved, that for the requested attendance of our standard bearer, to funerals and other events, the RMA should pay for the first 100 miles of travel. The payment will be at 40 pence per mile. All other expenses (Mileage / Accommodation where necessary and meals) should be paid for by the family's / organisation concerned and they should be made fully aware of this, before the request for the standard bearer is requested. After the attendance at the event, Norman Paulding will invoice the parties concerned. This was agreed by the LFBRMA Committee. [Norman Paulding](#)



Sign the petition against fire service privatisation

The 38 Degrees campaign has very helpfully launched a petition to support of our fire and rescue service and oppose government privatisation plans. The 38 Degrees campaign site can be viewed at www.38degrees.org.uk Matt Wrack, FBU general secretary said: "I would strongly urge all members to support this petition. Please circulate the details to your friends, family and colleagues in whatever ways you can find to do so. Everyone can play a role in the fight to defend our service."



THE FIRE LECTURE 2013



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FIREFIGHTERS SAFE AS HOUSES?

A DEBATE

This house supports the case for the installation of sprinklers in all new homes



for the motion:-

James Shannon

President of the NFPA
The National Fire Protection
Association of the USA



against the motion:-

Jonathan O'Neill

Managing Director of the FPA
The Fire Protection Association
of the UK

Chaired by
James Landale

Deputy Political Editor, BBC News

on Tuesday 23rd April 2013, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7GF

present will be

Sheriff Nigel Pullman, City of London Corporation
Peter Holland CBE OStJ QFSM FIFireE, HM Government Chief Fire & Rescue Advisor
and the Immediate past Advisor Sir Ken Knight CBE QFSM DL

CPD credits available to members of the IFE, CII and the EPS

The cost of a ticket for the lecture is £35 + VAT = £42, inclusive of a buffet reception

Discount for members of the IFE: £25 + VAT = £30

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Calling all RMA Members

Don't forget to get your tickets,
come along and meet up with your old friends
and colleagues.

Wednesday 8th May AGM & Reunion:-
Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club, Seymour
Street W2
Reunion Tickets available from your Branch Secretary

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**ANNUAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Firefighters Monument – National Memorial Arboretum SUNDAY 12th MAY 2013**

RMA members are invited to attend the Annual Service of Thanksgiving at the Firefighters Monument 'Firefighters Serving Humanity', on Sunday 12th May 2012.

This annual service is an act of thanksgiving and celebration for the work of the Fire & Rescue Services and all who have served are serving or will serve in it. On this occasion the four newly installed granite benches will also be blessed.

Please view our website at www.firefightersmemorial.co.uk & click on **2013 Monument** in the menu side bar.

The open air Service, conducted by Canon Peter Mortimer MBE TD (Chaplain to the Trust), will commence at 12:00 hrs, and will be of approximately 40 minutes duration. You are however requested to be in position by 11:40 hours.

P.S. Diary note: [Annual Memorial & Wreath Laying Ceremony, 8th September 2012, London](#)

LFB-RMA Shop Items



Sweat Shirt	£13.00
Polo Shirt	£13.00
Blazer Badge	£10.00
Ladies Head Scarf	£10.00
Cuff Links	£8.00
Pin Badge	£1.50
RMA Tie	£10.00
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Baseball Cap	£7.00
Shield / Plaque	£20.00
Car Sticker	£0.80



You can order the items from Erik Crichton on 020 8597 5862 or Email lfbmashop@aol.com

LFB RMA DIARY OF EVENTS FOR 2013

Members wishing to attend an event should complete the form and return it to the Secretary with either a deposit or full payment. Some dates and prices need to be confirmed and may be subject to change, numbers for some events are limited therefore an early response is suggested. Further details of the events will be sent to individuals following receipt of the booking form, deposit or full payment.

Saturday 1st 8th or 15th June or the evening of either the 12th or 13th (Beating The Retreat)

Trooping the Colour or either one of the two rehearsals, followed by either lunch or drinks depending on date at a local club. The cost of this will not be included within the price. An application for a group ticket has been applied for, the cost and date will be confirmed when confirmation has been received. Please do not send a deposit for this event just your availability. **Tickets will be limited to 2 per member.**

Saturday 22nd June Ceremony of the Keys Tower of London:- 50 places available

Short guided tour followed by a reception in the Yeoman Warders Club with buffet and Keys Ceremony. Cost £20.00.

July: Date and cost to be confirmed

Guided Tour of the House of Commons followed by tea in a restaurant within the House.

Limited places are available for the tour. There may be additional places available for tea.

Price will include tour and tea.

Sunday 11th August Sunday Lunch Jazz Cruise on the Thames:- 25 places have been reserved

3 Course lunch while undertaking a 2½ hour river cruise. Cash bar available on board plus live Jazz Band. Cost £48:00

Sunday 3rd November to Wednesday 6th November. Battlefield Tour to Ypres Salient

Coach & Channel crossing, entry fees to Museums, Guided Battlefield Tour, 3 nights B&B Hotel accommodation plus one evening meal. Cost to be confirmed (Approx £300)

Saturday 19th October Annual Dinner & Dance Carisbrooke Hall Victory Services Club Seymour Street W2.

Pre dinner drinks reception, 4 Course meal and live entertainment. Cost £80

Monday 25th November Guided Tour of Westminster Abbey :- 26 places available

Blue Badge guided tour of the Abbey followed by Lunch in a local restaurant.

Cost of tour £17.50. Lunch not included within the price

Other events take place during the year at no cost and are managed by other organizations.

Please contact the relevant organization for more information/tickets.

Friday June 14th

Service of Remembrance held at LFB Fireman's Corner Highgate Cemetery @ 10:30am

For information contact Nick Ginty on 07866 967709 nick-laura.g123@oldies2.plus.com

Sunday 8th September @ 11:30 hours

FFMCT National Memorial Service:-

Service at St Bartholomew's Church and wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial by St.Paul's Cathedral.

For tickets contact the FFMCT Secretary Paul Settle on 01233 732348 or email

firefightersmct@btinternet.com

Friday 8th November @10:00 hours

Remembrance Service City Hall:-

Service of Remembrance for LCC/GLC members who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War 1 & 2 Tickets available from the General Secretary.

December (Date to be Confirmed)

LFB Carol Service to be held in Westminster Cathedral:-

For tickets contact the LFB Communications Section on 020 8555 1200 ex 30768 or e mail lfbcarolservicetickets@london-fire.gov.uk

Please return completed form to:-

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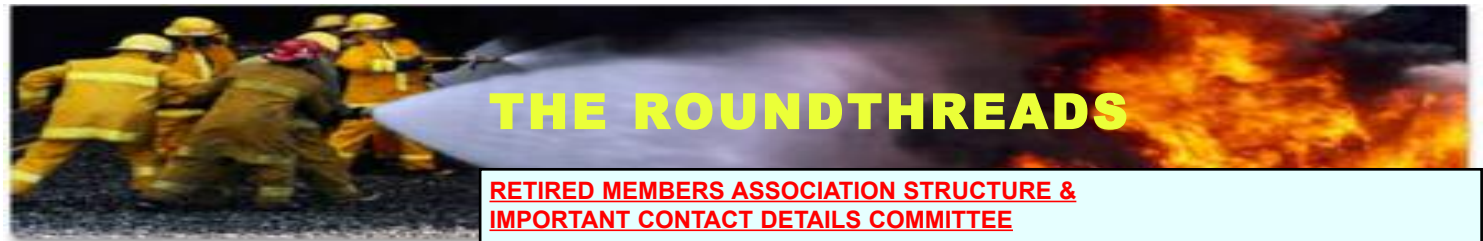
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- Organise regular social social events for Association Members to meet up with colleagues
- Support our members and their families in connection with their service, the Firefighters Charity, the Firefighters' Remembrance Trust (the award of the National Service Medal) and the Firefighters' Club & Hall

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