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20-20 Cricket RCC vs Rayleigh	Sunday 27th May		1 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club	
Fun Day	Monday 28 th May		10am – 4pm	Rettendon A	Rettendon All Saints Church	
Parish Council Annual Meeting	Tuesday, 29th May		7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Parish Council	
Rettendon 2nd vs Rankins 1st	Saturday, 2 nd June		1 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club	
Table Top Sale	Saturday, 9th June		1 — 3pm	Rettendon Memoria	Rettendon Memorial Village Hall, CM3 8DP	
Rettendon 1st vs Springfield 1st	Saturday, 9th June		1 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club	
Rettendon 2 nd vs Purleigh 1 st	Saturday, 16th June		1 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club	
Show Planning Open Meeting	Tuesday, 19th June		7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Soc.	
Rettendon 1st vs Rayleigh 1st	Saturday, 23 rd June		1 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club	
Bressingham Steam & Garden	Sunday, 24th June		9am pick-up	Bell Pub & Village Bus Stop	Rettendon Horticultural Soc.	
Sunday Services	Sundays		11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free Church /	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Pre-school	Monday - Thursday		Mornings	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Pre-school	
Bowls	Mondays / Thursdays		7 - 10pm/2 - 4pm	Rettendon Me	morial Village Hall	
Parish Council Meeting	Last Tuesday in Month		7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Parish Council	
Knit and Natter	1st & 3rd Wednesdays		1:30 — 3:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Village Hall		
Art group / Youth Group	Wednesdays		2pm / 6:30pm	Battlesbrio	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Jive	Wednesdays		8pm — 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Jive Group	
Community Choir	Fridays		7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir	
Country and Western	1st Saturday in month		8pm — 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country & Western Society	
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY						
Garden Judging	Sunday, 8th July		2pm onwards	Rettendon Horticultural Society		
RETTENDON VILLAGE SHOW	Saturday, 14th July		1 pm — 5 pm	Rettendon Village Hall & Cı	icket Field Rettendon Village	
MOBILE LIBRARY						
South Hanningfield Village Hall	Tuesday 12:		25pm to 12:55pm	12 th June, 3 rd July, 24 th July, 14 th August, 4 th September		
Salforal Close	-		45pm to 2:15pm	12th June, 3rd July, 24th July,14th August, 4th September		
Goose Cottages	Friday 9:		l0am to 10:10am	8 th & 29 th June, 20 th July, 10 th & 31 st August, 21 September		

 \star Please note newsletter is COMBINED edition for JULY and AUGUST. Entries for this by 20th JUNE \star



Table Top Sale
Rettendon Village Hall
(CM3 8DP)
Saturday 9th June

1pm - 3pm

Free entry. Car parking. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes



To reserve a table please call **Joan Sankey 01268 765329.**



KNIT & NATTER.....

Continues in the Village Hall committee room on June 6th and June 20th, 1:30 till 3:30pm.

Much listening happens here (and a bit of crochet for a change!).

We are trying to knit the Royal Wedding and already have Prince Harry, Megan and Camilla, but we could do with a bit more help. We would like to show off our handiwork at the Village Show with all of the Royal Family. Anyone who would like to have a go with us is very welcome. Please come along and try your hand. Sandie Cottee via Facebook.

or Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538

Rettendon Horticultural Society Open Meeting for Rettendon Village Show - Show Planning Tuesday, 19th June, 7:30pm Rettendon Village Hall - Committee Room

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All welcome.

We hope you will be able to help us bring the Village together for this wonderful show to be held on Saturday, 14th July. Already we have cooperation from the Friends of Rettendon School, Rettendon Cricket Club and the churches in the Parish.

We have invited the vicar, Reverend Richard Jordan, to open the show as we thought he did such a good job last year.

Now we are looking for volunteers to help put up gazebos, pavilions (don't worry - the marquee is put up professionally), tables, and to generally help out with the setting up before the show.

We are also looking for some people to help out with the stalls. It does not have to be for the whole time, any time - even a half hour stint - would help us. Some of you have already been asked, and accepted, and we are very grateful to you.

Please come along to find out more.

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Village Hall News

Exercise Classes

Thanks to all those who have registered interest in getting fitter. Our list is growing and we are considering arranging a taster session so we can see what's what. So you may get a phone call to advise of this!

There is still plenty of time to add your name to the list. Call Hazel on 01245 401538.

Table Top Sale - Saturday, 9th June - 1pm till 3pm

This event is to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall. Having had the floor refurbished, we would like to possibly update or refurbish a few other items, but have a limited budget. Please support us. There will be tea, or coffee, and cake available, so if you want you can come for a browse and chat over tea.

Please get in touch if you would like a table for this event, which will cost £10. Open to all, even if not a parish resident.

Contact Joan Sankey 01268 765329.

Booking the hall

There are two rooms to book at the hall. For that smaller meeting there is a committee room, which is booked for four hours at a time at a fixed rate. Larger events can be accommodated in the main hall, which has a stage and a microphone system.

Dianne Francombe, the booking clerk, has all the details and can be contacted on **01268 400297**.



Rettendon All Saints' Church

On May 28th we will be having a re-vamped open day so do come along and help us make it a success. It is about time we tried something new.

Last month we had a rogation Sunday service when we all went out into the churchyard to bless the farm, the flowers and God's creations. We thank Luigi Munday for bringing some of his young stock to the boundary fence near to the Church especially for the occasion. This year he brought some young bulls. I really enjoy this service as it reminds me of our inheritance and the countryside that surrounds us.

The church itself has stood on the hill for roughly one thousand years surrounded by the countryside and village. We are lucky to have such a beautiful ancient building in our midst.

Jane Fallows, Churchwarden 01245 400394

Garden Notes

Suddenly everything grew gloriously. Dandelion clocks are magical, but remember the old adage "One year's seeding - seven years weeding".

Watch to see what the strange plant is and if it is not acceptable consign it to the brown bin before it starts having babies in your borders.

Best of Luck. Mrs. McGregor

Thank you.

Jenny and Sharon Coyston would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for sympathy cards and flowers brought to the door.

And to everyone who supported us at Tony's funeral and for donations to Essex Air Ambulance, raising £341. Thank you all.

The family would like to say thank you to everyone who attended Ray Prebble's funeral. It was amazing to see so many from Rettendon and the surrounding areas, around 150 people turned up. (We are sorry some of you had to stand.) It gave us all strength to know how much he was loved by so many people, we are a very close family and Ray will always be in our hearts.

Also thank you to you all for giving and continue to give Pat your support and for sending her some lovely flowers and messages it meant a lot to us all.

Ray's Family

School Gardening

Class 3 have already planted their vegetable trough with carrots, beetroot, French beans and onion sets. They have now planted annuals in troughs and pots. May not be too much of a show yet, but there are buds on most of the plants and we have no doubt they will burst into flower soon.



The Gardening Club planted up their garden and put in marigolds to deter the pests, and sweet peas, to encourage the bees, as well as the vegetable seeds and plants. The broad beans are growing large with the enthusiastic watering being done. (Apologies to the parents, the children get a bit wet - but they are loving it).

The seeds were donated so thank you very much.

The potatoes for the "heaviest crop" competition are being well watered by the classes and the leaves are shooting skywards. We only hope there is lots of growth underneath too.

We are now in the midst of the children planting their "plant from a seed". This year we have chosen dwarf French beans. These should be easy to grow on. They can be put outside, preferably in a shady spot, not too hot, though beware of slugs and snails. The compost should be kept moist. The plants should not grow too big, but may need repotting if there are roots coming out of the bottom of the pot. They will be better off and grow more. And, of course, the whole idea of this gardening is to show the children, and maybe you, how easy it is to grow your own food, and how tasty it is. The beans from these plants should be yellow and easy to spot, and good to eat cooked or raw. Hopefully we will have lots of the plants back in July for entry into the show.

Barbara Wright and Jane Fallows

Have a laugh!

A man asks his friend "How's your wife", to receive the answer "compared to what?"

An elderly man complained of a pain in his right leg. "It's just old age," said the doctor. "Can't be that," said the patient, "the other leg is the same age, and that don't hurt."

Old age - the time of life when actions creak louder than words!

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Rettendon Village Show latest news: the band Carousel have agreed to play



Rettendon Horticultural Society

The plot for the Village Show on Saturday, July 14th, is ongoing and our loins are getting girded for the day.



Many thanks to all those who have already said they are happy to help with this event, but the more the merrier then we can spread the duties better.

We can report that we had a cracking plant sale so our gardens will be glorious and we have enough to pay for half the big marquee.

Since you now have the plants you need for your garden we hope everything grows well and you can put lots of entries into the show. And remember, it is not just gardening that is judged. We have classes for handicrafts, cookery, children's classes, floral art and photography - read the schedule for them all.

And if you have worked hard in your garden why not enter it for the garden competition. Judging for this takes place the Sunday before the show.

If anyone feels brave enough to run an evening event after the show (or would help with it) do register your interest here!

Coach Trip

Much interest here - Bressingham Steam, Norfolk renowned gardens and steam trains - a whole day for £25.

Leaving at 9am on Sunday, 24th June and returning about 6 - 7pm. Pick-up points are at the Bell Pub and Rettendon Village Bus Stop.

Phone Jean Pietsch on 01268 763183 to book a place.

Show Schedules

If you have not received a copy or have misplaced your copy, then paper copies are available from Hazel, chairman, or Barbara, secretary. Or look on line http://www.essexinfo.net/rettendon-horticulturalsociety/files/

Rettendon Horticultural Society website is http://www.essexinfo.net/rettendon-horticulturalsociety/

Hazel Dale-Evans, chairman.

Tips for the show

- Enter as many classes in each section as possible for a chance of the trophy. Don't worry if the entry is not perfect - the points are added up for the section, so a second, or third, will still add to your tally.
- Children's entries are free so persuade them to do the same - enter as many classes as possible to try for the trophy (and they receive a small monetary prize related to the placing).
- Make sure you come soon enough to put all your entries out. Entries between 8am and 10:30am when the judging
- Put the variety on the back of the entry card it may help the judge choose between entries.
- The entry card is placed near/underneath your entry face down (obscuring your name).

Break-in

The Bell Pub was broken into last week, 15th/16th May, at about 3am. Some damage and items stolen. If you have any information, saw anything suspicious, could you please contact the police on 101 or let the Bell Pub know.

The landlord would like everyone to know this has happened to increase awareness that there are thieves in the area.

Battlesbridge Matters

I am offering my North Lake in Battlesbridge for an open day for "Fishing for the Family". It is totally free. Tackle and bait provided with instruction and light refreshment. One of the main aims is to introduce members of the public, especially juniors and Mums and Dads, to the pleasures of fishing. It may be the only time one sits quietly in the solitude of nature. Please ring me to go on the list, or for any details. Date is Sunday 1st July.

The registered managing trustees of the Bell Fields will be organising an evening on the Bell Fields, hopefully with a small brass band, for friends of the fields and residents of Rettendon. An informal game of cricket will also take place. Ladies allowed to bowl underarm! We did this last year and it was a great success. Date T.B.A. in July. Free light refreshment.

I and many residents are as "Proud as Punch" that Ron and Jane Fallows had an invite to Buckingham Palace last week. They had a wonderful time. Ron and Jane have put so much into Rettendon continuously over the last 40 years. Long may they keep in good health. Well done both of you to receive the "Royal seal of approval". It is pleasing to report good news, such as this, in Rettendon.

The Upper Bell Field is to have a new post and rail fence. We had 21 helpers last Saturday. The fence will be completed in two weeks time. We cut back the overhanging branches so now the horse riders have a much wider verge

branches so now the horse riders have a much wider verge to access South Hanningfield Road, the A1245, with no gate to open. All materials paid for from the Bell charities (mainly from the income from the football club and other activities).

The pitch is now in wonderful condition. The trustees are proud of what we have achieved, especially bearing in mind that it is more than twice the size of Sonters Down play area, which costs some £5k per year, the opposite of the Bell Fields, which makes a good profit.

Yours Very Sincerely Roy Hart

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Pre-School

With the good weather the children have been able to get outside to play. We continue to teach them counting and letters to ensure they are ready for the next stage of their lives.

If you need any more information contact

Pat on 07762 909351 or 01245 401328

What happened when the Scotsman washed his kilt? He couldn't do a fling with it.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The April meeting was a short one but some important business was dealt with - the Council is in the process of reviewing existing policies and adding new ones that are deemed necessary. In April the Council adopted policies including Training, Disciplinary and Grievance. These policies will ensure that if anyone - councillors, employees, residents - have complaints or queries, we can be sure they are dealt with in an appropriate way.

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May was wellattended, and my thanks go to all who came and spoke about their organisations.

The Parish Council will be holding their Annual Meeting at the end of May where membership of committees is confirmed. If anyone would like to join the Sonters Down Committee please contact me as soon as possible for further details.

The Council is also looking to put in place regular cleaning and maintenance for their bus shelters. If anyone would like to quote for this work, or if you know someone who might be interested, again please contact me for further details.

Katherine Kane, Parish Council Clerk

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https://www.essexinfo.net/rettendonparishcouncil/

which contains the minutes, agendas, Neighbourhood Watch and the Newsletter, and other RPC information.

The blossom this year has been extraordinarily good. The abundant May blossom between Hoe Lane and the Le Benaix resembles sparkling waterfalls. By the way, have you cast your clouts yet as it is the blossom and not the month of May that this old saying refers to? (Don't cast a clout till May be out.)

The wild flowers are numerous and their emergence is in full flow. The red campion is vibrant in the hedgerows and the pea vetch is flowering. The buttercups though make the early summer feel very sunny.

Our Collator tells me she heard the Cuckoo at least six times in various locations as she walked the "Walk for Life" along the canal towpath from Heybridge to Chelmsford on behalf of Fairleigh Hospice.

The goldfinches have returned to my garden, as have the long tailed tits. Helen has reminded me that the migrating chiff-chaff have returned to this country as have the swallows. I saw my first swallows of the year when visiting Whitegates butchers in the first week in May. I am sad that I no longer see martins or swifts but can hear the skylarks singing high in the sky above the fields alongside Old Bell Lane.

Jane Fallows, 01245 400394

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Rettendon Cricket Club, Church Meadow, CM3 8DP

Saturday 1pm start

First Team are currently in T Rippon

Premier League

Second Team are currently in T Rippon Division 4 Sunday Team - Friendly games played on a Sunday

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Battlesbridge Free Church

We held our Spring Fayre on May 7th in beautiful Spring sunshine. Thank you to all who supported us. The event raised £500. Thank you to all who worked hard behind the scenes. Those who could not join us missed a very good Art exhibition by the Art Group. Also on that day Battlesbridge church was open. It was prepared with a display of a visual pathway leading along the Way of Life as Christ taught us, a way leading to harmony and not strife. A beautiful floral display added encouragement to meditate, if only for a moment, on the deeper values of life. Every church in our land, from the grandest Cathedral to the lowliest chapel, is there to proclaim the love of God through Jesus Christ, his way, his truth and his life. This has been the foundation rock of our British culture and way of life for countless generations. So it is good to pause once in a while to ponder on our own outlook on life and what we are passing on to our young for their future.

The wedding of Prince Harry and his bride, Megan, re-inforced these Christian values. What a wonderfully joyous day it was for them and for the millions who shared the day with them, either at Windsor or through the television screen.

Our little church is open each Sunday morning at 11am. All are welcome, you don't have to book a seat.

June Edwards

Walk for Life

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for the "Walk for Life" in aid of Farleigh Hospice. The day was bright and sunny, but luckily not too hot. It is a lovely walk, though we are sure it gets longer every year.

We managed to walk all the way from the Heybridge basin to E2V in just under 5 hours. We would have finished a bit sooner, but we met Rettendon Parish Councillor Chris Cheater who had just finished his "Walk for Life". Well done to him and his partner (and please apologise as we did not introduce each other - too exhausted!).

Barbara and Paul Wright

Newsletter Contributions

There will be combined JULY and AUGUST edition of the newsletter. Please let me have contributions for BOTH months by 20th June.

I welcome any contributions from local individuals, societies or groups. Please send them to me, Barbara Wright, as soon as you can via e-mail (RetBatNews@gmail.com), or tel: 01245 321554

Or paper copy can be dropped off at 55 East Hanningfield Road. Please mark for Newsletter.

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