



RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events

To publicise your event in this diary, please send a note to the compiler giving: event, date, time, venue, organisation and/or charity benefiting.

EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
20-20 Cricket RCC vs Rayleigh	Sunday 27 th May	1pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club
Fun Day	Monday 28 th May	10am – 4pm	Rettendon All Saints Church	
Parish Council Annual Meeting	Tuesday, 29 th May	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Parish Council
Rettendon 2nd vs Rankins 1st	Saturday, 2 nd June	1pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club
Table Top Sale	Saturday, 9 th June	1 – 3pm	Rettendon Memorial Village Hall, CM3 8DP	
Rettendon 1 st vs Springfield 1 st	Saturday, 9 th June	1pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club
Rettendon 2 nd vs Purleigh 1 st	Saturday, 16 th June	1pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club
Show Planning Open Meeting	Tuesday, 19 th June	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Soc.
Rettendon 1 st vs Rayleigh 1 st	Saturday, 23 rd June	1pm	Rettendon Cricket Field	Rettendon Cricket Club
Bressingham Steam & Garden	Sunday, 24 th 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 Memorial Village Hall	
Parish Council Meeting	Last Tuesday in Month	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Parish Council
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	1:30 – 3:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Village Hall	
Art group / Youth Group	Wednesdays	2pm / 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Jive	Wednesdays	8pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Jive Group
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in month	8pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country & Western Society
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
Garden Judging	Sunday, 8 th July	2pm onwards	Rettendon Horticultural Society	
RETTENDON VILLAGE SHOW	Saturday, 14 th July	1pm – 5pm	Rettendon Village Hall & Cricket 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	Tuesday	1:45pm to 2:15pm	12 th June, 3 rd July, 24 th July, 14 th August, 4 th September	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	8 th & 29 th June, 20 th July, 10 th & 31 st August, 21 September	

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



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
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.



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

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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.

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Ray's funeral

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!

