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Section G Cookery  
Oops....  
Apple Cake Recipe  
Missing ingredient  
1/2 teaspoon of mixed  
spice.

**FREE ENTRY**

Back by popular  
demand - live band  
**CAROUSEL**

at the

**RETTENDON  
VILLAGE SHOW**

**SATURDAY, 13TH JULY 2019 • 1-5PM**

**LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT | LICENSED BAR  
RHS ANNUAL SHOW | TRADITIONAL STALLS  
BOUNCY CASTLES | FACE PAINTING  
BBQ | GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE**

**RAY CLARK**  
As seen on "The One  
Show" on Thursday,  
20th June.  
Look out for his  
books on the  
Weeley Festival  
and Radio Caroline

**OFFICIAL OPENING  
BY BBC ESSEX RADIO PRESENTER  
"RAY CLARK"**

and don't forget...  
**CHILDREN'S**  
Exhibits are in the  
Village Memorial  
Hall, through the  
gate near the  
Cricket Pavilion

**RETTENDON CRICKET FIELD**  
MAIN ROAD, RETTENDON, CM3 8DP

IN ASSOCIATION WITH RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
FRIENDS OF RETTENDON SCHOOL & RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB

**GARDEN COMPETITION**  
Entries to be in by Thursday, 4th July.  
Judging Sunday afternoon, 7th July.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
AFTERNOON CREAM TEA  
Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August 3 - 5pm**

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**

Are we all prepared for our parish extravaganza - **The RETTENDON VILLAGE SHOW** - on July 13th.

On the cricket field behind the Village Hall will be a large marquee full of wondrous exhibits, all put in by your good selves, showcasing Rettendon's various talents. And don't forget the Children's exhibits, not only from the Pre-School and the Primary school, but children around the area, all laid out in the Memorial Village Hall.

Many trophies will be won (and lost) and this year the trophies will be engraved with your name at the expense of the Society.

But this is a Village Show, nay a Parish Show even, and beyond, and there is room for everyone to contribute.

The Cricket Club kindly allow us the ground space. We are similarly allowed to use the adjacent paddock for car parking (after the hay is cut) and the school crew (FRS) field many attractions to keep us amused, as they are young and able. **And opening by Ray Clark from BBC Essex.**

Help for setting up on Friday 12th July (after midday) will be really helpful too.

So grab your schedule (from the website: <http://www.essexinfo.net/rettendon-horticultural-society/>) and plot your involvement now - this is a merry event.

PS - Don't forget the garden competitions, judged on Sunday afternoon, 7th July. (before you raid it for prize exhibits). Enter by phone by Thursday 4th July to Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com), or Hazel Dale -Evans 01245 401538. Garden entries are FREE, so why not have a go - nothing ventured, nothing gained - and nothing lost either!

**And other items**

We can report that our coach trip to Kew was sold out - but there is a local GARDEN SAFARI available on Thursday July 25th at 2pm for those who like visiting gardens. Call to book and for details.

Then we nurture our Dahlias and Chrysanthus for the Autumn Show on September 14th. Schedules will be available at the Village show in the marquee and on the help desk.

Our September trip is to Audley End Apple Day on Sunday 29th September - please be aware the membership card has the wrong date. Jean Pietsch can book you a seat, call her on 01268 763183, deposit of £15, with total cost £28 - coach and entry.

We were delighted to receive an Agricultural and Horticultural Association LP London medal which had been awarded to A. Hipsey at the Rettendon Horticultural Society Show in 1911. Now all we need is for one of our historians to find out about A. Hipsey, not just for us but for his family who kindly sent the medal to us for our archive. We thank the Hipseys for finding out about us and sending us this wonderful memento.

**Hazel Dale-Evans (Chairman) 01245 401538  
Barbara Wright (Secretary) 01245 321554**

**BATTLESBRIDGE FREE CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT**

**On Saturday, July 20th, starting at 7:30pm.**

Entrance is free, but any donations are very welcome. We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to come and support them and hear these, your local, singers as they show off their repertoire.

**Battlesbridge Free Church.**

**COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECTS AT THE  
VILLAGE SHOW**

At our twice monthly Knit and Natter group we often take part in charitable events and collaborative art projects.

Currently we have several underway and I invite you to join me at the village show where I will have fabrics and wool, and a spare chair or two.

Pop along and see the poppies that we are making for the Peabody Trust, to commemorate the 888,246 soldiers who lost their life in WWI.



And while you are there, relax for a while if you like, and knit or crochet a poppy.

Or, sew a Dangerous Pocket! There is a special class in this year's Village Show for Dangerous Pockets, so do look in the marquee or think about entering your own, because it will be lovely to see your work. You are invited to donate your pocket afterwards (if you choose) to the art project which is currently on tour. And you can find out more about these here:



<https://www.facebook.com/DangerousPocketsProject/>  
<http://www.paulamacgregor.com/dangerous-pockets-project.html>

If you would like more information about any of the above please let me know. **Sandie Cottee**

Mobile: **079415 39994** [Sandie17@talktalk.net](mailto:Sandie17@talktalk.net)

**Bell Fields BBQ - Friday, 5th July, 7pm onwards**

The Friends of the Bell Fields would like to invite ALL Rettendon Parish residents to this now annual event.

Ad Hoc (or even "add hock") Cricket Match, or Football, and a professional singer for entertainment.

Bring a bottle of wine. Chairs provided.

Last year was a bit of a wash out, but forecast for this year is better.... **Friends of the Bell Fields**

**Hayes Park**

We were delighted to meet the Hayes Park Knit and Natter group on Tuesday morning (10:30am until 12) when we went to pick up some poppies they made for the Peabody Trust project for WWI. We were invited to join them any week and it is open to all. So other K&Ns - why not visit Hayes and meet up with like-minded people there. Possible to have a coffee, tea and biscuit or even buy a lunch.

On Fridays there will be a Line Dancing session at the Club House for £4 - open to all.

Or why not join one of their Art Class sessions from 10:30am till 12:00 on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

We hope to persuade some of you to come and have a stall at the Village show. But if not a stall we hope everyone throughout the Parish will come and enjoy the annual event.

**Barbara Wright**

There have been a few burglaries in the area again. This time targeting shop premises and similar units. Please be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour to the police on 101.

**Battlesbridge Free Church Art Group**

The Art Group meet in Battlesbridge Free Church Hall on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Anyone who would just appreciate a bit of friendly companionship over a cup of tea, coffee and biscuit, would be welcome to join us, no need to join in the activities, but just share the afternoon. **June Edwards**

**Rettendon Memorial Hall  
Hall Management Committee**

**Wheelchair access:** We have pleasure announcing our new wheelchair ramp, kept in the committee room, has already been in use, at the EU elections. Use notice on wall beside door.

We hear the **Pre-school** kiddies are busy watering their flowers so they are learning care of their environment. This happens Monday till Thursday mornings. For info phone **Pat** on **07762 909351** or **01245 401328**.

The Wednesday **Knit and Natter** sessions have been working on making blankets from a quantity of knitted "squares" with the odd visit to a local lunch venue thrown in as an extra. Yum. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. 1:30 - 3:30pm in the committee room.

**Bowls** The short mat bowls have been keeping fit gently on Monday evening 7pm and on some Thursday afternoons 2 till 4pm.

**Fridays** The Keep Fit team are bending and stretching to wondrous 60's music - 12 till 1pm - now in their 8 week term from 21st June until 18th August (missing out the 12th July due to the Village Show). All still welcome.

**Saturday evenings** Cols Country Club are presenting the best of country and Western for your entertainment.

Don't forget there are spaces for parties. Handy if you don't have space at home!

Phone **Dianne (booking clerk)** on **01245 400297**.

**Rettendon Cricket Club**

...invite you to **President's Day** taking place on **Sunday, 25th August 2019, from 1pm** at the Cricket Field CM3 8DP, with Free Entry

Game between:

**the President's XI & the Chairman's XI**

Bar open from Midday, live bands and barbecue.

Why not come along to a few our matches at the Cricket Field during the year ~ April to September.

Fixtures will be on the website:

[https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/website/web\\_pages/184206](https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/184206)



**ALL SAINTS'S CHURCH, RETTENDON**

People at large think that the church is rich and all we do is beg for money. The church at Rettendon is **not** rich in fact we are on the wrong side of the red line. We do our best to eke out the meagre money we have. The churchyard is maintained by volunteers. The cleaning is also a task carried out by volunteers and the flowers are bought and arranged by volunteers.

What is my point here you may say - we are in desperate need of more flower arrangers, cleaners and churchyard grass cutting volunteers. If you have some free time and would like to help please let me know. Your volunteering need not be weekly or fortnightly - just when you have the time.

We do however try to do things to help others. We recycle redundant spectacles, unwanted and old mobile phones, used stamps are welcome which are used in collections for sale by charities. We also take on a regular basis tinned food, dried food and long life food items to HARP - the Homeless Action Resource Project at Southend that feeds homeless persons as well as re-housing people if they can. If you would like to donate any food items I am only too happy to receive them.

On another note we need more people for the bell ringing team. If you would like to learn to ring it's a bit like driving a car - you need to learn the techniques first! If you want any more information about the items mentioned here then do give me a call.

**Churchwarden Jane Fallows 01245 400394**



**The RETTENDON ALMSHOUSE charity**  
(registered charity no. 255289 /  
Almshouse Association no 1717)

**Meeson Bungalows, Rettendon**

**Applications are being sought from qualifying persons for the almshouses in Rettendon.**

The accommodation comprises a single storey, terraced-cottage with two bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen and wetroom. There is full electric central heating.

Weekly Maintenance Contributions (rent equivalent) £129.78 per week.

To apply, persons should be resident in the village of Rettendon, in need of housing accommodation. Applicants should be able to illustrate their need to the Trustees.

Application forms to be in by 31st July, and may be obtained from:

Michael Siggs MA (Clerk to the Charity)  
P O Box No. 993, Colchester, Essex. CO3 3TQ  
Tel No. 01206 765138, [michael.siggs@btconnect.com](mailto:michael.siggs@btconnect.com)

**Country Diary**

What a shame! The wild flowers have been cut down at the Rettendon turning at the Turnpike. At first I thought that the County Council had heeded our plea to leave them then along comes a man with a strimmer - no more wild flowers.

If you want to know about raptors or swifts, swallows and house martins you need to talk to John Meyn, he is very knowledgeable.

Having not seen any swifts so far this year I was in the Yorkshire Dales a few weeks ago and saw quite a few and I have now seen some over the reservoir. The swallows and house martins will be pleased with the rain because there will be mud around that means that they can build their nests. Also, the muggy weather means there will be flying insects about to feed on.

The fields, footpaths and (some) roadside verges are alive with wild flowers - it is easy to count up to twenty species growing and flowering at the moment. Hedgehogs will soon be able to cross Britain's highways with a smidgen more confidence as they become the first new animal in 25 years to get their own roadside warning sign. The hedgehog will be shown in a red warning triangle at black spots in an attempt to halt to the decline in numbers. It is said that more than 100,000 hedgehogs die on our roads each year. Hedgehog number have fallen from 30 million in the 1950s to around a million today. **Jane Fallows, 01245 400394**

**Battlesbridge Matters**

I am considering entering Battlesbridge for the village of the year competition. If you remember, I did this 12 years ago and we won the Best New Entry. I will have to build some enthusiasm up. We have many attributes as a 'small hamlet', being at the head of navigation on the river Crouch. We have probably the largest Antique Centres in this part of England. Two ancient inns, the Barge and the Hawk, both around 1600, the Hawk being slightly older. The river bridge, tide mill, road side lake, and Bridge Nurseries, not forgetting our wonderful riverside church. Also have a red London bus in Maltings Road where they sell great cream teas at the weekend. Plus a community pub, the Green Bottle, which is a hub of residents most evenings. So, with a lot of grass cutting and flower boxes on the bridge, we could be ready for judging in July? Please give me a ring on 01268 768282 for encouragement and ideas.

I have been informed by a paramedic resident that all our defibrillators need servicing, especially as it appears the batteries are flat etc. **Yours Very Sincerely Roy Hart**

Defibrillators - on the agenda of the Parish Council meeting in June.  
Contact Barbara Wright for more details.



# 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
Bell Fields BBQ	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm onwards	Upper Bell Field	The Friends of the Bell Fields
Village show Garden Judging	Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm onwards	Rettendon Horticultural Society	
Rettendon Village Show	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1 – 5 pm	Rettendon Cricket Field and Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Community Choir Concert	Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Parish Council
Garden Safari	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm onwards	Local Members Gardens	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Crickets Club President's Day	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	1pm	Church Meadow, CM3 8DP	Rettendon & Rayleigh F CC
Afternoon Cream Tea	Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August	3 - 5pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
<b>RETTENDON AND RAYLEIGH FAIRVIEW CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES PLAYED AT CHURCH MEADOW, CM3 8DP – ALL MATCHES START AT 1PM</b>				
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> vs Springfield 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> vs South Weald CC	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs Rayleigh CC 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> vs Hornchurch Ath 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> vs Tillingham CC 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug PRESIDENT'S DAY
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentley 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> vs St Aidans Chch 1 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>				
Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free Church / All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Family & Children Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Month	11:15am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Pre-school	Monday - Thursday	Mornings	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Pre-school
Bowls	Mondays / Thursdays	7 - 10pm / 2 - 4pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Knit and Natter	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	1:30 – 3:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall – Committee Room	
Art group / Youth Group	Wednesdays	2pm / 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall	Battlesbridge Free Church
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Exercise, Move and Dance	Fridays	12 – 1pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Michelle's Exercise Class
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
Country and Western	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in month	8pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Col's Country Club
<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>				
Autumn Show	Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Harvest for the Homeless	Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	10:30am – 3:30pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
<b>MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits</b>				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salford Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	9 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 20 <sup>th</sup> August	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	5 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	



## Battlesbridge Free Church

What a splendid name for Almighty God, the Pan-Galactic mega Being, as suggested by Douglas Adams. Yet this great Spirit of the Universe deigns to invite mankind to experience a Spiritual, loving personal relationships with him, through the sacrificial death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. We may revere, ignore, disbelieve or curse him but his faithful love for us remains constant. Millions throughout the world do enjoy a Spiritual oneness with Jesus Christ. Far-fetched and foolish stupidity as this may seem to many. Our cultural heritage has been based for centuries on this God of truth, beauty, kindness, caring compassion and love; goodness in any shape or form being an expression of God. Christians have arrived to follow this pattern of life, as taught by the example of Christ, during his time as a human being. Alas, we so often fail and bring Christianity into disrepute. We discover that we cannot "go it alone".

We, here at Battlesbridge, thank our God for the witness of generations who have met in our little Free Church for Christian worship, for the last 176 years. On July 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrate these past years on our Anniversary Day. Our morning service will be led by Mr. M. Boulter, a gifted professional musician. In the evening at 5pm we shall enjoy an Anniversary tea.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> we look forward to a concert by the Community Choir. Art Group meet on Wednesdays at 2pm. **June Edwards**

## Garden Notes

Thank goodness its rained!

Chucked in all the remaining plants who really hate solid clay and ordered them to perform appropriately now I've given them some oomph.

Hope they were listening. **Mrs. McGregor**

## Newsletter Contributions

Contributions from local individuals, societies or groups are encouraged. Please send them to me, Barbara Wright, as soon as you can via e-mail ([RetBatNews@gmail.com](mailto:RetBatNews@gmail.com)), or tel: 01245 321554 Or paper copy to 55 East Hanningfield Road. Mark for Newsletter.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Katherine Kane, Parish Council Clerk 07811 254163**

[rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com)

Please note residents are not allowed to add to a Parish Council meeting agenda, the item must be added by a Parish Councillor. Therefore telephone contact numbers have been include here for all councillors. Details can be found on the website under "Councillors".

<b>Cllr. Sandie Cottee</b>	<b>079415 39994</b>
<b>Cllr. Hazel Dale-Evans</b>	<b>01245 401538</b>
<b>Cllr. Mark Fleming</b>	<b>07879 495346</b>
<b>Cllr. Denise Fleming</b>	<b>07834 863570</b>
<b>Cllr. Roy Hart</b>	<b>01268 768282</b>
<b>Cllr. James Knight</b>	<b>07885 698 366</b>
<b>Cllr. David Phillips</b>	<b>07718 656196</b>
<b>Cllr. Ray Ride</b>	<b>07831 240934</b>
<b>Cllr. Barbara Wright</b>	<b>01245 321554</b>

The Parish council website is:

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

**Planned Parish Council Meeting dates are:-**

2019 June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (TBC), September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>

2020 January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**ESSEX HIGHWAYS - Report a problem website address:-**

<https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx>

**CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL** <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/>

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