



# RETTENDON & BATTLEBRIDGE NEWSLETTER ★ SEPTEMBER 2019

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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                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cricket 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      | 2 - 5pm          | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |
| Extraordinary PC Meeting     | Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> August     | 7 for 7:30pm     | Battlesbridge Free Church Hall | Rettendon Parish Council        |
| Indoor Mini Boot Sale        | Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August    | 9am - 1pm        | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |
| First Aid Course             | Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August    | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Battlesbridge Free Church Hall | ECFAEV & Rettendon PC           |
| Church Open                  | Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September  | 3:30 - 5pm       | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |
| Autumn Show                  | Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September | 2 - 4:30pm       | Rettendon Memorial Hall        | Rettendon Horticultural Society |
| Church Open                  | Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September | 3:30 - 5pm       | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |
| Committee Diary Planning     | Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September  | 7:30pm           | Rettendon Memorial Hall        | Rettendon Horticultural Society |
| Rettendon Quiz Night         | Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September   | 7:00 for 7:30pm  | Rettendon Memorial Hall        |                                 |
| First Aid Course             | Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Rettendon Memorial Hall        | ECFAEV & Rettendon PC           |
| Harvest Celebrations Supper  | Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September   | 6:30pm           | Battlesbridge Free Church      |                                 |
| Harvest for the Homeless     | Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September | 10:30am - 3:30pm | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |
| Harvest Service              | Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September   | 11:15am          | All Saints Church, Rettendon   |                                 |

RETTENDON AND RAYLEIGH FAIRVIEW CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES PLAYED AT CHURCH MEADOW, CM3 8DP - ALL MATCHES START AT 1PM  
 Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August Rettendon & Rayleigh Fairview 3<sup>rd</sup> Willow Herbs 1st

### REGULAR EVENTS

|                           |  |                    |  |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| 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 from 20 <sup>th</sup> September      | 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               |

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|  |                                   |                                       |  |                                 |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Grow and Show Chrysanthemums                     | Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October | 7:30pm                                | Rettendon Memorial Hall  | Rettendon Horticultural Society |
| MOBILE LIBRARY - 3 week intervals between visits |                                   |                                       |  |                                 |
| South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salford Close  | Tuesday                           | 12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm | 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> October |                                 |
| Goose Cottages                                   | Friday                            | 9:40am to 10:10am                     | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 18 <sup>th</sup> October |                                 |

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**Rettendon Cricket Club**  
**President's Day**  
 Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm  
 at the Cricket Field CM3 8DP  
**President's XI Vs the Chairman's XI**  
 Free entry.  
 Bar open from Midday, live bands and barbecue.  
 Come along and join us for our annual prize draw.  
[https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/website/web\\_pages/184206](https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/184206)

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**Rettendon Horticultural Society**  
**AUTUMN SHOW**  
 at Rettendon Memorial Village Hall, CM3 8DP  
 Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September - 2pm till 4:30pm  
 Find flowers, fruit and vegetables on show with afternoon tea and some added games just for fun.  
 Schedules may be obtained from Beryl Wilkinson 01268 766221 or Hazel Dale-Evans on 01245 401538 or go online to <http://www.essexinfo.net/rettendon-horticultural-society/>.  
 Entries in Rettendon Memorial Hall on the day between 8am and **no later than 10:30am** for judging.  
 Hazel Dale-Evans (Chairman) 01245 401538  
 Barbara Wright (Secretary) 01245 321554

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, RETTENDON**  
**AFTERNOON CREAM TEA**  
 Bank Holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2 - 5pm  
 Come and join us for cream tea with scones and/or home-made cakes in the lovely setting of the Churchyard.

**INDOOR MINI BOOT SALE**  
 Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 9am - 1pm  
 Limited number of pitches available  
 For more details please email [allsaints.rettendon.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:allsaints.rettendon.pcc@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook @AllSaintsRettendon

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**Rettendon Memorial Hall QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7:00 for 7:30pm start**  
**£5 per person, Teams of up To 6**  
**Fun, Frolics, Facts & Fiction**  
**Raffle, tea, coffee, water available**  
**bring your preferred slurp and vitals**  
**Book a table with Hazel on 01245 401538**

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### Julie Gallie

John Gallie and family would like to thank John Fisher for his kind permission in allowing us to site a bench in memory of Julie on the riverbank halfway between Hayes Farm and Battlesbridge - a favourite walk of hers.

We would also like to thank Roy Hart for his help in arranging this and for his and others kind donations towards the cost.

### Rettendon Horticultural Society

#### SEPTEMBER TRIP - Sunday 29th September

To the Audley End Apple Day (please be aware the membership card has the wrong date). Why not try and find out what kind of apple tree you have in your back garden - take along the apple with stalk and leaf and you may be able to find out. Or perhaps find what scrumptious recipes you can make with apples. And at what a setting!

Still seats on the coach, but filling fast. Please contact **Jean Pietsch** to book your place. call her on 01268 763183, deposit of £15, with total cost £28 - coach and entry.

Meet the coach at 9am at either the Bell Pub or the Village Bus Stop. Coach returns to the same places.

#### OCTOBER TALK - Tuesday 15th October - 7:30pm Growing and Showing Chrysanthemums

Perhaps you were disappointed with your entry into the Autumn show, or perhaps you love the look of Chrysanthemums but have never been able to get a good enough bloom to enter, or perhaps you just want to grow for your own pleasure. Whatever you want John Bruty can show you the way. He has been showing for a number of years at our Autumn Show and walked off with the cup every year. So he knows how to get the best out of the blooms.

#### VILLAGE SHOW REPORT

We had a wonderful show. The results were:-

|          |                  |   |                  |
|----------|------------------|---|------------------|
| A        | Roses            | Best Exhibit - Harry Spearman Tray                | J. Sankey        |
| A        | Roses            | Overall - Battlesbridge Mills Rose Bowl           | C. Dewar         |
| B        | Flowers          | Class 12 - Blanche Waskett                        | G. Church        |
| B        | Flowers          | Overall - Snelling Memorial Cup                   | J. Bruty         |
| C        | Fruit            | GJJM Rose Bowl                                    | P. Cole          |
| D        | Vegetables       |   |                  |
|          |                  | Best Exhibit - Percy Meeson Memorial              | A. Matthews      |
|          |                  | Overall - William Cresswell Memorial              | A. Matthews      |
|          |                  | Collections - Tony Coyston Memorial               | J. Bruty         |
| E        | Gardens          |   |                  |
|          |                  | Kitchen - Rosemary Silver Salver                  | J. Bruty         |
|          |                  | Flower - C & D Cup                                | J. Bruty         |
|          |                  | Patio - Framed Certificate                        | M. Poole         |
|          |                  | Small Garden - Rettendune Rose Bowl               | R. Frampton      |
| F        | Flower Arranging | Rawlings Rose Bowl                                | G. Church        |
| G        | Cookery          | Joyce Higgins Trophy                              | V. Porter        |
|          |                  | Overall - Parish Tray                             | K. Sparrow       |
| H        | Wine             | RJB Trophy  | M.               |
| Matthews |                  |   |                  |
| I        | Preserves        | Hyde Hall Cup                                     | H. Dale-Evans    |
| J        | Needlescraft     |   |                  |
|          |                  | Nurse May Salvage Memorial                        | K. Sheldrake     |
| K        | Handicrafts      | Victoria Lepper Trophy                            | S. Cottee        |
| L        | Preschool        | All children awarded certificates in this section |                  |
| L        | Infants          | Rawlings Cup                                      | W. Hurst         |
| L        | Juniors          | FRS Jubilee Cup                                   | E. Fallows       |
| L        | Seniors          | Coronation Cup                                    | M. Roberts-Jones |

Could you please contact Hazel Dale-Evans on 01245 401538 if you have not received your cup, or certificate.

**Hazel Dale-Evans (Chairman) 01245 401538**

**Barbara Wright (Secretary) 01245 321554**

### Rettendon Parish Council funded FIRST AID COURSES

**SATURDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**  
**At Battlesbridge Free Church Hall,**  
**SS11 7RF**

**9:30am - 12:30pm**  
**SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**At Rettendon memorial Hall, CM3 8DP**  
**9:30am - 12:30pm**

Any Battlesbridge, Hayes and Rettendon residents who would like to attend the training please apply to **Barbara Wright on 01245 321554**

Please supply: Name, telephone no. & email address and a reason for training, i.e. what the benefit is to the Parish (e.g. defibrillator volunteers, events organiser, etc.)

**Limited number of places available.**

**Course provides:**

- 1) **Defibrillator training**
- 2) **CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for Adults, Children and Babies.**
- 3) **Recognising symptoms of life-changing conditions, e.g. Heart Attack, Stroke, Asthma..**
- 4) **and the ability to deal with them.**

**Course to be carried out by qualified trainers from the Essex Community First Aid Events Volunteers.**

**A certificate will be issued to all who pass the course.**

**Any donations, or more volunteers, to the charity will be very welcome.**

### Parish jottings

Nostalgia is not usually used as a convenient peg to hang your hat on particularly as there is always someone else who has a bit more information than you have, anyway here are a few matters of interest which occupied the parish council in forties and fifties.

# **The Turnpike** In 1946 the Parish Council (PC) agreed to press Essex County Council (ECC) to construct a new roundabout at the turnpike but at the time there was no electricity or gas in the parish to enable it to be illuminated. In 1969 the PC were still pressing ECC for a roundabout at the turnpike.

# **Parish boundary** Following requests from residents and action at a Public enquiry the minister of Health confirmed in 1948 an alteration in the parish boundary confirming that Hoe Lane, Chalk Street and Warren Road would be transferred from Runwell to Rettendon.

# **Electricity** A matter which took up a great deal of the PC's time during the late forties and early fifties was getting an electricity supply to the parish. It came in stages, firstly from the Bell area up to Hoe Lane. The next stage was from Hoe Lane to the Parish Church (including the housing estate). Homes along the Woodham road and Battlesbridge were not supplied until November 1949.

# **Main Drainage** was a subject for discussion in 1954 and the first phase of the work started in 1969. The completion of the main drainage scheme for the parish did not happen until the mid to late seventies. I understand there are still some residents' properties in the parish who by choice, are still not connected to the main drainage system.

**Ron Fallows 01245 400394**

What do you call a flying policeman? A heli-copper  
In what country will you not find a vegetarian? Turkey  
Why are police officers so strong? Because they hold up traffic

## Rettendon Memorial Hall Hall Management Committee

**Library Service:-** The Village Hall now has a bookshelf to fill the gap where the mobile library van used to visit - try the committee room door if the main doors are not open. Those desperate for a book can access this while Bowls are in play, or during Knit and Natter sessions. If there is a good response we can make this more accessible. Do let us know if you have any thoughts about this - there is a letter box at the main door for messages!



**Pre-school** Begins again for the Autumn term on 9th September until 24th October. Then a half-term break until starting back on 4th November. We are looking forward to meeting all the new children and starting practicing for our Christmas show. Last day before Christmas will be 19th December. For info phone Pat on 07762 909351 or 01245 401328.



The Wednesday **Knit and Natter** is making blankets for premature babies and more poppies for next year's 75th celebration of the end of WWII. Come along and help and maybe give us some inspiration for the celebrations at the hall - already in planning. 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 taking a short break and begin again on Friday 20th September from 12 until 1pm. This is wondrous fun for all those in need of a bit of a dusting down. We all have a laugh, good for the mental health, as well as stretching, bending and moving to 60's and 70's music, with a bit of Mamma Mia thrown in! Not sure about it? Why not come and watch, we are sure you will want to join us.



**Col's Country Club on 1st Saturday in the month** (8 - 10pm) are presenting the best of Country and Western for your entertainment. Live bands, good music, dancing and friendly people.



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

And don't forget the QUIZ this month - 20th September - always good fun, lots of laughs, and the quiz mistress, Hazel, to keep us all in check.

Phone Dianne (booking clerk) on 01245 400297.

## Country Diary

August is the time for many of us to take our holidays. It seems as if the lanes, verges, and spare land has also taken a holiday with everything floppy, brown and tired looking. The trees though are dark green with no trace of the lovely green of springtime.

I have noticed the horse chestnut leaves have already started turning brown, I believe it is some sort of disease but I am not sure. Recently our walnut tree has had the Greater Spotted Woodpecker creeping up and down the limbs of the tree, sadly however I found one dead in our vegetable garden. It had a hole in its breast. I hate to think some one had shot it but if a hawk had had it, I think there would be signs of greater destruction.

Jane Fallows, 01245 400394



## ALL SAINTS'S CHURCH, RETTENDON

Not every-one has been on holiday during August, five christenings have taken place, and two weddings have been celebrated. We have recently had the church open twice on Saturdays for people to meet, chat or pray and to be able to partake in some light refreshments whilst taking in the ambiance of the church, and there are more days planned on 7th and 14th September - 3:30 - 5:00pm.

**Afternoon Tea** A late reminder - An afternoon tea is planned for the Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm to 5pm but unfortunately, it may have taken place by the time some people receive this newsletter. We either hope you can come, or hope you did.

**Indoor Boot Sale** On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 9:00am to 1:00 pm and will be held in the church. Yes in the Church and Lindsay, the organiser of this event would be happy to see you there.

**Harvest Open Day "Harvest for the Homeless"** will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10:30am to 3:30pm and organised by Lyn Benson.

**Harvest Service** On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 11:15am we will celebrate and give thanks for the produce we grow for without the hard work of farmers and growers we would all find it hard to survive.

Churchwarden Jane Fallows 01245 400394

## Battlesbridge Matters

I am sitting in my kitchen, there is a gale blowing outside, with driving rain on the window panes. Is this February or August? I know we had a very few hot days, but the sum of mean temperatures, I feel will show a drop in the year on year temperatures. I am still not convinced of Global Warming. The TV pictures of the arctic (I have been up there in my time) show all the ice is melting. September is the warmest month of the year in the arctic. The picture in December is the reversal of it. I take a great interest in tides and the weather.

We have had reports of broken glass bottles and rubbish near the goalposts on the Bell Fields. The new posts have been damaged and the signage too. If you see any form of suspicious or damaging behaviour, please ring the police and photograph with your mobile and ring me on 01268 768282. The Registered Trustees are here to protect the Bell Fields for the Parish at all costs.

I am extremely pleased to report after the 86 pages of misconduct against me by the Chairman of the Parish Council and 9 major charges, heard in Chelmsford City Council on the 22nd July, no further action will be taken. The judgement can be seen on the City Council website at <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/resources/assets/inline/full/0/2714103.pdf>. The Governance Committee described the Parish Council as dysfunctional and recommended mediation in respect of the Bell Fields dispute. It was a long haul. The case must have cost £12K plus. What a dreadful waste.

I am still fighting to save the barn at Gosses Farm. It will be going to court soon. The old 150 year Essex Marsh Farm Barn was riddled with damp and beetles rot. The new rebuild, on the same footprint, with size and proportion to the nearest 1/2 inch. The planning now want it demolished. I was so angry when I found out what has been going on, I will support the family to the end.

I have presented a silver engraved jewellery box to Jackie Copsey on behalf of the Parish, for the tremendous work Jackie has achieved in nearly 20 years as a parish Councillor. On behalf of the Parish, a big THANK YOU, but Jackie will still be on the help desk at the Village Show and checking all the footpaths, etc. etc.

Yours Very Sincerely Roy Hart

### Group Holiday Opportunities - 2020

Join our friendly local groups with local airport travel arranged.

**1st - 8th June - The Overammergau Passion Play** and holiday in Bavaria. The Passion Play has been performed at the little Bavarian village every ten years for more than 300 years. I am taking a group for the next production in 2020. This is an amazing experience, and after our time in the village seeing the play, we will have a 5-day holiday visiting highlights in the Bavaria region including Munich, Salzburg, Nuremburg and the Danube.



### **1st - 13th September- Nile Cruise**

A new route sailing all the way from Aswan to Cairo.

There will be an information evening with slide presentation and refreshments on Saturday 21st September 7 pm at St Nicholas Rawreth.

Full details and colour brochure for either trip from Revd Brenda Wallace on 07853088907 or 01268 907535, [Brenda.wallace93@outlook.com](mailto:Brenda.wallace93@outlook.com).

### **Battlesbridge Free Church**

We were pleased to be part of the Village show. It was good that the whole community could join together in such an enjoyable event and our thanks go to all the behind-the-scenes people who assured that it happened. In spite of a growing year of drought, heatwave and monsoon, the horticultural exhibits were of very high standard. It was good that the churches of our parish were invited to join in the celebrations.



Sadly, in many countries of the world, to be a Christian, even to own a Bible or talk openly about Christ and his saving, life-giving example, would endanger that person's life. They could face being beaten, imprisoned and worse.

It was a joy to watch the celebrations of D-Day and to experience once again, from those times, the inclusion of grateful thanks to God. It is sad that the media is full of reports of violence and crime in society which dishonours the sacrifice made back then to secure our freedom. There is so much goodness and caring in our society as evidenced by the many hundreds of organisations working for the sick, the poor, the homeless, etc. Our God's way is behind that goodness. When things go wrong and people cry out "Oh God" He is listening and caring.

Our Church Anniversary was a very happy event. We were happy and honoured to hear the Summer Concert of the Community Choir "Raise Your Voice". It was a fine occasion.

Our Church Garden Party was slightly rain interrupted but was enjoyable nonetheless.

The Art Group, Choir and Youth Club will recommence as school re-opens for the Autumn Term.

We look forward to Harvest Celebrations on 22nd September with Rev. Paul Davis. Supper 6:30pm.

**June Edwards**

### 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.

### **David Brett**

Iris ( Sis ) Brett and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the cards and phone calls you all sent to us on the passing death of our dear David he will be sadly missed.

Thank you

### **Garden Notes**

After all that growth a lot of the plants look hungry - a last feed for the season and some cuttings to encourage new babies to go through the winter, while the remainder prepare for winter rest.

Gather nuts and seeds too - it is time .....

Love your garden. **Mrs. McGregor**

### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all those who regularly pick up litter whilst walking to and from wherever they are going. We know there are several of you around including one person up and down the Woodham Road.

We would like you to know it is greatly appreciated, though we would prefer if you did not have to do it at all.

So perhaps we could remind everyone to look after your own litter, do not drop it but take it home with you. The wildlife around will thank you for it.

**Barbara Wright, compiler.**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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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 included here for all councillors. Details can be found on the website under "Councillors".

**Cllr. Sandie Cotte 079415 39994**

**Cllr. Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538**

**Cllr. Mark Fleming 07879 495346**

**Cllr. Denise Fleming 07834 863570**

**Cllr. Roy Hart 01268 768282**

**Cllr. James Knight 07885 698 366**

**Cllr. David Phillips 07718 656196**

**Cllr. Ray Ride 07831 240934**

**Cllr. Barbara Wright 01245 321554**

The Parish council website is:

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

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

2019 September 24th, October 29th, November 26th, December 17th

2020 January 28th, February 25th, March 31st, April 28th, May 26th

**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/>

### **Laugh with Tim Vine**

Male cribs. They should be boycotted.

I met this homeless secret agent. The name's Bond, Vagabond.

Where does a dog go if his tail falls off? A retailer.

I was once caught stealing a horse. It was a fair clop.

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