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We do apologise for the interrupted service of delivery for the May Newsletter. It was decided, due to lockdown, it may not be safe to take a paper copy around to every household, though we tried our best to distribute as many copies as possible. A shame too as we had a special edition with VE day and VE 50 day memories and photos. If anyone would like a paper copy please let us know, otherwise try the direct link:- <https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/assets/documents/issue385-may>

BRADWELL B - STAGE ONE - CONSULTATION - CLOSING DATE 1st JULY 2020.

The Newsletter has had a number of residents express concern about the information regarding the consultation on the Bradwell B project, a leaflet on which every household in the area should have received. Quoting from the website: - "In light of the situation surrounding Covid-19, earlier this month we made the decision to **extend the Bradwell B consultation by 5 weeks**, allowing more time for the community to engage with the proposals and provide feedback. The new end date for our Stage One consultation is **Wednesday 1st July 2020.**"

Please take note of this as your comments are wanted.

Extremely important is the position of the "Park and Ride" facilities, and the HGV parks. A Woodham Road resident, who is greatly concerned, writes:- "**NEW HGV PARK AT RETTENDON TURNPIKE**"

This really is one of the potential developments being considered to support the Bradwell nuclear power station development (lasting 9-12 years). In addition to parking for 100 HGVs a 'Park and Ride' facility is also being considered for Rettendon. It's worth checking pages 25 and 27 of the Bradwell Consultation brochure or visit www.BradwellB.co.uk or call 01621 451451, email feedback@bradwellb.co.uk.

It seems that this power station development is inevitable, however the traffic on roads leading to the Rettendon Turnpike, along the A132 and around the top of South Woodham Ferrers needs careful management and much, much more thought from the Developers who seem to be (understandably) focusing their concerns on the narrow B roads and Hamlets from Woodham to Bradwell. As we are the start of the route we will be impacted substantially, therefore it's time to have your say.

There could be a lasting positive legacy, if things like the train station and rail service were upgraded or the A132 upgraded etc."

There are concerns from other residents: those of Hayes Park, who are having a great deal of difficulty with the junction into and out of the Park already, and Meadow Road residents may see the Park and Ride at Rettendon Place as an eyesore, as well as more traffic problems at the Turnpike. The development would see a massive increase in the amount of traffic, with a possible 800 HGVs per day for the development alone, without the 1,000 extra houses being built at South Woodham Ferrers, and all the other developments in the area. Although there are routes proposed for the transport of construction goods, etc., the information is suggesting they will be using the existing roads, upgrading them only in certain areas mainly between South Woodham Ferrers and Bradwell.

Please take time to read and digest the information. Try looking at the Virtual Exhibition which can be found on the Bradwell B website: - <https://bradwellb.co.uk/virtual-exhibition/>, and there are sections on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), the consultation documents, about the project and a "contact us" field.

Unfortunately the telephone surgery sessions have finished, but there is still a number to call to ask questions and request a more extensive paper document (free of charge): **01621 451 451**

There are a number of ways in which to respond to the Stage One consultation:

- ◆ **A public questionnaire can be found online at: www.bradwellb.co.uk**
- ◆ **You can email your comments on this document to: info@bradwellb.co.uk**
- ◆ **Written responses can be posted to simply **Freepost Bradwell B Consultation.** (no stamp or further address required).**
- ◆ **You can also submit your comments via the **Bradwell B hotline 01621 451 451** during normal office hours**

HAVE YOUR SAY:- The consultation only lasts until **1st July, 2020.**

If you need to contact your Parish Councillors here are their contact telephone numbers

Cllr. Sandie Cottee	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

Or contact **Katherine Kane, Parish Council Clerk** rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com 07811 254163

Rettendon Parish Council are holding virtual meetings while in lockdown. Please see their Facebook page for joining instructions.
Next meeting Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:30pm.

Battlesbridge Free Church

This certainly feels as if we are living through Biblical times. Those of us who still enjoyed and valued attending church for the Sunday service, always experienced a spiritual link with our God, especially during times of prayer. On some Sundays this would be a deeply fulfilling, emotional feeling whilst at other times this would be a slight disappointment that the 'link' seemed less certain. Maybe these were times when the concerns of our everyday lives intruded. We always thoroughly enjoyed lustily singing the hymns and even though we were a relatively small congregation, we did 'make a joyful noise with the Lord.'

During this period of lock-down, we decided to continue holding our services, not now in each others physical company, but by being bound together in spirit. We all follow an order of service which includes a Bible reading, one or two hymns, prayers including the Lord's Prayer and finishing with a blessing to each other. It works! We do all feel united to each other and our God, in spirit, at one and the same time on Sunday mornings at 11am.

The Christian Gospel was brought to our country over 1000 years ago, Christ's teaching of honouring God first then treating every other person we meet with as much care and consideration as we wish for ourselves. Through the years, many have fallen very far short of this ideal, including leaders and those in authority, who have twisted and de-valued Christ's teaching of love and care. But throughout our history there have always been shining lights who have followed Christ's teaching of love towards their fellow man. There has been much heartening evidence during this time of shut-down, of the inherited values of Christ, being manifested in the many waves of generosity, kindness, care and appreciation of all those on the front line, tirelessly and unselfishly serving the community.

June Edwards



Neighbourly Help on Offer

Are you on your own? Would you like some help? Or just a friendly voice and a chat? Even if you are with your family, a different voice occasionally may be just the tonic. Whatever your need we may be able to help, or know someone who can. We would like to make sure no-one is lonely, or feels neglected at this time. The Newsletter number is 01245 321554, and there is an answerphone. Just leave your name and number and we will call you back.

Barbara Wright, Compiler



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RETTENDON

I cannot report that services have resumed at the church, nor are there any fund-raising events BUT there has been a development that will please a number of families in the village. A path has been laid on the South side of the graveyard parallel to the field. Due to the generosity of a widow (a long time member of the congregation) this path will help people to visit graves without slipping or sliding in wet weather in

this wet area of the churchyard. It will also please a number of undertakers as it was quite perilous at times carrying a coffin in said area.

Thank you so much for your gift. (to which, I am sure, the whole Parish would also like to add their thanks).

Jane Fallows Churchwarden on 01245 400394



Rest In Peace - Ron Cherverall

We have received the sad news that Ron Cherverall has died at the age of 94. He will be missed. A very private man, great jigsaw fanatic and helper at church functions.

Our condolences to his family and friends.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/>

Alas for our events - all will happen next year now, but do keep an eye on our website as the minute we are let out we will be reactivated.

We do hope all who acquired chrysanthemums are watching them recover and growing on for an autumn display.

The dahlias have finally sprouted and are going out shortly and the mower is now re-sharpened and the grass looks quite lawn like.

Our local nurseries had a truly miserable start to the year, but have now been allowed to trade again, although we must not expect coffee together, or even lunch alone. All that money you saved on petrol can now buy an arbour, three posh garden chairs and a whole garden full of colour - so have fun now.

Hazel Dale-Evans Chairperson 01245 401538

Despite the lockdown, or perhaps because of it, Horticultural members are still gardening and getting in touch with each other to ask about gardens and what each have growing. There is still a bit of swapping plants: by leaving them in doorways we hasten to add - totally safe and although the plants may not be 2m apart, the people are.

Not only that, but we have succumbed to the modern age and now have a Facebook page - bit basic still - but it is there!

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ret.hort.soc/about/>

We are obviously hoping to add to it, but at present if you have pictures of your own garden you are willing to let us use please send them to me and I will try and add them to the page - if I can figure out how to do it.

We have been "school gardening" too - though remotely. The children chitted their potatoes for the now annual potato bag competition and then lockdown! So the Society organised to pick up the potatoes, bags and compost and they have been planted and are growing in one of our members gardens. Growing well too as you can see - each one marked with the class who chitted them. In fact apparently they are growing better than the ones planted by the member, which got the frost!



Although the Village show, where they are usually weighed, is not happening, we will endeavour to weigh them and see which class wins. It may not be strictly a competition about growing, but photos have been sent to the school for the children to enjoy on their website.

Barbara Wright, secretary Tel: 01245 321554

Secretary email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

Battlesbridge Matters

Dear Residents, thank god the deadly Covid 19 virus is now slightly receding, and the restrictions laid down by the Government, and quite rightly so, are slowly being lifted. We should all be thankful that we live in the Rettendon area. What I worry about is the less fortunate, living in high rise flat, etc., especially single parent families with young children, the lonely and the infirm. In many cases it must be like a living nightmare, day after day, and the better future almost a non-existent dream.

Please remember in Rettendon we have the Richard Cannon Trust, established in 1604, with a very small amount of funds, to help any resident in distressed circumstances. Please let the charity know. Everything is in the strictest confidence.

As one problem seems to be improving, others start to rise. One very serious problem is the new build of Bradwell B Nuclear Power Station. This will have a devastating effect on South East Essex and Rettendon. I am totally against this proposal. Yes, it is a very efficient way of generating electricity, but with a legacy of spent Uranium and storage, as it cannot be reused and its radiation could wipe out large areas if released. This is the worst type of gift for generations of mankind. In the case of a fire, explosion or sabotage, it would not only wipe out the West Mersey oyster beds, but could possibly cover the whole of the East Coast of England with radioactive poisoning.

There is planned a very large vehicle holding park just North of the Turnpike. Up to 900 Lorries a day for the next 9 years, etc. (see front page for more details and contacts).

Remember we have many land and sea based wind farms, acres of solar panels, but in my opinion the way forward is tidal power. The UK has one large asset: the Bristol channel area. It has one of the largest rise and fall of tide on the planet, over 40 feet twice a day. This would generate all the electricity Great Britain required. It is totally clean, reliable and efficient with ebb and flow taking place twice every 24 hours - with no toxic waste.

When we left the EU to bring back Great Britain for the Nation and take control of our own destiny, but the proposed new Bradwell Power Station to be designed and financed by the Chinese and EDF, who are French. It is like selling our Nation's birth-right and it is totally wrong. (P.S. these are my personal views.)

Back to Rettendon - I am defending the disputed Managing Trustees of the Bell Fields in the High Court in July. I believe we are defending the future of the Bell Fields, which are also the last vestige of Rettendon Great Common left. The Charities are running exceedingly well, just check it out on the Internet under the Charity Commission. **Very Sincerely Roy Hart 01268 768282**

Charity Commission website -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

271479 - Allotment for the Labouring Poor

271480 - Allotment for Exercise and Recreation

Garden Notes

There are tits in the next box - much sneaky toing and froing. Lands on nearby twig - looks both ways, checks skywards and a swoop into the hole! Don't think there's hatchlings yet - only one parent busy.

Life goes on as usual in some quarters! **Mrs. McGregor**

This newsletter can be found electronically on the website

<https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/newsletters/>

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RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB

There maybe no cricket matches at the moment, but

Members of our cricket club run/cycled/walked the distance from our home ground to all the other cricket grounds in our T-Rippon league. This totalled 1255km and all donations went to NHS Charities & Sarcoma UK. We have raised nearly £3,000.



The video link here is a montage of our efforts, something we are very proud of:-

<https://www.facebook.com/luke.sullivan.39/videos/2949084608523563/>

Any donations can be made here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rccrun>

Kind Regards Chris Abrehart Head of Sales

Tel: 01273201765 Mob: 07900603223

(Sarcoma is a charity dealing with children with cancer)

Country Diary

I was in a quandary what to write as I have been imprisoned in my house and garden for the last seven weeks. However I have heard the cuckoo and seen swallows and understand the swifts are back. So I have relied on various newspaper items to complete my report.

I understand there has been extensive research into why owls can fly through the air creating barely an audible whisper. Of course the reason for the research was to see if the knowledge could be adapted and that the secret could be harnessed to the design of aircraft wings.

However the news that really interested me is that stork chicks have hatched in West Sussex for the first time in the wild since 1416 - 600 years ago! Think of that!

Jane Fallows 01245 400394

HRR Churches (<https://hrr-churches.org.uk/>)

(Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon)

At present all public worship at All Saints Rettendon, St Nicholas Rawreth and St Thomas of Canterbury, Hullbridge is suspended, in accordance with guidance from the Church of England.

However, we are recording some acts of worship that you can watch and share in. There are also some reflections that may be helpful. Any prayer requests you would like included please let us know, only first names and no details that might identify individuals or families, will be used.

There is live-streaming prayer and worship in our [Facebook Group](#) and the videos are posted on this site in our [Prayer and Reflection page](#) where there are also other resources for worship.

I've just posted a [blog about an article I found in ABC's Ethics and Religions pages](#) ... the article is worth a read .

We will do all we can to support those affected by the current situation, [please do get in touch](#) if you have any questions or suggestions.

All are welcome to join our [Facebook Group](#) or visit our [Covid-19 page](#), for the latest news.

Richard Jordon, Priest in Charge tel: 01268 766565

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions from local individuals, societies or groups are encouraged. Please send to me, Barbara Wright, as soon as you can via e-mail: RetBatNews@gmail.com, or tel: 01245 321554

Or paper copy to 55 East Hanningfield Road. Mark for Newsletter.

VE DAY 75th Anniversary

How Rettendon Parish Celebrated in 2020



Street parties, and such like.



We are very fortunate to have such a fine community. We heard of many VE75 day celebrations going ahead within the restrictions of the lockdown.

Neighbours sitting out in their front gardens chatting (or perhaps we should say shouting as they all kept their distance), having discos and sing-songs and drinking toasts for the end of the war 75 years ago and peace at last - though peace in this case was quite late we hear.

It may not have been what was planned, but was in keeping with the spirit of the war all those years ago: keep calm, carry on and enjoy it when you can.

Pleased to say the Memorial Hall was decked out for the occasion as well, with Union Jack flag at the door and red, white and blue bunting across the front. Unfortunately as I was passing in a car I did not have time to stop and take a picture, so if anyone else did please could you send a copy to the newsletter compiler, thank you.

Marking VE75

We are very pleased to be able to print a picture of the Rettendon sign with its trimmings, including Chas with his medals, marking VE75.

Chas giving a special oration for the event to those who ventured out, making sure they all distanced themselves appropriately, of course.

Maybe not quite what was planned, but the day was marked with a little bit of ceremony at least.



HAYES PARK CELEBRATIONS



One of 4 sets of VE Day celebrations that took place on Hayes Park. So much more had been planned but our Club House

was closed and with social distancing neighbours simply got together for a drink, a chat, some music and the odd singalong to Vera Lynn. Couples isolating together could of course sit together. Everyone ate their own food and drank their own drinks but it was a lovely afternoon that ran well into the evening. This group is made of happy residents from Elm Way and Maple Mews. **Jim Knight**

MEADOW ROAD ESTATE



With Parish VE75 day plans cancelled it was lovely to see some of the residents coming outdoors to celebrate. Homes were decorated with bunting, tables and chairs spread out on the green, and everyone carefully observed social distancing. The sun shone, and there was music, catching up with friends and neighbours, and a lifting of spirits.

There is talk of bigger celebrations when lockdown is over, and meanwhile, every Thursday night there is a regular group of neighbours who come onto their doorstep with whistles, music, and loud cheers and clapping. It's lovely to be part of a community and to feel a connection. Long may it last. **Sandie Cottee**

Missed from May edition - scenes from VE day 1945.

Perhaps you were there in 1945? We would love to hear your memories.



EAST HANNINGFIELD ROAD

Keeping their distance, but enjoying the fine weather and the occasion. Many of the residents put out bunting and flew the



flag. Sitting outside their own houses, enjoying a 40's disco, yelling - good naturedly - at their neighbours and having a fine time.



These are only some of the pictures and events around the Parish. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We would be pleased to add any more next month.