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Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events

To publicise your event in this diary please send details to the compiler



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Garden Judging	Sunday, 4 th July	2pm onwards	Various gardens	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 27 th July	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Parish Council
Summer Show Entries	Saturday, 31 st July	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Summer Show	Saturday, 31 st July	1 – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Parish Council Meeting	JULY / AUGUST	Possible extra-ordinary meeting, see website		Rettendon Parish Council
REGULAR EVENTS				
Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free Church /	All Saints' Church, Rettendon
Cricket Matches*	Saturdays and Sundays	1pm	Church Meadow, Rettendon	Rettendon Cricket Club
Pre-school	Monday - Thursday	Mornings	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Pre-school
Indoor Bowls	Mondays / Thursdays	7 – 10pm / 2 – 4pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Hall Bowls Club
Parish Council Meeting	Last Tuesday of Month	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Parish Council
Bell Ringing Practice	Wednesdays	8pm		All Saints' Church, Rettendon
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
Autumn Show Entries	Saturday, 11 th September	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Autumn Show	Saturday, 11 th September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Craft & Cookery Entries	Sunday, 12 th September	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
Craft & Cookery Show	Sunday, 12 th September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Horticultural Society
MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm		6 th & 27 th July, 17 th August
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am		2 nd & 23 rd July, 13 th August

*See Fixture List inside

**Rettendon Horticultural Society
Summer Show on Saturday 10th July
CANCELLED**
due to COVID restrictions still being in place. We are deeply disappointed, but we have everyone's health and safety at heart.
HOWEVER (if restrictions allow)
There will be a Horticultural Summer Show: Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables only in the **Memorial Village Hall, Rettendon on Saturday, 31st July.**
AND ALSO
A Craft and Cookery Show in the **Memorial Village Hall, Rettendon on Sunday, 12th September** (Summer Schedule applies)
Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me for more information.
Barbara Wright, secretary, 01245 321554
RetHSsec@gmail.com

First Aid Training.
If you would like some first aid training in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), defibrillator use, and combating choking, please contact **Barbara Wright, 01245 321554.**
We will try and organise either a half-day or full day training course by a qualified trainer.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The news about a defibrillator saving a footballer's life at Euro 2020 has prompted us to reiterate the locations of the 4 defibrillators which the Parish Council have supplied throughout the Parish.

- 1) The Bell Public house, East Hanningfield Road, outside the front (Yellow box).
- 2) At the entrance to Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon Village (Yellow Box)
- 3) At Battlesbridge Free Church Hall entrance, Hawk Hill, Battlesbridge (Red Box).
- 4) Outside the Club House at Hayes Country Park (Clear Box).

The use for all is the same:

- In an emergency please dial **999** and ask for the **Ambulance Service** for the 'unlocking code' of the defibrillator box. Tell them the emergency and ask for an ambulance. They may tell you to stay on the line, and talk you through.
- To remove, enter the code, press against the door and turn the handle as indicated.
- Take the defibrillator to the patient. Open the box and switch on - it will tell you what to do! The unit will not function unless it determines there is a need, so do not worry about using one. No one will criticise you for trying to save a life!
- Please return the defibrillator to the box, and inform the Parish Council.

Battlesbridge Antiques Centre also has their own.

RETTENDON VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

I would like to announce the reopening of the Village Hall. I thank all that have supported us over the last 15 months.

Most clubs and groups can now use the hall. There is still a need for social distancing, so there are limits on numbers, etc. This is with immediate effect.

We look forward to seeing more of you all in the coming weeks.

Regards **Edward Cheater RVMH Chair**

Rettendon Memorial Hall Community Herb Garden



HERBS – How to make refreshing Summer drinks

It is well known that we should all drink more water, especially in hot weather. Adding herbs can make this drink more enjoyable and

interesting, and some herbs offer healing properties. Now that the Communal Herb Garden at the village hall is established you are welcome to pick herbs for your own use or maybe you already grow your own. Either way, here is one way of using herbs.

Cold Infusion:

Gently squeeze or bash the leaves of your chosen herbs to allow the natural fragrance to release. Fill a large jug or jar with cold water and add a sprig of herbs or a small bunch of leaves. You can put the herbs into a piece of muslin or cheesecloth if you have it, or strain before use. Either way, leave the water overnight or for a few hours to infuse. Understand the properties of a herb before you use it, as each is different, and experiment with different varieties adding more or less according to preference. You can also add a slice of cucumber, lemon, or a teabag for additional flavour if liked. Green and white tea are recommended, leave your black tea for a mug and milk!

Here are a few suggestions, you only need a small amount in each instance:

A sprig of Rosemary, peppermint leaves (with or without a green teabag), a slice of fresh ginger with chamomile flowers, lemon balm, dried lavender flowers (with or without a slice of fresh lemon). Or try a combination of 2 herbs together.

TIP – Freeze herbs in ice cubes to make your drink look special.

You can buy cold infusion tea bags in supermarkets, but why do this when you can make your own? Have fun making these healthy sugar free drinks, and remember to keep hydrated!

A picture chart on the back of the notice board identifies the herbs.

Sandie Cottee

Rettendon Horticultural Society - The Summer Show

The 4 week extension of the current COVID restrictions has caused a major headache in terms of holding our Summer Horticultural Show. We have been in touch with various bodies for guidance but have been unable to get any definitive answers. It is therefore with much regret that we are no longer able to proceed with the show on the 10th July as planned.

The easiest decision would be to abandon the show altogether but we felt that we should explore every option open to us before taking that action. One such option was to have a marquee event after the 4 week extension. This was dependent on the availability of the cricket field but the cricket clubs fixtures are such that this is not possible. My thanks goes to the cricket club for their efforts to rearrange fixtures.

All is not lost because we have decided to postpone the show until the weekend of Saturday, 31st July. This will be a scaled down show to cover sections A-Roses, B-Flowers, C- Fruit and D - Veg. The remaining sections to include Cookery, Crafts, Floral Art and children's exhibits will be included in our Autumn Show.

The village hall is now open but currently we are undecided whether the show will be inside or outside. Much will depend on any restrictions that remain in place at the time. If any such restrictions are too onerous we will have no choice but to abandon the show completely.

A great deal of heart searching and effort has gone into trying to keep this event up and running so please support us by putting in some entries and coming to the show.

Garden judging

The garden judging is still going ahead as planned on Sunday the 4th July. See Section E of the show schedule for details. You need to get your entry in no later than Thursday 1st July by telephoning **Barbara Wright on 01245 321554** or **Hazel Dale Evans on 01245 401538**.

Trophies

We need to recover all the trophies awarded at the 2019 Summer Show so would all trophy holders from then please return the trophies to one of the following Society Officers as soon as possible :- Hazel Dale Evans 55, East Hanningfield Road; Beryl Wilkinson 3, Meeson Bungalows, Rettendon; John Bruty Seasons, Woodham Road, Battlesbridge.

Please ensure that the trophies are cleaned and complete on their return.

Trophies for the sections included in the scaled down show will be awarded and the rest carried over to the Autumn Show.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A new garden centre

I recently discovered a new local garden centre by the name of Plant Perfections which is situated next to Drake's Trees in Beeches Road, Battlesbridge, SS11 8TG. It's about 200 yards on the left after the junction with Hawk Hill. They have a Facebook page Plant Perfections Battlesbridge.

They have indicated that they will make a 10% reduction on purchases for members of the Rettendon Horticultural Society upon presentation of the membership card. Well worth a visit and of course, a good reason to become a member of our Society.

John Bruty, Chairman.

Please keep your summer show schedules as you will need them for the classes for the revised show date of Saturday, 31st July, and for the Autumn Craft and Cookery Show on Sunday, 12th September. Entry forms in by Thursday, 29th July, for 31st July.

Barbara Wright, Sec. email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

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



ALL SAINTS'S CHURCH, RETTENDON

Life is slowly returning to normal at All Saints as it is for all of us.

Our Sunday Services are taking place at the usual time of 11:15 am announced, as ever, by the wonderful team of bell ringers. All are very welcome.

We are (short of technical glitches) also available live streamed on Facebook, all are welcome to join. www.facebook.com/groups/HRR.Churches

It will be wonderful when restrictions are finally lifted and we can worship without the distancing and masks, and should be able to share a cup of coffee again too. All being well that will be after 19th July.

To keep up to date join our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/HRR.Churches), see the All Saints Webpage www.hrr-churches.org.uk/all-saints or phone Richard on 01268 766565

Richard Cannon Charity

The Richard Cannon Charity is there for people in financial need in Rettendon. We can often make one-off grants to meet specific needs. Applications are received and considered by trustees in all possible confidentiality. Please just get in touch to find out more.

Over the last month we have been able to help two people, both with grants of £1,000.

For more information please contact

Ron Fallows (01245 400394)

or Richard Jordan (01268 766565)

Email us at richard.cannon@hrr-churches.org.uk

Or go to our website

www.hrr-churches.org.uk/all-saints/richardcannon

Bell Ringing - All Saints' Church, Rettendon

We have been lucky to ring for some notable dates during the past year or so, VE day, VJ day, tolling for Captain Tom Moore, and for Prince Philip, although limited to 3 bells due to social distancing. Now we have started to ring again at church for the service, still a bit limited. However, as we move further out of lockdown we are again starting to practice on a Wednesday evening (8pm). We do have one small problem - the number of ringers we have, being further depleted by age and infirmity.

Hence the plea here for more people to come forward. We can teach you and it is a lovely hobby. Bell ringing involves technique more than muscles, though these may help, and an attentive mind. In fact it may keep your mind active as you learn the different methods and call changes, some very elaborate, to make tunes with the bells.

If you are interested please get in touch with Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, or Hazel Dale-Evans, 01245 401538

Quotable memories from Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

I've never been noticeably reticent about talking on subjects about which I know nothing.

My favourite subject at school was avoiding unnecessary work.



Rettendon Primary School

As the Summer term draws to a close and pupils, parents and staff look forward to a well deserved break, I wanted to say a huge thank you to you, our local community, for all the support and encouragement you have given this year. It has been a very difficult one with reams of additional guidelines to follow, absences for children and times of worrying health – but we have made it.

We are seeing some semblances of normality – we are shortly to take our Year 5 and 6 on a short residential trip and are now having more visitors come and share time in school – and hope that, come September, things will be even more like they should be.

Our parents and classes have been working hard outside too, developing our Outdoor learning area and growing in our allotment plots (some of us under the watchful eyes of Mrs Fallows and Mrs Wright from the Horticultural Society – thank you ladies).

We are always grateful to the Friends of Rettendon School who have continued to tirelessly raise funds, despite all the various restrictions, and provided us with many new resources which have been amazing.

It just goes for us at Rettendon Primary to wish you all a great Summer. If you need to know the school breaks up on Wednesday 21 July and we return on Thursday September 2nd.

Phil Andrews, Deputy Headteacher, Rettendon Primary School.

Country Diary

What a lovely month June is! The weather is fickle either sweltering hot or pouring with rain. The wild flowers are blooming and the grass is growing at a furious rate but it is the wild flowers that have caught my attention this month; dog roses and honeysuckle festoon the hedgerows and clumps of white elder making a statement.

Groups of foxgloves stand straight on the banks and red poppies grow amongst the margarite daisies. Sometimes these daisies are called moon daisies and their colours are quite eye catching when growing together. The cow parsley and hog weed have been the backbone of most waysides with members of the vetch family adding colour.

I was walking along the footpath adjacent to the main road (the bell pub to the school) the other day and I counted 20 different species of flowers. Some folks like to see these areas mown like a cricket pitch, but me – I like the abundance of the flora alive with insects and wild life of all shapes and sizes.

Have you seen any butterflies? I have seen some small blues and orange tips and, I think, some small whites and a little earlier in the year the brimstone.

My big disappointment has been not hearing the cuckoo – it will be flying away soon leaving its legacy of eggs in other bird's nests. I once saw a cuckoo's egg in a robins nest when I was a teenager, which means a long time ago.

Jane Fallows 01245 400394

And so they say...

Harrison Ford - "Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself."

Spike Milligan - "The best cure for Sea Sickness, is to sit under a tree."

PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish council website is:

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

Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page_internal

Parish Councillors:

Councillors are representatives of all areas, but live nearer the ones stated:-

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Buckhatch Lane, areas east of Rettendon Parish

ESSEX HIGHWAYS - Report a problem

Website: <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx> If there is a risk to public safety, please

call us immediately on **0345 603 7631** or if you have hearing problems use our text phone service on **0345 758 5592**

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL

Website: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/> or tel: 01245 606606

A plea to dog owners....

Please clean up after your dog and either put the bag in a dog bin, or take it home with you. Do not hang it on a hedge, - it is not just an eyesore, but illegal and could harm someone. Nor does anyone want it slung in their garden, or left on the football pitch, or cricket field, for a player, or child, to slip and hurt themselves.

We know most of you act responsibly and clear up properly, and we thank you for it, but there are some who are not and they are spoiling the environment.

Newsletter Contributions

Items from local individuals, societies or groups are encouraged. Please send them Barbara Wright as soon as you can via e-mail (RetBatNews@gmail.com), tel: 01245 321554, or mark for newsletter and post at 55 East Hanningfield Road.

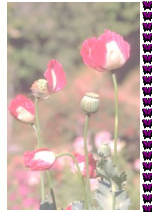
Funding contributions, cash or cheques (made out to RetBatNews), phone for collection, or contact for bank details, or post at 55 East Hanningfield Rd.

Garden Notes

Allowed the poppies to grow and what a splendid show - will distribute much seed for next year. Love weeds that are no trouble. All holes in the flower beds now get a pot of colour - bit like darning socks! At least we don't trip over the pots.....

Management is everything.

Mrs. McGregor



Battlesbridge Free Church

As we move forward from the necessary restricted life of the past year and a half, we find we are emerging into a very different world from that which had seemed our 'normal' way to be, at the beginning of 2020. The shock of an outside force dominating the direction of the lives of the nations of the world took a long and sobering time to come to terms with. National leaders have grappled to counteract the effect the pandemic has had on the health, social and economic national life. In churches throughout the Christian world, millions have prayed to Almighty God that his mercy and love of mankind would come to our aid. We believe that the miraculously rapid development of vaccines has been an answer to this prayer. Leaning on God's mercy has never been more urgent. Through ignorance and greed, we humans have increasingly turned progressive breakthrough into untold damage and harm to our planet. We thank God that he has put into the hearts and minds of many to seek ways to counteract the damage to soils, habitats and ecosystems. Lately we have prayed that the major national leaders may work diligently and urgently to reduce carbon emissions, so reducing damaging global warming. Deforestation, plastic pollution on land and sea and the many areas of brutal human conflict add to a depressive world view. But our God has not abandoned us. He has constantly told us that we only have to ask and he will be alongside us in our lives to give us hope and the guidance into his way of truth and life, helping us to see our fellows in life as our neighbours. Our prayers are that there will be a great revival in faith in the nation's Christian God and that this faith will continue to be taught as the foundation morality for our children and young people.

June Edwards



RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB Fixtures

Saturdays, 1pm, at Church Meadow, Rettendon

3rd July - RCC 1st vs Stock CC 1st

10th July - RCC 2nd vs W'ham Mortimer 2nd

17th July - RCC 1st vs Springfield CC 2nd

24th July - RCC 2nd vs Ingatestone & Fryerning 2nd

31st July - RCC 1st vs Old Chelmsfordians CC 1st

7th August - RCC 1st vs Aythorpe Roding CC 1st

14th August - RCC 2nd vs Oak Hill Taverners 2nd

21st August - RCC 1st vs Great Totham CC 1st

28th August - RCC 2nd vs Beaulieu Park CC 1st

Sundays, 1pm at Church Meadow, Rettendon

1st August - RCC Sunday vs Upminster Sunday Friendly

22nd August - RCC Sunday vs Rayleigh Fairview Sunday

RCC Website: <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/>

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