



RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER ★ JUNE 2022

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Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events (To publicise your event please contact the compiler)

EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Platinum Jubilee 70 Event	Thursday, 2 nd June	7 – 10:30pm	Upper Bell Field	Rettendon Residents
Platinum Jubilee Coffee & Bells	Friday, 3 rd June	10am – 11:30am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party	Saturday, 4 th June	12 – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Village Hall	
Queen's Platinum Jubilee C&W	Saturday, 4 th June	7 – 10:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Col's Country Club
Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee	Sunday, 5 th June	3pm – 8:00pm	Old Mill, Battlesbridge	Friends of Rettendon
Evening First Aid Course	Friday, 10 th June	6:30 – 9:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Barbara Wright
All Day First Aid Course	Friday, 17 th June	9:30am – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Barbara Wright
Summer Show Open Planning	Tuesday, 21 st June	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 28 th June	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall*	Rettendon PC

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free / All Saints, Rettendon	
Parish Council Meeting	Last Tuesday in Month	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall*	Rettendon PC
Pre-school (in school term)	Monday - Thursday	Mornings	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Pre-school
Bowls	Mondays / Thursdays	7 - 10pm / 2 – 4pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	1:30 – 3:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Art group / Youth Group	Wednesdays	2pm / 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Rettendon Walking Group	Thursdays	10am / Evening	Various places	Contact Sandie on 01268 733259
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
Rettendon League Cricket	Saturdays & Sundays	1pm	Church Meadow (behind hall)	Rettendon Cricket Club

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Garden Judging for Show	Sunday, 3 rd July	2pm onwards	Various Gardens	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 9 th July	1pm – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall & Cricket Field	Ret. Hort. Soc, FRS, RCC

MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits

South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	7 th , 28 th June, 19 th July
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am – 10:10am	24 th June, 15 th July

*Check website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/>, or Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page_internal

☞ – See website for home teams and dates <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/Matches>



Let's join together on Rettendon Bell Field on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 7pm to 10.30pm to Celebrate this once in a Lifetime National Event to Commemorate our Queen's 70 Years on the Throne

7pm - Live Music - Second Nature

8.45 - Piper - Mixed music

9.35 - Piper plays "Diu Regnare"

9.40 - Bugler plays "Majesty"

9.45 - Light the Beacon

9.45 - Battlesbridge Community Choir to sing "Song for the Commonwealth"

to coincide with the lighting of the beacon

Licensed Bar, Thai Street Food, Fish & Chips, Burgers, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Local Gin, Brownies, Chocolates, Cakes, Raffle

Bring your own chair or a blanket to put over a bale of straw

(Organised by Residents of Rettendon Common)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee at All Saints' Church Coffee Morning

Friday, 3rd June - 10am - 11am (with cake)

Bell Ringing at 11am to coincide with the Thanksgiving Service for The Queen at St. Paul's

Celebration Service for the Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Sunday, 5th June - 11:15

Reminder for free

"Royal Tea for Jubilee"

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

Light lunches from 12:30 - 2pm

Afternoon tea 2:30 till 5pm

A social whirl for all

On Saturday, 4th June

Delivered by the Hall Management Committee.



COL'S COUNTRY CLUB presents

KEVIN BARRY (<https://www.kevinbarrymusic.co.uk/>)

Saturday, 4th June 7pm - 10:30pm

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

An evening of C&W in celebration of the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

No bar (BYO), tea & coffee available

Tickets £7 from Colin 07850 383546



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE SUNDAY AFTERNOON (onwards) 5TH JUNE 2022

No charge,

Just bring along a rug, hamper and a bottle of wine

Location: The Old Mill, Battlesbridge, SS11 8TR

3 o'clock ish till 8.00pm

an extremely good band, a junior brass band, a junior fishing competition by the lake, etc.

The Barn Dance begins at 7pm

A large beacon will be lit at the closing.

1 Don't forget - Jubilee Pictures of Events for Newsletter



Rettendon Summer Show Open Planning Meeting



Tuesday, 21st June, 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP, committee room.
Open to all. Our planning meeting in preparation for the Summer show on Saturday, 9th July.

POST COVID

Now that we have in some ways learnt to live with the COVID pandemic, I am mindful that an **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** should be extended to all the local service providers who have done so much to sustain our spirits over the last couple of years. Amongst our community you will find many business people who have had to deal with changing work patterns to survive at all and are still stoically there. We should be mindful of their position.

Some businesses are more obvious perhaps: the pubs and eateries; the Woodham Road Veg shop; our visiting fish & chip van (Wednesdays 3pm till 7pm); Marshalls Meat purveyor; the general store and post office at East Hanningfield, together with the retail nurseries, have all done a tremendous job and gone over and beyond their immediate roles to lessen the impact of this difficult time.

So thank you to all of you - I feel proud to live in Rettendon amongst those who care - not least our very own newsletter production team and trusty delivery crew - well done - all of you!

Name and address supplied.

All Saints celebration of the Platinum Jubilee



Our celebration for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee falls on Pentecost weekend. This seems profoundly appropriate as we celebrate Her Majesty's faithful service over the

years which has been inspired and strengthened by her faith. As she said in her Millennium Christmas Broadcast:

'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.'

Pentecost (seven weeks or fifty days after Easter) is when the Church remembers God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. It gave them the courage and ability to proclaim the Good News and enabled them to meet the needs of people around them, healing and encouraging them.

As we give thanks for the reign of Her Majesty we also pray for the nations of the commonwealth, including our own, and the Church of England which she leads. We pray that the same spirit that inspired the first disciples will continue to guide her, our leaders and indeed ourselves, as we dedicate ourselves to working for the values which have inspired her reign.

Please join us for our main act of worship on Sunday 5th June, Pentecost Sunday, which will be our Celebration of the Platinum Jubilee at 11:15 at All Saints Church. This will be followed by refreshments in church.

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Rettendon Memorial Hall



We have our Platinum Jubilee event at the beginning of the month, with many people co-operating to give the village, nay the Parish, an event worthy of the Queen - a community event for all - and all free.

Lunchtime, afternoon and evening events are all planned.

The Country and Western night at 7pm (tickets £7 from Colin on 07850 383546) with Kevin Barry providing the music. C&W is now only 3 monthly, because the pandemic took its toll on the bands available, but it is still going, and looking forward to celebrating the Jubilee.

In July we look forward to hosting the Rettendon Horticultural Society event of the year - the Summer (Village) Show. The hall will be home to the Children's exhibits, so please come along and look, and maybe have tea and cake. Our 'local' RHS hires the hall for this event, but as many of the people are members of both hall and RHS, they are serving both masters at once. Co-operation again is key to all these events, and we are delighted we all get along so well together. Long may it continue.

The regular users are still in operation:

Knit and Natter have decided that they too want to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, so are busy knitting their own crowns for a beginning of the month meeting starting a bit earlier at 12 noon for a picnic lunch.



Monday night is **Bowls** night, and the group are starting to use the Cricket Field for petanque when the weather is fine.



There has been some movement in Drama, watch out for more. If your interest has been piqued, then please phone Hazel for details 01245 401538.

Pre-school still learning and playing, with outdoor activities when possible. Monday to Thursday. Half-term from 28th May to include the Jubilee weekend.



Thursday nights are now **Zumba** nights: dance and exercise being the watchwords.

The **Polymyalgia Rheumatica and/or Giant Cell Arteritis group** are again meeting in the hall at regular intervals. For more details please contact Pat Fedi on [07733362373](tel:07733362373), or email: southend@pmrgca.org.uk, for more information.

Booking the hall is very easy. **Contact Dianne Francombe on tel: 01245 400297**, or fill in the booking form on the website:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/rettendon-memorial-hall/>

Trying to keep the hall looking neat and tidy and ready for all is a difficult business, but we manage most of the maintenance ourselves, though we do need to involve some specialists at times. Luckily we have a sturdy crew who come up with the goods time after time.

We are also mindful of our neighbours and have added some poles, as shown, in the car park to stop cars knocking over our neighbour's fence. They are held securely in place so will not move.



Hall Management Committee

Battlesbridge Matters

Well, it's only three weeks to our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event here at Battlesbridge, hopefully it will be a wonderful village show, the meadow is a very pretty five acre site. There will be plenty to do for the children and for mums & dads too, with two bands, one a Barn Dance Group. We have a raffle with prizes for kids and adults. We have serviced the toilets, and have a large stand by generator and can seat 250 undercover if it rains. There is also plenty of parking.

We are well insured and have an NHS qualified First Aider on site.

Every penny that we raise will be going to the Queen's Jubilee charities, one of which is the Ukraine Fund.

We may need some help in the background, such as Car Marshals etc so if you would like to volunteer please let us know.

Let us all make it an afternoon and early evening to remember, especially the lighting of the beacon!

See you all on the 5th June 3 o'clock ish till 8.00pm

Wildlife Update:

We have 14 new goslings on the river here at Battlesbridge, plus we have our resident Barn Owl, etc.

We are so very lucky to live in Battlesbridge & Rettendon 10 minutes from anywhere, train, station and a great Village hall, etc. Long may it continue.

Yours Sincerely Roy Hart

First Aid Courses

by a qualified trainer

Evening course, Friday, 10th June, 6:30 - 9:30pm.

CPR, use of defibrillator, choking, with baby and child, symptoms of asthma attacks, heart attacks, angina, strokes.

Whole day course, Friday, 17th June, 9:30am - 5pm.

CPR, defibrillator use, choking, with baby and child, symptoms of asthma attacks, heart attacks, angina, strokes, diabetes, epilepsy, fractures, head injury, management of severe bleed.

Courses are limited in numbers, please contact

Barbara Wright 01245 321554 to book a place.

(Unfortunately there will be a small charge to cover hall hire.)



Nature's Diary

I was so pleased, I had a couple of responses from my writings about the Cuckoo. First Pete from the north east of the village said he had heard it on the last day of April and John from the south of the centre also told me he had heard it a couple of times. However not only the R&B newsletter carried an article about the cuckoo but none other than The Times did also. The Times printed the East Anglian this version of the familiar verse,

In April, come he will

And in May, he will sing all day

Then in June, he changes his tune

In July, away he fly

In August, go he must

Perhaps I must not fuss so much! I love this month as well as the last. The bluebells have died but the white stitchwort (shirt buttons), the red campion and the cow parsley are clothing our banks and hedgerows, nature is giving a second helping of beauty. **Jane Fallows**

Rettendon Horticultural Society

At last we have had some rain to soften the ground. We must now have passed the risk of frost so suddenly I am feeling a sense of urgency to get everything planted out. The downside to the rain is that the weeds (wild flowers) not to mention the slugs and snails are loving the damp conditions. One of the delights of being a gardener this time of year is crawling around the garden on hands and knees pulling out unwanted invaders and "rehomeing" the slugs and snails!

Rettendon Summer Show

It's only about six weeks to the show, held on the cricket field, and in the hall. It's three years since the last show so let's make it the best yet and fill the marquee with lots of great exhibits. As you can see from the show schedule distributed with the last newsletter there are 136 classes including flowers, fruit, vegetables, crafts, cookery, floral art and children's classes. Don't be shy, give it a try!

Setting up and dismantling the show is a huge task and frequently it's left to just a few members to undertake. If you can spare some time on the Friday before the show and/or after the show to give a hand that would be greatly appreciated.

Show Vases: When chatting to Carol Orris, who judged one of last years shows and who is the chairperson of Canvey Horticultural Society she mentioned

Canvey were not holding flower shows anymore. On gentle enquiry I established that they still had all their show vases which were no longer required. They have, very kindly, donated the vases to us.

Thank you Canvey Horticultural Society for your generosity. We are therefore able to provide all the vases required for our future shows. They come in four different sizes to accommodate all flower exhibits and there is no longer any need to bring your own vases if you are exhibiting. Floral artists will need to continue to make their own arrangements according to the subject of the class they are intending to enter.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Schedules can be found on the website with the direct link:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule22>

Rettendon Summer Show

Can you spare half an hour or so?

Although we do need help setting up and dismantling, this is not all. Perhaps you can help for an hour or two on the day with selling raffle tickets, with the bowling or even with the teas. We have all sorts of jobs, including, of course, the setting up and clearing away.

Please get in touch with me if you can spare any time at all. Even a half hour on the day taking round teas to our stall-holders and the people in our marquee is a great help (and much appreciated!). Contact **Barbara Wright**,

Secretary **T: 01245 321554** email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

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

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



Rettendon Horticultural Trip - Sissinghurst Castle Gardens

Regrettably we have decided to cancel the day trip to Sissinghurst Castle and Garden. Due to low numbers the cost would have been far too much. We are very sorry to disappoint those who were looking forward to the outing. Our next one is in September to Hatfield House. Hopefully there will be a better take up for that trip.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Rettendon Horticultural Society - Plant Sale

Our plant sale was a huge success. The hall was full of people throughout the morning purchasing an array of really top quality flowering plants and vegetable plants at amazingly low prices. We had record sales going a long way towards funding for the marquee and hire of tables for the Summer Show.

My thanks goes out to The Bungalow Nursery and Meadowcroft Garden Centre for providing lots of the plants and to members who also brought their own plants for sale. One further thank you to all who helped set up the day before and on the day of the sale.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Bell Field Allotments

We are pleased to say that the allotments on the Lower Bell Field, Main Road, Rettendon Common are now open. There are 6 plots remaining which are available, to rent, to anyone living in the Parish.

Our priority is to make this a community project for local parishioners. Please act quickly if you are interested in renting a plot and let any friends and neighbours know.

At the end of May, any remaining plots will be offered to those who live in the surrounding area. We have been told that there are very long waiting lists in Runwell, Wickford and South Woodham Ferrers.

If you are interested please contact **Glenys Jones** on **07739 530611** glenyskjones@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Are you affected by Polymyalgia Rheumatica and/or Giant Cell Arteritis ?

Why not come and join in one of our Chelmsford/Southend Group meetings at Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP.

Groups are a really great opportunity to meet, share with others and make friends who understand how you feel.

We are planning a meeting near the end of June, but no date yet, as the speaker has not confirmed.

There will be tea and coffee available during the afternoon. £4 will be collected on entry to contribute to the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

Want to know the date? Please get in touch with **Pat Fedi. Tel: 07733 362373 or Email: southend@pmrgca.org.uk**

Platinum Jubilee Grants from the Parish Council

The Parish Council awarded grants to Hayes Community Club, Residents of Rettendon Common and the Rettendon Memorial Hall for their events.

The Parish Council also gained a grant from lottery funding to provide 2 memorial benches, 3 trees with tree guards and stakes, and a jubilee beacon.

The jubilee beacon will be used by the Residents of Rettendon Common for their event on the Upper Bell Field on Thursday, 2nd June.

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions from local individuals, societies or groups are encouraged. Please send to Barbara Wright ASAP via e-mail (RetBatNews@gmail.com), or tel: 01245 321554, or paper copy, marked newsletter, to 55 East Hanningfield Road. Funding contributions, cash or cheques (made out to RetBatNews), contact Barbara as above.

Garden Notes

Much ado with the season change - out with the forget-me-nots and in with the summer bedding to pad out the bigger structural plants. Mobile pots complete the display. Now it is just the odd tweak and grass mowing to keep it tidy.

The veg patch is looking good too.

So dig for victory all. **Mrs. McGregor**



Battlesbridge Free Church

We thank God for the life and work of our dear Queen Elizabeth II. All her life she has given honour and glory to Almighty

God. She has lived in communion with our Lord, Jesus Christ, whose spirit has sustained her throughout all the highs and lows of her life, giving her the wisdom and courage required of her awesome responsibilities.

As a young girl she was a loyal member of the Girl Guide Movement. Guides promised, on their honour, to do their best to do their duty to God and (in her time) the King, to help other people at all times and to obey the Guide law. The Guide law – to be truthful, and so trusted, to be loyal and helpful, to be a sister to fellow guides and non-guides, to endeavour to be courteous and kind. Obedience was to be expected for those in authority, be it parents, teachers, leaders and to try and retain a spirit of cheerfulness. Guides were urged to value what they had and not to be wasteful. Last of all, guides were urged to keep their minds on goodness, worthwhile things, steering clear of enticement of vulgarity.

When my own high school head mistress closed the end of term Assembly, she always read out from the Bible, Philippians 4 v. 48/9 "Summing up, you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious – the best, not the worst, the beautiful, not the ugly, things to praise, not to curse." Would that the youth of today, were taught this Christian approach to life. Would that they take an example from our Queen for the way of life. Then there would be not so many suffering from mental health problems or needing a knife to help them feel safe. There would not be the need to constantly challenge authority. But parents and teachers, any in authority, are also under life's same obligations in Christ.

June Edwards

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

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

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