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**CHILDREN'S  
EXHIBITS in the  
HALL, with the  
TEAS.**

**FREE ENTRY**

*at the*

# **RETTENDON SUMMER SHOW**

**SATURDAY, 9th JULY ★ 1- 5 pm**

**Opening by DAVE MONK - BBC ESSEX PRESENTER**

LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT | LICENSED BAR  
HORTICULTURAL SHOW | TRADITIONAL STALLS  
BOUNCY CASTLES | FACE PAINTING  
BBQ | SUMMER RAFFLE

Show entries to be in before 10:30am  
**RETTENDON CRICKET FIELD,  
AND MEMORIAL HALL  
CM3 8DP**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
FRIENDS OF RETTENDON SCHOOL & RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB  
(schedules for show available from

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

## All Saints' Church Book Sale

Saturday, 16th July

From 10am till 1pm.

With light refreshments.



### FIRST AID COURSES by a qualified trainer

These went very well, and I think everyone who came enjoyed, as well as learnt from them.

Unfortunately a few missed out but not to worry - Ian Davey, our trainer, has made another date for a mixed class: 3 hours in the morning to learn the basics about CPR, defibrillator use, and choking on adults and children, plus symptoms of heart attack, stroke and asthma, and 3 hours in the afternoon with extras, e.g. angina, diabetes, epilepsy, fractures, head injury, management of severe bleed. Date is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.**

So please get in touch and I will put you down on the list. Contact **Barbara Wright** Tel: 01245 321554 or email: [RetBatNews@gmail.com](mailto:RetBatNews@gmail.com)



I would like to thank Ian and the other volunteers who came to help. Ian runs the Essex Community First Aid Events Volunteers (ECFAEV), a charity who provide first aid cover for local Essex events. You can talk to some of them at the Summer show.



### Rettendon Memorial Hall

#### The Jubilee Lunch and Tea Party

Many thanks to all who contributed variously to this open event on June 4th. Grant funded by the Parish Council, we tried to make sure that all parishioners could be included in local festivities and we did send some individual bags home to some who were housebound. Nearly all who came also received a free badge as a souvenir, such a shame when these ran out!

The next open event will be the **Summer show and Fete** under the co-ordinated eye of Friends of Rettendon School, Rettendon Cricketers and our own Horticultural Society. Another grand day out for all on **Saturday, July 9th.** See you there.

The hall still has the usual groups keeping fit by Bowling on a Monday evening, Zumba on Thursday evening, and Col's Country Club every 3 months on the 1st Saturday.

The Knit and Natter group are continuing to knit, crochet and generally craft with gifts of wool, etc, (with thanks to those who provided) making items for charities: hats and blankets for babies, dementia twiddle muffs, and now starting on the Christmas decorations to sell to raise funds for the church.

Looking to find space for a group, event, or a party? Booking is very easy. Contact **Dianne Francombe on 01245 400297**, or fill in the booking form on the website:

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

Hall Management Committee



### Woodham Road Farm Shop

Revised opening hours from 1st June

Mondays - Saturdays 8am - 2pm

Sundays - CLOSED

(01268 768704 or 07786 072432)

### Quiz Report for 20th May

They couldn't wait! Eleven intrepid teams vied for the honour of parish top dog and out of a possible 115 total points it was won by a team calling themselves the "William Tells", with 99½ points.

Regrettably there were some creative adding up on the scoreboard where it was found that there was an error! We apologise that the team named "Dickens cider" were placed 9th but had actually earned a creditable 6th place.

Well done to all contestants - a somewhat merry time was had by all!

The Newsletter team would like to thank all those who helped at the quiz, as well as those who came to add funds to our coffers to enable us to continue, and bring you this special edition with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee pictures from the Parish's events.

The Newsletter is privately funded by residents and businesses in the Parish. It is your newsletter, and we thank you for continuing to read and support it.

### Battlesbridge Matters

The best kept village competition has been put on hold until 2023, we will give it our best shot. Next year with collective help and a bit of planning this should be a good challenge.

At long last, after many letters etc new signage is going to be put on the Battlesbridge Railway Bridge. I really hope that it will have solar panels on to light it up at night and a height restriction sign stating the maximum height clearance in feet & inches and metres, for the many foreign drivers.

There are fresh otter prints in the river mud, they are distinct three toe marks. All the Canadian geese can now fly, and the fish life looks very healthy.

We have sent the Jubilee donations up to Buckingham Palace to be passed onto the Ukraine Fund. I just hope and pray this awful war will be concluded soon, for the sake of world peace and mankind. I would like to thank you all for coming to our Jubilee party. I am so proud, bearing in mind the atrocious weather forecast, that so many turned up. Well, we have all done our little bit for such a serious cause. I would like to say a big thank you to all the villagers that lent a helping hand.

Yours Sincerely Roy Hart

### Country Diary

I have been in the West country on holiday. Travelling along some of the narrow lanes it was great to see that the banks had not been cut back hard. In fact they were a profusion of wild flowers: Ox eye white daisies, bird's foot trefoil, hog weed and many other flowers all of which are nectar rich for all the insects, bees and butterflies.

Talking of butterflies, my near neighbour, Helen, tells me that the brown Gatekeeper are on the wing flitting around amongst the brambles. Helen also offered to me an interesting article on the dawn chorus. Apparently skylarks have been heard as early as 1-30am in the Cairngorms. I note the birds are singing vigorously by 4-00am in Rettendon.

Years ago, when I used to take the guides to camp on a site near to Hockley woods, the local orchestra seemed to start at around 3-30am.

I still return to the cuckoo. Apparently they love to eat hairy moth caterpillars. They love untidy places which are full of insects, weeds, reed-beds, adjacent to ponds and streams where not only do they find the food they crave but small bird's nests in the reeds to lay their eggs.

Jane Fallows



## Thank You

Thank you to the fairy who put lavender in the otherwise unflowered pot at the Village Memorial Hall.  
The wand work is much appreciated.

### Rettendon Pre-School

Pat has decided to retire from Preschool so we threw her a surprise retirement party. Pat has been running Rettendon Preschool for 40 years and many, many children have benefited from Pat's teaching. She will be sorely missed by parents and children.



Unfortunately Pre-school will be closing its doors for good in July, so we would like to thank everyone who has been involved over the years and good luck to all the children who will be moving on.

**Rettendon Pre-School Staff**

### Ordinary Time....

In the Church's calendar we have moved into 'Ordinary Time' or the 'Sundays after Trinity'. After all the excitement of Easter and Pentecost it can feel like a bit of an anti-climax.



But Ordinary Time is when the work gets done and that is what Trinity is all about. Trinity is the most distinctive of Christian beliefs: God is Three (Father Son and Holy Spirit) but also absolutely One – Christians are monotheists.

At a gut level it makes as much sense to me as quantum mechanics, particle physics or cosmology ... but then, Christians are talking about the God who, they believe, created physics and the stars! But more importantly for me, it talks of a God for whom love and cooperation are at the heart of their / his / her / its being.

So, at the dawn of creation, 13,000,000,000 years ago, I believe that the Father spoke the Word (Jesus, 'The Word of God') and the Spirit breathed life into the universe. Billions of years pass as they work together to mould creation until evolution makes creatures with real free will. At Easter 2,000 years ago we saw Jesus die as he redeemed our blunders and mistakes and the Father raised him as a triumph of indestructible love and then rekindle life in the new disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

And now? I believe God invites us to be part of that creative, redemptive work. To become Children of God alongside Jesus the Son of God, empowered and invited by the Holy Spirit to become part of the Team. When we share love, work for justice or care for creation Christians understand themselves to be working as part of God's Team, the Trinity.

Of course, there are plenty of people who believe that this is foolish non-sense, but who share love, work for justice or care for creation just as much as Christians do, and maybe more. But the invitation of Christ is to know that we are part of a divine team. A team with an amazing track record of 13 billion years ... so we can be sure it will work out, but we might just need patience!

And that is what Ordinary Time can mean for Christians. Enjoy the Summer!

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## Rettendon Horticultural Society

It's countdown to the **Rettendon Summer Show on Saturday the 9th July.**

Prior to the show we have the **garden/allotment judging** on the afternoon of **Sunday the 3rd July**. The categories are set out in classes 54 to 59 in the show schedule. If you would like to enter please make sure that you let **Barbara Wright 01245 321554, Hazel Dale Evans 01245 401538 or myself 01268 562371** know by Thursday the 30th June at the very latest. It's a great opportunity to get your garden looking its best if only once a year!

It takes a huge amount of work to prepare for show day. If you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday the 7th July between 4 and 6pm, any time on Friday the 8th July and Saturday morning to help with setting up it would be most appreciated. Just turn up on the cricket field and I guarantee that you will be given a job!

The Rettendon Horticultural Society Summer Show, held in the marquee, is open to everybody. There are classes for flowers, vegetables, crafts, floral art, cookery and wine. There are also children's classes. Lots of trophies to be won. Please would all current trophy holders ensure that the trophies are cleaned and returned by the morning of the show.

This year we have some really special raffle prizes including a £50 voucher for Vita Bella restaurant, afternoon tea for two at Fraser's Tea Rooms and various garden centre vouchers. There will be lots of other prize donations for which we are really grateful.

The Horticultural Society runs the coconut shy and this year we are hoping to reintroduce the ever popular Wellie Wanging competition, if we have enough people willing to help. If you can please give one of the above a call.

The event will be opened at 1.00 by BBC Essex presenter Dave Monk.

This is a jointly run event by the Horticultural Society, the Cricket Club, the School and Friends of Rettendon School. It's a great family event so please come and join us.

**John Bruty, Chairperson**

Schedules can be found on the website with the direct link: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule22>

If you can help or to enter contact **Barbara Wright**, Secretary **01245 321554** or email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)

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

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

### Hayes Park Memorial Garden

The residents here have built a memorial garden and remembrance decking area with all materials and plants paid for by generous donations from residents and from various fund raising initiatives undertaken since April.



The site owners also contributed £200 towards the overall cost.

The idea behind it is that people that have lost loved ones can have a plaque dedicated to that person placed on the railings that run around the top of the decking. The decking area with benches was officially opened on 18 June 2022 and this was followed by another disco. Below the decking there is a boat and garden filled with plants and a tree of remembrance was planted as well. It certainly has been a busy time here in recent months!

**Jim Knight**



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



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Garden Judging	Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2pm onwards	Various	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Summer Show Entries	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Village Hall & Cricket Field	Rettendon Hort. Soc
Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1 – 5pm	Rettendon Village Hall & Cricket Field	Ret. Hort. Soc, FRS, RCC
Book Sale at the Church	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – 1pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall*	Rettendon PC
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>				
Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free Church / 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Zumba Class	Thursdays	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Zumba Teacher
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
<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>				
First Aid Course	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hal	ECFAEV
Autumn Show Entries	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Hatfield House Coach Trip	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Pick-up at Bell Pub and Village	Rettendon Hort. Soc
<b>MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits</b>				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 9 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> August	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am – 10:10am	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> August	

\*Check website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/>, or Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishccouncil/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishccouncil/?ref=page_internal)

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



### Battlesbridge Free Church

Some have been thoroughly enjoying the beautiful hot sunshine and clear skies, whilst others, hay fever sufferers, have not

fared so well. It seems that for every plus there is a minus. Everyone's life has its ups and downs. Our God gave us a set of rules to guide us through this minefield. In the past, children in primary schools were taught of this Almighty, but living Father God. At an earth-shattering time in the earth's history, this God took the form of a human body which grew to a thirty year old ordinary man, a carpenter by trade. This man was filled not just with a human spirit but with the very heart, spirit and soul of God. "What a load of rubbish!" many now say. But the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was and is historical fact. This man-God did perform 'out of this world' miracles, he did teach that whosoever believes in me will no longer end their life within a dead corpse but would receive a renewed spiritual life in a new body. Again, "what a load of rubbish!" But is it? Many millions of perfectly sane human beings have been touched by the voice of Jesus Christ and have become one with him in following the way of life he teaches, a way of kindness, unselfishness, support, energy, not only for friends and family, but treating all as a neighbour. Our poor country does seem to be in grave need of this wonderful spirit of Christ to get us on the right track again. May our God look down in mercy on our economic struggle, may he give wisdom to our members of parliament, so many in disarray. May our God be with the many refugees and homeless and may God forgive us and have mercy on our ridiculous notion that in 2022 we are sophisticated and digital enough to "Go it alone!!"

**June Edwards**

### Garden Notes

Extraordinary growth and some need for extra watering. The woodpecker (Great Spotted) likes peanuts! The pretty Goldfinches have brought new family members to our Nigha seed feeder.

Garden now producing food, so slightly less need for frequent veg. shopping and jam making begins!

Leave pretty weeds to seed and you will have a wild garden to die for...

**Mrs. McGregor**

### The fight against SCAMS

All too often we hear about people having been scammed, in fact according to Citizens Advice there is a 14% increase on this time last year. Dame Clare Martin, the Chief Executive of Citizens Advice said; "We know scammers prey on our worries and fears and the cost of living is no exception. As financial pressures pile on it's more important than ever we recognise the red flags. By reporting scams we can work together to protect ourselves and each other."

Residents are urged never to give bank details or any personal information to anyone who contacts them out of the blue as legitimate organisations would never put you on the spot in this way.

Wendy Martin, the Director of National Trading standards advises, "Everyone can arm themselves with the information they need to stay safe by taking part in our free Friends Against Scams awareness training at [friendsagainstsams.org.uk](https://friendsagainstsams.org.uk)" The message is watch out, scammers are about, keep all your personal information safe.

**By our special correspondent, acknowledgement to The Times.**

### Newsletter Contributions

Items from local individuals, societies or groups and adverts for local events are encouraged. Please send to Barbara Wright ASAP via e-mail ([RetBatNews@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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