



# RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER ★ OCTOBER 2022

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

EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Harvest Festival School	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	During Day	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Have Your Say - Local Plan	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	11am – 2pm	Via Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre	Chelmsford City Council
	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10am – 1pm		
Harvest Festival Open Day	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Harvest Festival Service	Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Compost and Composting	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Harp Music Concert	TBD October	7:30pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Rayleigh Brass Band	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Parish Council Meeting *	Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC
All Saints' Day Service	Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
All Souls Day Service	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth	
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
Bowls	Mondays	7 - 10pm	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	
Walking Group	Thursdays	10am / 7pm	Various	Sandie 01268 733259
Zumba Class	Thursdays	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Teacher 07879 683731
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday, TBD November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Parish Council Meeting *	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC
Rettendon Hort. Soc. AGM	Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Country and Western	Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Col's Country Club
Allegro Carol Concert (TBC)	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	7 for 7:30pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	11 <sup>th</sup> October, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	7 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> October, 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	

\* website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/new-home-page/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil>

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RETTENDON**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
  
**SATURDAY, 8TH OCTOBER**  
**10:30am - 3:00pm**  
 Refreshments, Raffle, Cakes, Gifts, Tombola..  
 (donations of cakes, tombola items, raffle prizes, toiletries, quiches, etc. very welcome, contact Jane Fallows, on 01245 400394)

**Harvest Festival Service**  
**All Saints' Church, Rettendon**  
**Sunday, 9th October, 11:15am**

**SPECIAL SERVICES - Sunday, 30th October**  
 All Saints (our patronal festival) at 11:15am, at All Saints' Church, Rettendon.  
 All Souls at St Nicholas, Rawreth, 4:00pm  
 (Check the website [www.hrr-churches.org.uk](http://www.hrr-churches.org.uk))

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**  
**COMPOST and COMPOSTING**  
 By Jane Ponton, SEEORG  
 A hands-on event!  
**Tuesday, 18th October 7:30pm**  
 Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP  
 Tea, coffee and home-made cakes  
 Entry: free for members, £3 non-members

**All Saints' Church, Rettendon**  
**Harp Music Concert**  
 Date TBD in October, 7:30pm  
 In aid of the church.

**Rayleigh Brass Band Concert**  
**Battlesbridge Free Church**  
**Friday, 21st October,**  
**7 for 7:30pm**  
**Tickets on the door, £5**

## Remembering the Queen's passing

This edition of the Newsletter cannot let this pass by without expressing our condolences to the Royal Family, and our thanks to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, for her devotion to duty, her integrity, her faith, and her loyalty during her long reign.

God Bless the Queen and  
God Save the King.

We would like to thank the bell ringers who rang muffled bells on the death of the Queen and on the day of the funeral. Also thanks to the crew who ensured the bells were muffled and are well maintained.

The Church have a book of condolence available to sign, and the Parish Council provided a book which was taken to the Memorial Hall and to Hayes Country Park.

### Rettendon and Battlesbridge Newsletter

#### Rettendon Memorial Hall

The AGM of the Hall was held. Dianne Francombe was confirmed as the Booking Clerk, telephone 01245 400297 if you wish to book. Jean Pietsch is again our treasurer, who does a fine job. Barbara Wright is now secretary, taking over from Pat. Ed Cheater was voted in as Chairman. Dave Philips, the chairman of the Parish Council attended the public session. We now look forward to updating a few things, keeping on top of the maintenance and trying to add facilities to the hall if we can. Any suggestions for groups, or additions to the hall will be welcome. There is a post box, so if you do not meet anyone from the committee at any time (and we are out and about a lot for other events) please post your suggestion into the box and we will look into it.

The hall still has groups using it for their events and meetings

**Bowls** happens every Monday evening from 7pm. The age group is vast, so why not join them and have fun and exercise all at once.

**Zumba** is on Thursday evening at 7:30pm with Danielle teaching the moves to dance and exercise with music.

**Rettendon Horticultural Society** have shows, talks and will hold their AGM at the hall in November.

**Knit and Natter** is 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month and doing very well knitting and crocheting blankets, hats, twiddle muffs and other items for local hospitals and care homes.

**Col's country Club** has been reduced to 3 monthly due to the lack of groups and singers because of the COVID issue - however this will be reviewed in the New Year. Next big date is Saturday, 3rd December, for a Christmas Country Get-together.

The **Southend group of the Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR) and/or Giant Cell Arteritis** continues to use the hall for meetings. For times and dates please contact Pat Fedi on 07733 362373 or email: [southend@pmrgca.org.uk](mailto:southend@pmrgca.org.uk)

**Booking Clerk: Dianne Francombe, 01245 400297**

**Hall Management Committee**

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

## From Little Darwin's - a tribute, and the future...

We were saddened to hear that Rettendon Pre-School was closing its doors in July, after being part of the village for many years.

Little Darwin's were very grateful to Pat for the huge donation of resources, including lots of lovely toys and books, that she gave to us, for our children to continue to enjoy.

We are very excited as a new term begins and to see the start of our garden transformation. This project will enhance our outdoor space and we hope to share some images with you next month.

**Lucy Cook, Nursery Manager**  
**Little Darwin's Nursery 01268 769 599**

#### All Saints Church, Rettendon

##### requests for Harvest Festival 8th / 9th October

We would like to decorate the church and would be delighted to receive, during the earlier part of that week, any light coloured foliage for use to decorate the church.

Harvest Festival gifts of packets of food, jars, tins, in fact anything which has a long shelf life will be taken to the homeless at Southend.

Lyn Benson and I will be about during the first week of October to receive any donations of raffle prizes e.g. toiletries, tombola prizes, cakes, tarts, quiches for our open day. **Jane Fallows, 01245 400394**

#### Battlesbridge Free Church

##### - A tribute to the Queen

We have been so privileged to have shared the last seventy years with her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her qualities of service, devotion to duty, with wisdom, kindness and compassionate commitment, have been absorbed almost as a consistent background to our daily lives. She was there and we were able, for so long, to almost allow her to do and be all that we, as individuals, often failed to do and be.

During the early comments following the announcement of her death, there was an almost awakening, a realization and appreciation of all that she had been to our Nation, Commonwealth and beyond, and in her passing, what a debt of gratitude and love we owed her service to us.

Gradually there was insight into the spiritual basis for her strength which upheld her through her life. From childhood she had been brought up to honour God through the life and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. She gained power from her Christian faith, following the way of Christ's teaching. Her warmth, humanity, her wonderful smile, her ability to make those who met her understood and appreciated, was because she based her life on and with Christ.

Throughout her life the Queen continued to attend church, joining with family and friends in praising and thanking God. The day of the funeral brought the nation back to the country's foundation faith and dependence on God, reflected in the life of Queen Elizabeth.

May God bless King Charles III and the royal family and all of us.

**June Edwards**

Old age? The time of life when actions creak louder than words.

Old age is all about losing your marvels.



## **Review of adopted Chelmsford Local Plan**

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plan/local-plan-review-2022/>

The local plan is being reviewed to extend the planning for the future of the city to 2041. The local plan review letter explaining this can be found with this link:-

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/resources/assets/inline/full/0/6528221.pdf>

The Issues and Options consultation has been extended to run until 4pm on Thursday, 20th October, 2022.

The exhibitions will take place at the Chelmsford City Council Chamber, accessed via Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE on:-

Friday, 7th October, 2022, 11am - 2pm

Saturday, 8th October, 2022, 10am - 1pm

A virtual exhibition is also available at

[Www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-exhibition](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-exhibition)

### **More information**

e.g. frequently asked questions can be found at:-

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review)

Or email [planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk)

Or call 01245 606330

### **Next Steps**

All responses will be considered and used for the next stage of the process - The Preferred Options Review Plan. Responses will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal in accordance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

(Resumé from the Chelmsford City Council website).

## **ALL SAINTS'S CHURCH, RETTENDON Remembering**

Usually at this time of year I try to remind folk that we are entering a time of remembering. We will be remembering the heroes of the Christian faith as we celebrate the feast of All Saints (our patronal festival) on Sunday morning 30th October at 11:15. Then All Souls when we remember those who have personally loved and guided us (based on last year's numbers this will be at St Nicholas Rawreth at 4:00 on Sunday 30th October).

Then, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who have died in war, especially those serving in our armed forces.

This year however, remembrance has started early as we have been remembering our wonderful Late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II.

Whoever we remember and in whatever context, the greatest and most honest tribute we can pay is to copy their example. For Christians that includes Jesus and, of course especially here in Rettendon, All (the) Saints. But for each of us, of whatever faith, we can honour those whom we remember most by learning from them and allowing that to shape our lives.

**Richard, Priest in Charge of All Saints Rettendon**

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Website: [www.hrr-churches.org.uk](http://www.hrr-churches.org.uk)



## **Rettendon Horticultural Society from our Chairman**

It's been a fabulous Summer but it has made gardening quite difficult due to the need for continuous watering. Since the recent rain everything, including the grass, has sprung to life.

Autumn is just around the corner and with it comes the time to plant bulbs for a Spring display. Daffodils can be planted any time from now but wait until late October / early November to plant tulips.

Our Autumn Show took place on the 10th September and was well attended. Despite the dry season there were plenty of floral and vegetable exhibits on the show benches. The judge commented on the quality of the exhibits. My thanks to all exhibitors and everyone who helped set up and clear away.

Regrettably yet another coach outing had to be cancelled due to low numbers. We will be looking at alternatives for outings with a view to keeping more local so that we can use our own transport thus keeping the cost down.

Our next meeting is a talk on the 18th of October at Rettendon Village Hall. The subject is Compost and Composting and will start at 7.30. Everybody is welcome. A small charge of £3 applies to non members of the Society.

Now that it is getting colder make sure to keep your bird feeders topped up.

**John Bruty, chairman**

## **Country Diary**

It is officially Autumn. But we do not usually see the effects of it until mid October when the leaves on the trees start to turn russet red or yellow but this year we have burnt leaves and trees looking as if they have died prematurely.

We have had the geese honking overhead on their way to the reservoir or other lakes or ponds in the district. The wild blackberries are small or shrivelled however the haws are quite prolific in the hedgerows.

Recently Ron disturbed a grass snake in the garden — we have not seen one for years. Ron said it took one look at him and slithered off!

**Jane Fallows 01245 400394**

## **A Blast from the Past**

Gardening has over many years become a popular hobby, an enduring pastime or an added penance before the Mother-in-Law pays a visit.

Many will recall Percy Thrower, the first TV gardener, who in 1955 presented 'Gardening Club'. At that time the garden was in the studio and each week the potting shed and the greenhouse were brought out and fitted out with soil and plants and then dismantled at the end of the programme.

With the arrival of colour television in 1968 there was a name change to 'Gardeners World' with the cameras moving outside to Percy's own garden and with his old friend Arthur Billitt, a widely respected vegetable grower. Percy and Arthur discussed matters horticultural to the delight of one and all. Even gardening had its own double act.

Must get on, my next job will be to sow my Aquadulce Claudia broad beans, a good old favourite.

**Old Green fingers Country Diary 2022**

**Battlesbridge Free Church Hall....**  
 available for bookings.  
 Please contact Mags Nock on  
[mags.nock@gmail.com](mailto:mags.nock@gmail.com) or tel: 01268 768731

**Garden Notes**

Lovely raindrops - much relief! Amazing display at Autumn show. Had to beg a marrow there to make pickle. Lovely gentle event - much nattering.  
 Plant seeds for results - **Mrs. McGregor**

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**

We are pleased to announce the winners of the cups in our summer and autumn shows.

**Summer Show - Cup Winners**

<u>Section: Type</u>	<u>Winner</u>
A. Roses	- Pat Spearman
B. Flowers	- Maureen Benson
C. Fruit	- Paul Wright
D. Vegetables - Collections	- John Bruty
D. Vegetables - Overall	- Alistair Matthews
Banksian medal	- Alistair Matthews
E. Kitchen Garden	- John Bruty
E. Flower Garden	- Maria Poole
E. Container Garden	- Maria Poole
E. Mixed Garden	- Rob Litton
E. Allotment	- Sandie Cottee
E. Child/Children's Garden	- Rettendon Primary
A. Cookery	- Katherine Evans
B. Wine	- Paula Green
C. Preserves	- Barbara Wright
D. Needlecraft	- Katie Sheldrake
E. Handicrafts	- John Freeth
L. Rawlings cup	- T. Upton
L. FRS Jubilee Cup	- B. Fletcher/W. Hurst
L. Coronation Cup	- E.J. Fallows

**Autumn Show - Cup Winners**

A. Chrysanthemums	- John Bruty
B. Dahlias	- Matthew Oliver
C. Other flowers	- Hazel Dale-Evans
D. Flower arranging	- Jane Fallows
E. Vegetables	- Paul Wright
F. Fruit	- Peter Cole
Harvest Festival	- Paul Wright
Fun class	- John Bruty
Chairman's Challenge - tied	- Hazel Dale-Evans and Paul Wright

We look forward to the AGM in November and our 3 shows next year: Spring Show (March), Summer show (July) and Autumn show (September). All our shows are open and anyone can enter.

**Barbara Wright, Secretary,**

email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)

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

**From the Vine** (Tim Vine that is)

I keep getting deaf threats. Pardon?  
 Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical is about a fizzy drink  
 - "the Fanta of the Opera".  
 Have you tried that new 007 glue? Bonds in seconds.  
 Ever since I gave up bread I've lost loaves of weight.

**Newsletter Contributions**

We encourage contributions from local individuals, societies or groups. Please send to Barbara Wright via e-mail [RetBatNews@gmail.com](mailto:RetBatNews@gmail.com), tel: 01245 321554, or by hand to 55 East Hanningfield Road, asap. Funding contributions, cash or cheques (made out to RetBatNews), phone 01245 321554 for details, or post at 55 East Hanningfield Rd.

Unfortunately the following item from the school was missed in the September edition, for which we apologise. It is therefore being published now in retrospect. We do try and correct mistakes when they occur.



**Rettendon Primary School**

By the time you are reading this we have said goodbye to another academic year and waved the new one in. That last year just flew by and to be honest there have many highs and a few lows.

Most of you will know that as a school, like the rest of the community, we were hit hard by the loss of Beryl Wilkinson after her sudden death a few months ago. Beryl had worked in our school community for around 49 years – not including the fact that she had attended as a child many years previously. She was a big part of our school, known and loved by all the staff and families – we will miss her immensely. We were also sad to discover that our Head Teacher, Mrs Sloper was leaving at the end of the academic year. In the 4 years that she had been at the school, Mrs Sloper made such a positive impact and the school has gone from strength to strength in so many areas. She too will be sorely missed and we wish her well in all her new endeavours. I, therefore, take up the reins on 1 September as Head Teacher and look forward to a continued close relationship with the local Rettendon community.

On a positive note, there have been many great achievements for Rettendon Primary School, following the pandemic years. We were thrilled with the academic achievements of the school – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATs results showed excellent attainment and progress from our pupils, especially when nationally, Reading / Writing / Maths combined results fell from 65% to 59%, our results showed Rettendon achieved an amazing increase from 80% to 83%. Well done everyone!

In sporting activities, the school has managed to compete locally at many more events than we have for a very long time and some highlights were a 2nd place in the local Netball tournament and a 5th place finish in the area finals of the rounders. On top of that we placed well in the local primary sports and swimming gala amongst other things.

It was great to see the return of the Rettendon Village Show and we want to thank all those who came and supported the school, RHS and Cricket Club.

It just goes to thank you all in the local community, our parents and children for a successful school year, hope you a had a great summer and we look forward to all the new school year has in store for us all.

**Phil Andrews – Headteacher  
 Rettendon Primary School**

**Why did the scanner get detention ? For copying.  
 How did the astronomer cut his hair? E-clipse it!  
 How do you make anti-freeze? Hide her woolly blanket.  
 (With thanks to Harry Hill)**

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