



Financed directly by residents and businesses in the area. Printed by Solopress, 9 Stock Rd, SS2 5QF
Prepared & distributed by over 30 volunteers within the parish. Issue number 418
Please note the views contained within are offered by individuals/organisations privately and not in conjunction with the compiler or the Rettendon and Battlesbridge Newsletter organisation.
Contributions for next Newsletter to be with RetBatNews@gmail.com, by 18th of August

**Ray and Dave's Country Music Club
David and Gabbi - the Barhoppers**



Rettendon Village Hall,
CM3 8DP

Saturday, 1st July, 2023

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - Bring Your Own Drinks
Tea/Coffee and FOOD available
Come along for a night of great music to
dance or just to listen

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963

(picture from <https://www.facebook.com/thebarhoppersuk/>)

Rettendon Horticultural Society

Garden Class Judging Sunday, 2nd July 2pm onwards

Garden entries (free) in by Thursday the 29th June.

Phone Hazel Dale-Evans on 01245 401538 or Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email RetHSsec@gmail.com



Completed entry forms for other show classes to:-

John Bruty, Seasons, Woodham Road. Tel 01268 562371
Hazel Dale Evans, 55 East Hanningfield Road,
01245 401538

Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, RetHSec@gmail.com

Forms in before noon on Thursday, 6th July, or on show day with entries. Entries to the Marquee on Saturday, 8th July between 8am and 10:30am. Children's entries to the Hall, 8 -10:30am. All judging starts at 10:30am

Schedule can be found at:- <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule23>

MEMORIAL HALL HERB GARDEN



The herb garden was created as a community space so that local parishioners can cut and use herbs for their personal use. If you would like more information, to learn more about the garden, or ideas of different ways to use herbs, please

join me in the garden at the front of the Memorial Hall between 6.30 to 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th July.

I will have samples, recipes as well as useful information. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sandie Cottee sandie17@talktalk.net

**Saying Farewell to Richard and Elizabeth Jordan
Saturday 22nd July, 4 p.m.**

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Richard, our vicar, and Elizabeth on Sat 22nd July.

You are warmly invited to a Songs of Praise at St. Nicholas at 4 p.m., followed by a finger buffet tea as joint farewell from all three parishes.

Gale Fogg, Churchwarden.

**RETTENDON
SUMMER SHOW**



LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT / LICENSED
BAR/ BBQ & SWEET TREATS / BOUNCY
CASTLES/ HORTICULTURAL SHOW / PLUS
OVER 30 DIFFERENT STALLS

Saturday 8th July 2023
1-5 pm

**Rettendon Cricket Ground
& Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP**

FREE ENTRANCE!

In association with Rettendon Horticultural Society,
Friends of Rettendon School and Rettendon Cricket Club.

**Ray and Dave's Country Music Club
Present music by Hayden
Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP
Saturday, 5th August, 2023**

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYO Drinks

Tea/Coffee and FOOD available

Come along for great music to dance to or just to listen

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963



**Rettendon Cricket Club
President's Match
Sunday, 27th August - 1pm
Church Meadow CM3 8DP**

All Saints' Church, Rettendon
Open Day
August Bank Holiday Monday 28th
10:30am- 3:00pm

Teas, coffees, cakes, light lunches.

Gifts, Raffle, Tombola, and more.

Please contact Gale Fogg, churchwarden, for details.

Email: Allsaints.rettendon.pcc@gmail.com



Rettendon Horticultural Society Coach Outing to RHS Wisley Gardens

**Sunday, 17th September, 9:30am
Pick-up at The Bell Pub and
Village bus stop (near the school)**

Cost will be £20 per person,
payable in advance. This is cost of
coach only - entrance will be free due
to us being an affiliated society.



Please book with Jean Pietsch on 01245 763183

MEMORIAL HALL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Thank you to Barbara Wright for inspiring the idea
to hold a celebration of the Memorial Hall's 100
years. It was lovely to see such a wide and



interesting display of photos
and documents. And the videos
showing Pantomimes past bought back
many memories and cringeworthy
laughter. It was lovely to see the buzz
of people, some who stayed all day for
cakes, tea and chat. There were

historical photos and documents, as well as information about
current activities. Thank you to all who contributed and took
part. It was a special day in this hall's history. **Sandie Cottee**

All the Hall Committee were involved, and we were glad to
see the hall used for what it is - a community venue. We even
managed to make £100 for hall funds and we had some lovely
comments from people who came which made it all
worthwhile. Thank you everyone who helped us celebrate a
100 years. We can now look forward to the next 100,
perhaps?

We do hope we, or the church, can put on another history
display in the future. It is so much a part of our Parish.

Hall Management Committee



Little Darwin's Nursery

We invited the special men in our
children's lives to nursery on Saturday 17th
June, to join together and enjoy some
activities for Father's Day. It was good to
see this event well supported and to see so
many Dads having fun with their children.

As we head towards the end of another
school year we are preparing to say
good-bye to our children who will leaving us
to go to big school, with a 'School Leavers Graduation celebration'.
We are very proud of how much our children have grown, some
have been with us since they were babies and it is always a sad
day when they leave the Little Darwin's family, but we will wish
them all the very best on their next adventure.

We will be celebrating International sports week soon and plan to
hold a sports day with lots of fun activities for the children to take
part in next month, we just hope that the weather is kind to us.

It is always lovely to see and hear our children enjoying the
summer weather, with lots of water play to keep them cool. Sun
safety is very important and we instil this from a young age, so hats
and sun cream are always worn and children are encouraged to
drink lots of water to keep hydrated.

Jeanette Freeman-Smith, Administrator



What time does a duck wake up? At the quack of dawn
Where do baby apes sleep? In an apricot



South Hanningfield Summer Show.

Sat, 15th July 12 noon-6pm

South Hanningfield Road, CM3 8HL

Free Entry community event. There will be a range of
craft, charity and children's activity stalls, entertainment,
food and drinks stalls, side shows and much more!

Outside on the tye green or in the fields at the back of
the village hall. Activities in the village hall. Bring your
family, dogs, and deck chairs! For more info contact
Clive 07891 653238 or vallise@aol.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RETTENDON

In a change to recent years, there will be an open day at the
Church on August Bank holiday Monday, 28th.

This will follow the usual format, with items to buy and
refreshments, but the hope (fingers crossed) is that the time
of year will give a good chance of a fine day – always a
bonus as we have such a lovely outside space around the
south west corner of the church.

In the meantime if you have any unwanted gifts which
would be suitable for sale or as raffle prizes, please drop
them in to the church, which is open on most Friday
mornings between 10-11 or on Sunday mornings from about
10.30 until 12.30.

If there are any bakers out there who can provide cakes in
advance, these can be dropped off to be stored in the freezer
until needed. Contributions are also welcomed on the day.

Currently there are no other events planned over the
summer, but please keep an eye on Facebook, something
may be arranged at short notice. The church has its own page
(<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRettendon/>), but any
announcements will also be shared to the Rettendon page.

The church is Grade 1 listed, so it's officially a National
Treasure! Your ongoing support means it will remain so –
thank you.

Gale Fogg, Churchwarden

Country Diary

Watch out, The Oak processionary moth is about

The tiny hairs shed from the back of the Oak Processionary
moth's caterpillar and spread by the wind can cause an
annoying rash that affects people, dogs and horses with July
being the high risk period. The eggs of the
little brown night time flying moth are laid on
oak tree stems and branches and once hatched
they devour the leaves of oak trees.



The eggs of the moth were imported on timber from
Europe around 2005 and were first found near Kew gardens.
Content to stay in the London area for around 10 years
before it began to spread and strip the leaves of more oak
trees. A new buffer zone has been defined by the Forestry
Commission which restricts the movement of oak trees by
nurseries and extends to many counties surrounding London.
The moth seems to be spreading towards the south west via
Surrey and towards Hampshire and could over time also
move northwards as far as the Humber and the Mersey

A parasitic fly has been found to be a good natural predator
which has a taste for nectar plants, cow parsley being a good
one. So the message is let the cow parsley grow it could
provide nectar for the parasitic fly to do its work.

When preparing this item for this newsletter I remembered
the Dutch Elm disease which also came to this country on
imported timber from Europe. The Elm Bark Beetle and the
accompanying fungus spores, concealed beneath the
un-barked imported timber, ravaged the dominant Elm trees
of Essex. Let us hope that our Oaks are safe well into the
future.

Ron Fallows 01245 400394



KINGS SEEDS VISIT

As members of Rettendon Horticultural Society, we visited Kings Seeds at Coggeshall, one of the last and largest seed growers in Essex. We were greeted with fields of sweet peas, and their amazing colour and

perfume. Despite this, we were told that it was a very poor show because of extreme rain and long period of cold weather through their growing period. We were then shown behind the scenes, around vast warehouses and racks of bulk seed. We also saw the working area, ranging from state-of-the-art foil packaging machinery to crude wooden machines that looked like museum pieces. In fact, they all warrant being in a museum because of their age and interest, but as we all know, they don't make them like they used to! And so all these machines are in perfect working order and carry out different and specialised sieving, sifting and cleaning processes. Their simplicity and efficiency is what still makes them so valuable.

We also saw the laboratory where a sample of every seed that comes to the warehouse is grown and tested. I learnt about every process, from growing, breeding and selection, importation, packaging and storing. I will never look at a seed in the same way again!

It was fascinating and interesting to learn that every seed is grown and packaged in the same way, so whether you are a gardener shopping in a local supermarket, garden centre or seed merchant, or a commercial grower, if you are buying Kelvedon Wonder peas, the seeds you buy are all the same. Incidentally, Kelvedon is a local village near Coggeshall, which is known for its seed growing and gave its name to this variety.

The high racks and long rows of shelves were stacked high with packaged seeds, ready to be sold and distributed. I also learnt that Kings Seeds is a main distributor for both commercial and home growers, it was wonderful to visit this family business that has been established since 1888, and to learn that it continues to grow and be so busy.

Thank you to Barbara Wright for arranging this trip. It is one I will remember and my head is bursting with new information! Sandie Cottee

Battlesbridge Free Church

At Battlesbridge Free Church this year, at our Anniversary on 23rd July, we celebrate 180 years of worship and praise.



We thank our God that the thunderstorms also brought good amounts of refreshing rain to come to the aid of plants beginning to cry out for water. We have thoroughly enjoyed the hot sunshine but also thankful that, so far, it has not developed into drought conditions. With global warming bringing an instability to weather patterns we can only pray that God's order of things will prevail.

The phrase which is most constantly on people's lips is "Oh God!", but who is this 'God' to whom they cry? At the same time many of them profess not to believe in our Christian God any more. Our dependable and ever-patient God has a steadfast love and concern for each and every human being. His plan for each individual was never for harm but for fulfilment and contentment in enjoying living the life given to them. But our, and God's, arch-enemy, Satan, the Devil, Spirit of Evil, call it what you will, is at work ceaselessly, to throw his spanner in the works, creating distrust, hostility, disease, misfortune, as far and wide as he can. God is, God lives, he always was, is and ever shall be! Disbelief cannot alter this fact one tiny bit. God continues to love and care for each one our billions. He sent his son, Jesus Christ, to sacrifice his life as the once-for-all payment to cover all our negative, devil inspired, wrong-doing. He paid the price in our place. In believing in Christ's life, death and resurrection back to everlasting life, we are given the opportunity of renewed life after our mortal death. The offer is here and now, too late after our death. Sadly complacency, indifference, ignorance or disbelief is widespread in our country today and results in the attitude that we've travelled beyond this old-fashioned 'God thing'. No need for thankfulness, worship or praise. **June Edwards**

Rettendon Horticultural Society

At last we have had some rain giving us a welcome break from watering our gardens. Hopefully the rain will bring on the flowers and vegetables in time for our Summer Show.

On the 17th June a group of us visited **Kings Seeds**, near Kelvedon, renowned for their sweet peas. The acres of sweet peas growing in the surrounding fields are spectacular and the scent quite amazing. We had a conducted tour of the premises and given an insight into the process of



getting the seeds into packets. I certainly won't be begrudging the price of seeds having seen the stages that they go through and the complex machinery involved.

Our next event is the **Summer Show on Saturday the 8th July** held in conjunction with Friends of Rettendon School and Rettendon Cricket Club. The venue is the cricket field behind Rettendon Village Hall. You will have received a copy of the show schedule in an earlier newsletter (online at <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule23>). Lots of stalls, a marquee full of horticultural, cookery and craft exhibits, live music and demonstrations throughout the afternoon. As part of the show you can enter your garden, vegetable garden and allotment for judging which takes place on the Sunday afternoon before the show. Entry details are below.

A PLEA FOR HELP. There is a lot of work involved in running the show and we really do need some help setting up the show and clearing up after the show. If you can spare a few hours in the afternoon of Thursday the 6th July, during the day on Friday before the show and clearing up after the show on Saturday it would be most appreciated. Give me a call if you need more information.

Show entry details:-

Garden judging entries (free) in by Thursday the 29th June.

Show entries in before noon on Thursday the 6th July. You can enter on the day of the show but the entry fee will be 30p an entry instead of the usual fee of 20p for early entries.

Completed entry forms to:-

John Bruty, Seasons, Woodham Road. Tel 01268 562371
Hazel Dale Evans, 55 East Hanningfield Road, 01245 401538
Barbara Wright 01245 321554 Email: RetHSec@gmail.com

Please would all trophy holders return the cleaned trophies to one of the above prior to the show or on the day of the show to the marquee.

Future events:-

Garden safari visiting member's gardens on the afternoon of Thursday the 27th July.

Autumn show on Saturday the 9th September

Coach trip to RHS garden Wisley Sunday the 17th September.

John Bruty, Chairperson

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

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

I went to the Royal Albert Hall and it was full of pushchairs. It was the Last Night of the Prams.

I had a romance at the Highland Games. It was just a fling.

In today's tombola, first prize is an Indian Headdress. So we will be raffling some feathers tonight. (Thanks to Tim Vine)



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



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
C&W Music by the Barhoppers	Saturday, 1 st July	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club
Classic Motorcycle show & Bike Jumble	Sunday, 2 nd July	10am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	
Garden Judging	Sunday, 2 nd July	2pm onwards	Various	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Summer show set-up	Friday, 7 th July	9am onwards	Church Meadow & Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Summer show entries	Saturday, 8 th July	8am – 10:30am	Church Meadow & Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 8 th July	1pm – 5pm	Church Meadow & Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 16 th July	From 9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ⊗	
Hall Herb Garden Tour	Tuesday, 18 th July	6:30 – 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Vicar's Farewell Event	Saturday, 22 nd July	4pm	St Nicholas Church, Rawreth	
180 Years Celebration Service	Sunday, 23 rd July	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Garden Safari	Thursday, 27 th July	2pm	Various	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
C&W Music by Hayden	Saturday, 5 th August	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 20 th August	From 9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ⊗	
President's Match	Sunday, 27 th August	1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club
Church Open Day	Monday, 28 th August	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	

REGULAR EVENTS

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 *
Bowls	Mondays	7 - 10pm	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	
Walking Group	Thursdays & Weekends	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	Raise Your Voice Choir
Rettendon Cricket Matches	Saturdays / Sundays	1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club ☼
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

C&W Music by Montanna	Saturday, 2 nd September	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club
Autumn show entries	Saturday, 9 th September	8am – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 9 th September	2pm – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Quiz Night for Newsletter	Friday, 15 th September	7:00pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Newsletter Organisation
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 17 th September	From 9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ⊗	
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday 24 th September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ⊗	

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 th July, 1 st , 22 nd Aug, 12 th Sept	
Goose Cottages, Battlesbridge	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	7 th , 28 th July, 18 th Aug, 8 th Sept	

*Check website <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishccouncil/>

⊗ Check website for details: <https://www.battlesbridge.com/events/>

☼ Check website for teams <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/Matches>

RETTENDON WALKING GROUP

Our walking group was set up during COVID and continues to provide a weekly interaction for those who like to walk and explore new areas. Our usual Thursday morning walks are now alternated with an evening walk while day light allows, and this enables those who work to join us. We also have occasional longer walks at the weekend, sometimes taking the opportunity to travel further afield. Some of us plan a visit to Yorkshire for more adventurous walking, and new members are always welcome to join us. We are a friendly group of mixed age, and the local area has so much to offer in terms of footpaths and different choices. Please contact Sandie for more information 079415 39994 or email: sandie17@talktalk.net



A reminder link to this newsletter can be sent by email please contact RetBatNews@gmail.com.

Our Website is: <https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/>

Please note this newsletter is compiled from various entries and is not the work of any one person. The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the compiler, or of the Newsletter Organisation, though spelling and grammar may be corrected.

My family and I offer our heartfelt thanks to the very many friends, neighbours, relatives and Rettendon residents who joined with us on the occasion of dear Jane's funeral at All Saints. We have been overwhelmed with the numerous cards, letters and personal expressions of grief. As of June 9th donations to All Saints' Church have exceeded £1,800. Jane has gone from our sight but will never be forgotten. Thank you, **The Fallows family.**

Garden Notes

What a relief - rain after a whole month without. Garden remains florid. Furious tidying and filling in of holes. Don't you love it?

Mrs. McGregor

Newsletter Contributions

We ENCOURAGE items from local individuals, societies or groups. Please send to Barbara Wright via e-mail 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.