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**St Peter's Church**  
Church Lane, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW  
**Flower Festival 2023**  
**"Bring on the Crowns"**

Saturday 2 September 12:00 - 5pm with outside Fete

Sunday 3 September 12:00 - 5:00pm with outside Fete

Monday 4 September 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Light lunches and refreshments available each day



**Ray and Dave's Country Music Club presents: LONGSHOT**  
Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP  
**Saturday, 2nd September, 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 listen or dance

**Tickets contact:**  
**Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118**  
**Or Dave 01245 225963**

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**  
**AUTUMN SHOW**  
Saturday, 9th September - 2:00 - 4:30pm  
(Entries 8 - 10:30am, Judging 10:30am)  
Come and see the lovely flowers, fruit and vegetables. Have tea, coffee, cakes, buy a raffle ticket and try the other sideshows

Why not enter your own, you could win a cup!  
Schedules on website:

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

Or paper copy from Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538,  
Barbara Wright 01245 321554,  
[RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)

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

We would like to invite you to a Charity Plant sale,  
Coffee and Cake morning  
on **Saturday, 9th September**  
From 10:30am in the grounds of  
Battlesbridge Church Hall.



All money raised from the sale of high quality perennial plants and Refreshments will be given to a local charity - BIG LOVE  
Big Love's aims are to challenge injustice of poverty both in the UK and internationally.  
We look forward to seeing you there.  
Sorry we have no card facilities - cash only

**RETTENDON QUIZ NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
7:00pm for 7:30pm prompt start  
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP  
Book a table with  
**Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538**  
Fun, frolics and facts  
Teams of 6 allowed, £5 per person,  
Raffle  
Bring your own slurps and nibbles.  
Tea, coffee available.

In aid of Rettendon & Battlesbridge Newsletter


**Battlesbridge Free Church**  
**Rayleigh Brass Band Concert**  
Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Starts 7:30pm  
Entry £5 on the door

Come and enjoy an upbeat concert  
Refreshments served during the interval  
All money raised donated to Church funds.

**RETTENDON CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
7:00pm for 7:30pm prompt start  
Rettendon Memorial hall, CM3 8DP  
Teams of 6 allowed, £5 per person  
Raffle

In aid of Rettendon Primary School and the Living Memorial Charities

**South Hanningfield Hall**  
Murder Mystery Evening at the hall on Saturday,  
23rd September from 7pm.  
Tickets are £5 each and feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles.  
We will be having a Mystery Raffle to round off the evening.  
Bookings will be taken on 07396 546050  
or email [shvhall@gmail.com](mailto:shvhall@gmail.com)



**Rettendon Horticultural Society**  
**Coach Outing to RHS Wisley Gardens**  
Sunday, 17th September, 9:30am  
Please be at the Pick-up at The Bell Pub about 9:15am and Village bus stop (near the school) at 9:30am prompt!  
This outing is now fully booked, though Jean Pietsch on 01268 763183, can add you to a waiting list.

### Rettendon Memorial Hall

The hall continues to be well used, and evenings are filling up, though there are spaces during daytime when it could be hired for a regular event, such as keep fit.

The committee are interested in what residents would like to see at the hall, but we cannot provide them all ourselves! If anyone would like to help out organising an event, a class, a youth club..... Get in touch with the secretary, Barbara Wright, on 01245 321554 or by email to [RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com](mailto:RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com)

#### There are still the usual happenings:

**Mondays** - Indoor Bowls from 7 - 10pm. Short mat bowls in the main hall with friendly rivalry. Matches arranged with other local clubs. Minimal cost to pay for hall hire.



**Wednesdays** - Knit & Natter: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30pm. We contribute to different charitable projects as well as make for ourselves. Don't knit? Bring your own craft or just come for the company.



Minimal cost for hall hire with tea and coffee.

**Thursdays** - Zumba Dance and Exercise at 7:30pm. All can enjoy this popular fitness programme, with cardio and Latin-inspired dance. Phone Danielle for details on 07879 683731



**Every 1st Saturday of the month** is Ray and Dave's Country Music Club. Different acts every month and booked for the year ahead. Dance or listen, bring your own drink, there is food and teas/coffees available.



**Last Tuesday of the month** - Parish Council meetings (*unless stated otherwise on their website.*)

Have your say on local matters, that matter to you. Find out about local planning permissions and what the Parish councillors are doing on your behalf.



**Book and jigsaw library.** This is open on Bowls nights and Knit and Natter days. There are also some games for loan.

The hall is available for hire. Check availability with our booking clerk, **Dianne Francombe on 01245 400297.**

There is a committee room for smaller meetings, with table and chairs. The hall is available for parties, or more regular bookings that need a larger space.

#### Hall Management Committee

Secretary email: [RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com](mailto:RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com)

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

### One for the Diary

#### Ray and Dave's Country Music Club Country Mile duo

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

**New Year's Eve dance**

**Sunday 31st December**

Doors Open 7:00pm - 12:15am

Tickets £10 each from

Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963

#### Quips from Prince Philip

At a reception to honour Australians, Philip met Joe Kerr, the British husband of Australian Gill Hicks, who lost her legs in the July 2005 London Bombings. "You're not Australian!" the Prince exclaimed.

Joe Kerr replied, "No, actually, I'm not important, I'm just here because of my wife."

"Tell me about it!" Philip sympathised.

### Little Darwin's Nursery



We had a lovely Leavers Celebration on the field at the end of July saying good bye to our children off to school next month and celebrating their achievements.

The children have been enjoying the summer and had lots of fun at our annual sports day. It was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the activities.

Preparations are under way for the start of the new term and we are looking forward to welcoming children joining us from the village and surrounding areas.

**Jeanette Freeman-Smith, Administrator**

#### The story of Rettendon, the village where the rector was threatened with pitchforks and bows and arrows.

When Etheckda, princess of East Anglia married Tonbert, prince of the Gyruui, or fenmen, in A.D. 652 she was given as her "morning gift" the whole of the misted, marshy Isle of Ely.

Twenty one years later, then a Queen of Northumberland she founded a convent a monastery on the Isle, and towards its upkeep gave her own lands of Ratyngdon; and with the Ely foundation. Ratyngdon remained until a Bishopric of Ely was instituted. Then Ratyngdon, or Rettendon, was transferred to the lordship of the Bishops of Ely.

Then did Rettendon, set among its miry roads, see great comings and goings for their lordships were often resident in the manor house, which had its own enclosed park of red deer. By the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> century Robert, Lord Bouchier, a commander at Crecy, was holding the manor of the Bishops. The first layman to be chancellor, at a salary of £500 per annum plus fees was ended in 1349 by "the death of all men" the Black plague.

A great grandson, Henry, a son of Henry IV, was treasurer of the realm three times – on the last occasion for twelve years – and was the Earl of Essex. His grandson, also a Henry, a youthful companion of Henry VIII, spent all his life arranging the ceremonial of state. It was he who brought the peoples gift of a cap and sword to Henry VIII when that monarch was named Defender of the Faith – a title still on our coinage.

However, he, in addition to government funds, used so much of his own cash that he sometimes had to borrow to pay his tailor. But in 1539 all his problems were abruptly ended when a young mettlesome horse tossed him over its head and broke his neck, and as he was the last male of his line the Viscounty ended also. (to be continued) written by Eric Rayner & publicised by Essex Countryside in April 1965, Reprinted by kind permission.

**Ron Fallows 01245 400394**

#### Quips from Prince Philip

On another occasion, visiting an Australian university, the Prince was introduced to Mr. and Dr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson explained, "My wife is a doctor of philosophy and much more important than I am."

"Ah yes," nodded Prince Philip. "We have that trouble in our family, too."

### **Rettendon Summer show - Thank you and a plea!**

Rettendon Horticultural Society would like to thank all those who came to help with the show. Hopefully you will have received a "thank you" note, but if not we thank you here.

We would also like to thank those who helped out with the school and the cricket club activities. It just goes to show how the community can come together.

Having said our thank yous, we would like to encourage others to help next year, date is the 13th July, the 2nd Saturday of the July, but we start setting up on the Thursday and Friday beforehand (if we can). Please let us know if you can - we do need help to move things before and after, even if you can only help for a half-hour. We need more able bodies otherwise this event will not happen.

Or perhaps there is a youngster looking at gaining skills in organisation of an event (perhaps for a qualification)? The opportunity is here. Lots of different skills needed, but we will not "throw you in the deep end". Get in touch.

If you would like to help contact Barbara Wright on 01245 321554, email [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com), as soon as possible so we can finalise our preparations for next year.

### **Battlesbridge Free Church**

We were all so pleased for our football girls to win their way through to the finals of the World Cup Competition. They are called the Lionesses for their tenacity of spirit. Oh, that there would be such tenacity of spirit by us and our young people for the winning through towards the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for the final of the present World's existence.

The human person of God's son, Jesus, came into our world two thousand years ago. This is historical fact, not altered one jot, whether believed or not! This amazing happening was in order to present mankind with the opportunity to obtain forgiveness, acquittal from the sentence awaiting the judgement at death, for lives of varying degree of imperfection.

We humans, during our lives are constantly plagued by the insidious efforts of Satan, the spirit of evil, to encourage us in swearing, lies, unkindness, deceit, many to thieving, abusive behaviour and violence. Thankfully, the majority of people manage to evade the worst of his temptations, but no-one can escape totally. No-one has reached the end of life in perfection. Only Christ's life ended so! His terrible death by crucifixion, which was brought about by the fear and jealousy of the religious leaders of the time, was accepted as the once for all annulment of the sins of those who would believe. Christ was killed in spite of the wonderful healing miracles of body and spirit among the ordinary people of the time. God, through the supernatural resurrection, or returning Jesus to life, offered the chance for all to enjoy a close spiritual life with him and the promise of a renewed life beyond our mortal death.

Coming to receive Jesus's Way of Life really is the prelude to a renewed existence beyond death and freedom from earthly life's judgement.

**June Edwards**



### **Watch your words!**

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow. And one especially for the community choir?

At the evening service tonight the sermon will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

And finally:- Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

### **Rettendon Horticultural Society**

The Society has had a very productive Summer apart from one matter that I will refer to later. There have been various events including garden judging, the garden safari visiting various members gardens and the new allotments and the Summer Show. We are now looking forward to the Autumn Show on the 9th September.

The Summer Show is our main event of the year and it involves a great deal of work both manually and administratively. The show itself was a great success with a wealth of good entries all round. For whatever reason the Society made a loss of roughly £500 on the day. Running the show involves a great deal of work and unfortunately my plea for help fell largely on deaf ears. My thanks goes out to those who did assist.

The greatest cost is the hire of the marquee. Given the financial loss and the lack of manual help it means that in the future we will need to look at ways of reducing expenses and volume of work involved for just a small group of people. One way to do this may be to dispense with the marquee and hold the show in the village hall. This will need discussion and a lot of thought before a decision is taken.

I hope that there will be lots of entries for the Autumn Show. If you are unsure about putting entries in there is always plenty of assistance on hand to help.

We have a trip to the RHS garden at Wisley on the 17th September and I am delighted to report that we have a full coach unlike previous years when we have had to cancel events due to lack of numbers.

Rettendon Horticultural Society is more than 100 years old. We are determined to keep the Society going so please support us in our efforts.

**John Bruty, Chairperson**

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

### **Country Diary**

The season of harvest is upon us, everything seems to come at once so many of us have been inundated with marrows, which were meant to be courgettes, runner beans, and tomatoes (mainly green at the moment). We have all been offering them around, even to each other!

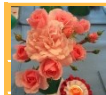
The wasps are having a field day with so much fruit around. What eats wasps? And what use are they? Well, I know that badgers like to eat the wasp larva. They dug a hole in our hedge to get to the nest and destroyed a tree or two in the process. And use? Apparently they eat aphids, but I have never seen them doing so. I keep thinking they must be of some use, otherwise why are they here?

Have dahlias coming up, some quite nice ones, but will they still be good for the autumn show? Mind you, the rabbits like them, so some of them are a bit behind as they have been eaten so often. I try and put upside-down hanging baskets over them when I notice they are growing, saves them for a time at least.

I am keeping this item up in Jane's memory. If anyone would like to take it over please get in touch. All I need are a few words about the wildlife or the countryside around. No age limit, and can accommodate pictures and photos.

**Barbara Wright**

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



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
C&W Music by Longshot	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club
Flower Festival “Bring on the Crowns”	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	12 noon – 5pm	St. Peter’s Church, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW	
	Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	12 noon – 5pm		
	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	11am – 3pm		
Autumn show entries	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	8am – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Charity Plant & Coffee Morning	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	10:30am	Battlesbridge Church Hall	BIG LOVE
Rettendon Quiz Night	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Newsletter Organisation
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September	From 9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	
Wisley Coach Outing	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September	From 9am	Bell Pub / Village Bus Stop	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rayleigh Brass Concert	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7pm for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Charity Quiz Night	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7pm for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	School & Living Memorial
Murder Mystery Evening	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	7pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall	
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	

## 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 <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 & 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> September	1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club
Country and Western	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Country Music Club

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Essex Heritage Fruit Trees	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Inter-Societies Event	Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm – 4pm	Ramsden Bellhouse Hall	Horticultural societies

## MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits

South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm - 12:55pm / 1:45pm - 2:15pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Goose Cottages, Battlesbridge	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	8 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov

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

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

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

### Rettendon and Battlesbridge Matters

Dear residents,

Re: my objections to the placement of windows at the back of the new buildings (planning application 23/00683/FUL) and why I am so against them. I just found this quote which sums up my stance: “Privacy is one of the most valued characteristics of any outdoor space.” I refer this to the residents of Maltings Road in this particular area.

Sonters down Play Area. I am trying to hold a meeting next Thursday evening at Battlesbridge or the Village Hall at 7pm. Will confirm by Facebook, etc. We are going to form a steering group and reestablish friends of Sonters Down and just get things moving.

We have just lost a male swan in the river, dragged under the water and drowned and then eaten. It was pitiful to hear the lady swan pining. They mate for life. She has 2 cygnets.

I am here to help.

Yours sincerely

Roy Hart      01268 761641

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### Garden Notes

A poorly branch loaded with apples descended gently to the ground. We know how it feels! Tired and creaky. Even more light for the neighbouring shrubs!

Room for change?

Mrs. McGregor

### PARISH COUNCIL contact details

**Katherine Kane, Parish Council Clerk**

[rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com) 07811 254163

Parish Council website is: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/>

Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page_internal)

### ESSEX HIGHWAYS - Report a problem

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

### CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL

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

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