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**Ray and Dave's
Country Music Club
Jonny & Lynnette**



**Rettendon Village Hall,
CM3 8DP
Saturday, 7th
October, 2023**

**Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm
No bar - BYOD**

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
(pictures: <https://jonnyandlynnette.com/>)**



RETTENDON PARISH LITTER PICK

We are looking for volunteers for a general tidy-up on

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

starting at 9am sharp to avoid traffic. Meet at Rettendon Village Hall (under the oak tree).

Ring **Hazel Dale-Evans** on **01245 401538** to arrange your area of operation.

She can provide the kit: litter picker, hi-vis vest and rubbish bags, but please provide your own gloves.

We are hoping to keep this up and have at least 2 litter picks a year: April and October. So look out in the newsletter for the next one.



**Rettendon Horticultural Society
Essex Heritage Fruit Trees
Nigel Reeve**

**Tuesday, 17th October at 7:30pm
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP**



During the last 40 years, about 75% of (commercial) orchards in Essex have been lost. The East of England Apples and Orchards Project (EEAOP) was established to collect and protect the 35-40 'Essex' varieties of apples, and

other fruit.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes available
And a raffle

Members free, non-members £3

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

**Battlesbridge Free Church
Quiz Night**

on Saturday 21 October

Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 start

Tables up to eight people and the cost is £5 per person payable at the door.

Tea and coffee will be served during the interval.

**Local Inter-Societies Group FREE LECTURE
Medicine from Plants**

dealing especially with plant and food allergies

Sunday, 22nd October at 2pm

**Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall, Church Road,
Ramsden Bellhouse, CM11 1RH**



Dr. Tim Wreghitt OBE organised 10 displays relating to plants and pathology at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, winning 2 Gold Medals.

The talk is about the 10 displays and deals especially with plant and food allergies.

Dr. Wreghitt is a retired Consultant Virologist (Addenbrooke's Hospital).

He was Vice President of the Royal College of Pathologists when organising the RHS displays.

Awarded an OBE for his contribution to clinical science in 2008.

There will be a raffle and tea, coffee and biscuits

For more information call

Tony Rogers on 07710 870559

*Dust off your cowboy hat and pull
on your dancin' boots!*



BARN DANCE

Come along and have a fun night at a Barn Dance to help raise funds for...

'The Spotlight Radiotherapy Appeal'

(aiming to raise £600,000 to fund ultra-precise, state of the art radiotherapy positioning devices which provide set-up and motion management during radiotherapy to patients at the Mid and South Essex Cancer Centre, Southend Hospital)

Music by 'The Manor Hoose Ceilidh Band'

Caller: SIBBY

Saturday 28th October 2023 at

Runwell Village Hall

Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, SS11 7JE

Doors open 7.15pm, Start 7.30pm-11.00pm

Bring your own drink and nibbles

Tickets £10.00 each

For tickets or more information please contact
Gerry on 07957 482005 or David on 07785 914054

News from the Parish church - All Saints'

Harvest gifts from the church congregation have been taken to HARP in Southend (<https://www.harpsouthend.org.uk/>). We collect donations of food and good quality clothing for HARP all year round, not just at Harvest. If you wish to contribute, please leave your donations in the basket or on the chest at the back of the church (opposite the organ).

By the time you read this, the Poppy appeal will be underway. The Remembrance Service this year is on 12th November, and will commence at 10.45am sharp, so that we can lead up to the minute's silence at 11am. This is usually a very well attended service, so come early to avoid scrambling for a seat.

And so to Christmas! The Christmas Bazaar this year will be on 25th November - it sounds very early, but it's worth noting that Advent, when the church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, starts the following week and we will in full Christmas preparation mode then.

If you have any good quality items or unwanted gifts which we can sell or use as raffle prizes, please leave them in church, or if you aren't able to do that, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone in the village and beyond who supports the church - it is much appreciated

Gale Fogg, Churchwarden

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<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRettendon/>

All Saints' Church Christmas Bazaar Saturday, 25th November

All you need for Christmas. Come and have some mulled wine, home-made cakes, mince pies and gifts.

Rettendon Memorial Hall

We continue to keep the hall available to all, and have been encouraged with the variety of enterprises now using the hall, including a drama organisation using our wonderful stage.

We would encourage more if anyone is willing to set up any clubs, keep fit sessions, etc., though there are limited evenings available. We are pleased to say it is getting to be a case of book early to avoid disappointment.

A Youth Club has been mentioned in the past. We are willing to allow this and would help with getting grants to start it off, but we need someone to run it. This would mean getting a DBS, not too onerous, and we have someone who can help. They can also help with other aspects as the person we have in mind is associated with the Boys and Girls Clubs. If you want this - please help yourselves!

We are looking into grants for other amenities at the hall. We are not just sitting on our backsides and waiting for bookings - we are actively trying to make sure this valuable commodity is available for the whole community - now and in the future.

This is a Community Hall, so please use it for that purpose. Obviously still the usual things going on in the hall - Bowls, Zumba, Parish Council, Knit and Natter, Gardening talks and meetings, Country and Western.....

Hall Management Committee

Rettendon Horticultural Society

It's been a busy time for us. We were invited to have a plant stall at the Flower Festival at St Peter's Church, Hanningfield and as well as selling lots of plants it gave us the opportunity to promote the Society. Thanks to members who donated plants.

Our Autumn Show was very good with a lot of entries in flowers and vegetables. Again thanks goes out to everybody who helped.

I am writing this on the coach back from our outing to RHS Wisley. The trip was very well supported with a near full coach. Very gratifying after so many cancelled trips in the past due to lack of numbers. We will shortly be putting together a plan for next years trips which I hope will be as well supported as today's trip. Wisley has changed a lot recently and is really worth a visit.

Our next event is a talk on the 17th October at the village hall starting at 7:30pm (see front page) It's being given by Neil Reeve about apples and in particular the lost and old orchards of Essex. Having heard Neil speak before I can certainly say that this will be an interesting opportunity to learn more about an unusual subject.

Whilst we continue to try and attract new members it is not necessary to be a member in order to come on our trips and attend talks and shows.

Looking to the future now is the time to be thinking about planting bulbs so that the flowers are ready for our Spring Show in March. Look out for bulbs that flower in March to be sure of some entries for the show.

Finally we have our AGM on Tuesday, 21st November. An opportunity to hear about the past year and our plans for the future. If you wish to nominate yourself of anybody else for a position on the committee please contact our Secretary Barbara Wright on 01245 321554. Following the meeting there will be seasonal refreshments.

John Bruty, chairman.

We would like to thank the local nurseries for their continued support, not only to us but to the churches in the parish. I try to send thank you notes, but they are not always as timely as I mean them to be.

If anyone has any suggestions for the diary, although we will have had the meeting, it will still be possible to see if we can incorporate other events, trips or talks. We have slipped in the occasional extra ones when we could.

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Thank you from the Rettendon and Battlesbridge Newsletter.

The Quiz night was buzzing and the quiz mistress, Hazel, was at full throttle and teasing our brain cells mercilessly. Laughter abounded.

Thank you to all who came to boost our coffers so we are able to continue to deliver news of events throughout the parish.

Thank you also to our team of helpers who collected money from the door, sold raffle tickets and kept the scores. And, of course, to our quiz mistress, without whom this would not work.

Apart from the quiz, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our distributors who ensure the paper copies are posted through every door in the parish, and, in some cases, beyond.



Sonters Down

There have been donations enough for 2 picnic benches for the Sonters Down area on the Meadow Road Estate.

We thank those who made this possible.

A further extract from the story of Rettendon, the village where the Rector was threatened with pitchforks and bows and arrows.

A couple of years after Edward Humfrie's death, his widow, the Lady Anne, married Baron Parr and Ros of Kendal, whose affairs took a decided turn for the better when in 1543 his sister Catherine became Henry VIII's sixth wife. In succession he became Earl of Essex, Marquis of Northampton, and a commander in the Army until his utter discomfiture in the Kett rebellion proved he was no general and was removed from command.

About this time his private affairs were rather mixed up. He had divorced Anne and then remarried before the proceedings were complete, which meant he had to separate from his second wife and then get two bills through parliament to make illegitimate any children of his first wife and legalize his second marriage. When he died in 1571 he had been married three times, had produced no heirs and had very little money - which, maybe, was why Queen Elizabeth, who liked him very much, paid for his funeral. Thirty years later Queen Elizabeth, not far from her own funeral, granted Rettendon Manor to Richard Barrell, from whom it went to Richard Cannon. Alas poor Richard was not Lord of the manor above a year before he was in his coffin beneath the aisle of All Saints. His brass, small and deeply incised declares that he died on December 20th 1605 and declares that he left £5 per annum to be distributed to the poor everie saboath day in bread." Another brass in the aisle is to Richard Cannon's half brother and "heere" Richard Humfrie, who died in 1606, also in December.

Yet a third Humfrie, William, died in December, for his memorial slab informs us that he was buried the day following Christmas day, 1628. Young Richard Humfrie who accidentally also shot his elder brother, also, rather confusingly, baptised Richard, has no brass or tablet but he does have a royal pardon complete with two gigantic seals hanging in the chancel.

Richard's 'birding peece' did not inflict a deep wound, but because his brother was "exceedingly feeble in body" he died within a twelvemonth. However, Jame's 1st pardon signed at Westminster on August 2nd 1609, cleared him of all malice or wilful intent, and insured him against slanderous suggestions

On June 12th 1727 the last of the Humfrie's died. Edmund Humfrie, unmarried, in his fifty fourth year left the estate to William Flytch of Danbury on the condition that he paid £20 yearly for a school to be erected in the parish. In All Saints he caused a thirty foot monument of veined grey and white alabaster to be put up. On it are coat of arms, cherubs, emblems of mortality, a central figure of a knight in armour, but quite unaccountably, a lady with bare legs and a fetching waist, an old man leaning on a stick, a stern matron with her foot on a skull, and presumably Edmund himself reclining on one elbow in an off the shoulder shroud. (To be continued)

With grateful acknowledgements to the author Eric Rayner and published in the Essex Countryside in April 1965 and also in the first edition of the Rettendon Review of March 1968.

An item by our Old Archivist

John Dale

Our condolences to the Dale family for the loss of their loved one after a long illness.

His family would like to thank all those who came to support them in their grief.

Julien Copsey

We were sorry to hear of the death of Julien, who died in hospital, after a long time receiving care.

Our sympathies go to his family at this difficult time.

We would like to record the passing of **Alan Loxley** at the age of 97, who lived in the village until having to move to a care home where he happy chatting with other residents.

Little Darwin's Nursery

We have huge, exciting news to share, we had our Ofsted inspection at the end of July and I am very pleased to announce that Little Darwin's Nursery was graded **OUTSTANDING**, in all areas **FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE INSPECTION!**



Our staff work extremely hard to ensure that all our children have a positive experience at nursery and we work closely with our families to achieve this. We are very proud of our success.

Stephanie Mottram, Acting Nursery Manager

Battlesbridge Free Church

We are so fortunate to live in a country which is relatively stable and peaceful, where the majority of people wish to live in friendly harmony with those living around them. One lady, being asked what she believed in, said she didn't believe in God or Jesus Christ, but tried to be kind and helpful to those around her. Where, oh where, did she think that moral teaching came from? All her own work?! We inherit a peaceful country because our moral ethic for countless centuries has come from the teachings of Christ. There have been many times of conflict and wickedness along the way, but behind it all, there has been the basic following of the commandment of Christ to honour Almighty God from whom he came. Our laws Have been based on God's ten commandments for our basic idea of justice. There have been many mistakes along the way but the underlying morality has brought us thus far. We now live in an extremely multi-race multi-faith land. Our Christian base teaches that there is only one God, the Universal creator and lover of mankind. No-one is exempt, no-one is supreme above others. We are all "in it together". So, whatever your faith or belief, try to treat your neighbour as you wish to be treated: no lying, no cheating, no unkindness or violence. Christ came into the world, our world, for every single human being. He offers forgiveness for wrong-doing, sins, to all who believe in his love for them and his ability to absolve them from the consequences, at death, the answerability for all moral failures. He offers a renewed life beyond mortal death, in everlasting peace. We are all on a one-way ticket. The offer only lasts until that ticket runs out. Christ longs for each and every person to accept him and his wonderful offer. To accept is to gain a spiritual, personal link with him.

June Edwards

A word to the wise is not necessary. It's the stupid ones who need the advice.

Two guys walk into a bar. You'd think one of them would have seen it!



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



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
C&W with Jonny and Lynnette	Saturday, 7 th October	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's Music Club
Love Your Parish Litter Pick	Sunday, 8 th October	9am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Hazel 01245 401538
Essex Heritage Fruit Trees	Tuesday, 17 th October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort Soc
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Saturday, 21 st October	7pm for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Medicine from Plants	Sunday, 22 nd October	2pm	Ramsden Bellhouse Hall	Inter-Societies Group
Barn Dance	Saturday, 28 th October	7:15pm – 11pm	Runwell Village Hall	Spotlight radiotherapy
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 31 st October	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
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	
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
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in month	8pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Col's Country Club
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday, 12 th November	10:45am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
AGM Rettendon Hort Soc	Tuesday, 21 st November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday, 25 th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Crafts/Gifts Table Top Fayre	Saturday, 25 th November	10am- 4pm	South Hanningfield Hall Events	
MOBILE LIBRARY – 3 week intervals between visits				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	3rd & 24 th Oct, 14 th Nov	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	29 th Sept, 20 th Oct, 10 th Nov	

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

Little Darwin's

We are looking to recruit a member of staff to join our team as a Breakfast Club Assistant, Monday to Friday 7am – 9am.
If anyone is interested in applying for this position please contact Little Darwin's for more details.

Jeanette Freeman-Smith, Administrator

Admin@LittleDarwins.co.uk tel: 01268 769599

PARISH COUNCIL website:

Katherine Kane, Parish Council Clerk

rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com 07811 254163

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

Facebook:

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>

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**

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL

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

Planning applications can be found by searching:-

<https://publicaccess.chelmsford.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do>

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions from local individuals, societies or groups are encouraged. Please send them Barbara Wright as soon as you can via e-mail (RetBatNews@gmail.com), or tel: 01245 321554

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Garden Notes

Having feeds from the garden is quite an experience - some never reach the kitchen!

But local businesses need have no fear of competition.

We are sharing with the wildlife and neighbours very

intermittently. The experts win as usual! **Mrs. McGregor**

Country Diary - Local Matters

There have been more burglaries around the parish, as well as 3 large fires in the vicinity of Woodham, so please be vigilant.

Report any suspicious behaviour to the police, either online or by phone on 101. Or report it to S-Type security on 01245 931598.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Journey

Led by Rev. Dr. Brenda Wallace and Dawn Shaxon

Spring 2024 - 12th - 19th March

For more details phone **Rev. Dr. Brenda Wallace** on **07853 088907**

South Hanningfield Event

Christmas Crafts & Gifts Table Top Fayre at South Hanningfield Village Hall on Saturday, 25th November from 10am to 4pm. Over 30 craft and gift stalls will be attending. The event is Free Entry, there will be a Raffle and refreshments will be available including Mulled Wine!

For further information, tel: 07891 653238 or email vallisc@aol.com

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