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## BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

### Top International & UK Jazz Artists and Bands



#### Jo Harrop Quintet

British Jazz Award Winner Jo performs an evening of your favourite songs from the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Anita O'Day etc.

1<sup>st</sup> May

#### Derek Nash's Picante Latin

A fabulous night of Latin music from Jools Holland's saxophonist's band.

15<sup>th</sup> May



Rettendon Lodge Events, Burnham Rd, Battlesbridge SS11 7QT  
Admission from £18.50 - Newcomers most welcome!  
**A twice monthly all dining club opening at 6:15pm with meals from £14.50 ~ Show 7:45pm - 10:45pm**  
Reservations: Email :belvederejazz@gmail.com ~ Tel: 07850 607075

### COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE BATTLESBRIDGE FREE CHURCH HALL

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)

From 10:00am to 12:30pm

*Lots of plants for sale. There will also be refreshments available. All money raised will go towards the upkeep of the Church.*

*Everyone is very welcome.*

Easy parking. Friendly people  
All in aid of Battlesbridge Free Church

### Annual Meeting of the Parish

Tuesday, 14th May 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

**Your chance to have your say.**

This meeting is not a Parish Council meeting, it is to give the Parish Council, and anyone else, an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year.

The meeting is an opportunity for all electors of the Parish to have their say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However, only registered electors of the parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

Any registered elector may ask a question of the Council. These will usually be answered by the Chair, the Clerk of the Council, or a designated Councillor.

All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend.

An elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting shall be taken and entered in a book provided for the purpose. The minutes shall be reviewed and signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

The agenda calling the meeting is published 7 clear days before the meeting. If you would like to receive printed copies, contact the Parish Clerk, [rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com)

### Ray and Dave's Country Music Club

#### The Ian Highland Band

Rettendon Village Hall, (opposite school), CM3 8DP

Saturday, 4th May, 2024

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYOD

Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

Come along for a great night of live music - just listen

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963

(Picture from: <http://www.ianhighland.com/gallery.php>)



### Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

#### Rettendon Horticultural Society

have arranged their annual event to help support the cost of the Village Show.

Saturday, 11th May 10:30am till 12:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Come and buy!

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes, raffle, and the plants! Lots of them! Flowers, vegetables, indoor, outdoor - find that plant for the space in your garden. (cash or card accepted)

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

### Gardening the Globe

A talk by Neil Richardson

Tuesday, 21st May, 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is probably the largest horticultural operation worldwide

encompassing all of the worlds ecosystems and climates - each with their unique challenges.

Members free, Non members £3

Refreshments available.

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**

(Tending the borders at CWGC Kuala Lumpur Civil Cemetery.)



### Rettendon Horticultural Society Coach Trip Chelworth Open Gardens

Sunday, 30th June  
20+ Gardens Open;

Refreshments,  
Specialist Stalls.

Cost £25 per person,  
including entry (deposit £15)

To book a place please call

**Jean Pietsch on 01268 763183**

Coach pick-up time 9:30am at The Bell and Village bus stop.





**Advance notice**  
**Rettendon Memorial Hall**  
**D-Day Afternoon Tea**  
**Saturday, 8th June, 2pm - 5pm**  
 Run by the Rettendon Memorial Hall Management Committee  
 Entertainment from members of the "Raise Your Voice" community choir  
 All Welcome

**We would be delighted if some of you can bring your war memories and memorabilia.**

**Village Notes**

- ⇒ **Wednesdays 12 - 2pm at the Village Hall. BYO lunch for communal natter. Some items provided, e.g. salad, cake. Keeps us busy and out of mischief. Good for the mental health and wellbeing. Source of Local News.**
- ⇒ **OR Try All Saints' Church coffee morning every Friday 10 - 11am. Talk to real people about real issues.**

**ALL SAINTS'S CHURCH, RETTENDON**



Thank you everyone who contributed in any way to the open day at All Saints on Easter Monday.

A total of £930 was raised on the day towards the upkeep of the church.

On that day it was noticed that one of the lovely "bishop's" chairs (they aren't anything to do with the Bishop, but they look as if they could be) was a bit dodgy. Apparently this chair was used (without permission) by the protesters when the A130 was about to be built, and spent some time in the woods with them, so it's not a great surprise that after that adventure it was fragile. It has been fixed by a very skilled furniture restorer and it is almost impossible to see the join. Like any household, the church has running costs which take you by surprise, so these fundraising events are very important.

The next open day will be on August Bank Holiday Monday (26th), so make a note on your calendar and we'll see you then. **Gale Fogg, Churchwarden**

**80th D-Day Anniversary Cinema**  
**South Hanningfield Village Hall, CM3 8HL**  
**Saturday, 8th June from 11.30am**



Showing "The Great Escaper" which is based on a true story about a war veteran who escaped from his care home to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson.

Suggested donations of £3 per person are welcome. Event contact is Clive who can be contacted on 07891 653238 or [vallisc@aol.com](mailto:vallisc@aol.com)

**Country Diary**

The bluebells are out and looking lovely. Beware mixing Spanish bluebells with English - the Spanish ones are rampant. How do you tell? The English ones have a lovely scent and the flowers droop all on the same side of the stalk and have thin leaves. The Spanish have no scent and the flowers are all around the stem and the leaves are much broader.



They still all look nice, but be patriotic and stick with the English!



**RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB**



The Cricket season has started with matches on Wednesdays (start 6pm), Saturdays (start 12:30pm) and Sundays (start 1pm) on Church Meadow, which is the field behind the village hall.

The club now has 5 teams playing in leagues and social/friendly events. Some teams are mixed, so please come along if you would like to find out how to become members, and how to play.

Or if you wish to enquire about joining RCC please contact Chris Abrehart on 07545425574 or email:

[Chris.abrehart@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.abrehart@gmail.com)

Or go to the website:

<https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/home>

**In addition: U11s cricket every Monday night from May until September.**

**U8s will be 17:30 until 18:30,  
 U11s 18:30 until 19:30.**

Boys & girls of all ages and abilities are welcome. A great way to introduce your children to cricket, help them gain confidence and make new friends.



If you'd like to register, please visit the

All Stars Cricket website:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/>

message us on Facebook/Instagram

or contact Chris Abrehart on 07545425574

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**

It just starts to warm up but then, as I write, a week of cold nights and frost is predicted. It's very tempting to get started with planting out but the next couple of weeks is when tender plants are most vulnerable to damage. If you have moved some tender plants outside it's a good idea to have some fleece available ready to cover up. Any early potatoes showing above the soil are particularly at risk of frost damage.

We are getting ready for our annual plant sale on Saturday the 11th May between 10.30 and 12.30 at the village hall. As always local nurseries have been very generous and I can guarantee the availability of a large selection of plants at very reasonable prices. We are always grateful to receive any surplus plants that you may have.

On Tuesday the 21st May we have a talk at the village hall entitled Gardening the Globe. Start time is 7.30.

We are also taking bookings for our coach trip on Sunday the 30th June to Chelsworth Open Gardens. Chelsworth is a pretty village in Suffolk and on an annual basis at least 20 private gardens open to the public. There are many other events in the village on that day including a parade of vintage tractors. Please see the separate notice for full particulars.

Finally, with the Summer Show fast approaching we are still short of helpers. Please contact our Secretary Barbara Wright if you can spare a couple of hours.

**John Bruty, Chairperson**

**Summer Show - Saturday, 13th July 1 - 5pm**

The schedule for the show is attached in this newsletter. For further copies please see the website:

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

Paper copies can be collected from Hazel Dale-Evans, John Bruty, or Barbara Wright

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

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

In aid of

# Cancer Research

At **Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Country music plus 50s/60s

With

## Brian Mann

Buffet, teas & coffee included.

### Tickets £10

No Bar bring your own drink.

Donations for a raffle welcome.

Doors open 7pm to 11pm

Contact Dave 01245 225963 / 07580733930

Ray 01245472386 / 07791434118

### Rettendon Memorial Hall

Looking forward to the Afternoon Tea as a D-Day celebration. We have asked for memorabilia: photos of the time, war time souvenirs, memories.... We will have some music of the era, as well as some members of the Raise Your Voice Choir singing relevant songs of the time. On the Saturday the 8th June from 2-5pm. All welcome.

There have been a few changes to the hall lately. Still seeing if we can bring some up-to-date technology to bear, as well as improvements, and the usual maintenance upkeep, of course.

The Summer/Village Show is on the horizon too. The hall will be involved as usual. The Open Meeting of the Horticultural Society will be on the 18th June for those who would like to take part. Please help in any way you can. The show is about co-operation between everyone.

Then, of course the regular events are still happening.

We have the **Community Hub on a Wednesday between 12 and 2pm**, continuing the Warm Hub, but with salad instead of soup. Still a chance to come and meet your neighbours, to have food and drink and find out the latest news. There are usually a couple of Parish Councillors around so if you have any queries why not collar them!

**Bowls continues on Mondays 7 till 9pm.** Friendly rivalry and good exercise for young and old.

Tuesdays are **Parish Council** at the end of the month, though this month there is the Annual Parish Meeting - the parishioners chance to ask all those awkward questions.

**Date is 14th May at 7:30pm.** Then the **AGM of the Council** is on **28th May at 7:30pm.**

The **Horticultural Society** have their talks on occasional Tuesdays. This month there is one on **21st May, 7:30pm.** Sounds interesting about gardening the Commonwealth War Graves all around the world.

Unfortunately the Zumba appears to have halted. We are still trying to find a keep fit slot for people: pilates, yoga, whatever we can arrange, but we must have a qualified teacher - for everyone's sakes.

Then - **Country and Western on the first Saturday** every month. **7 - 11pm with live acts.** There will be an extra event as the advert above. Please support it if you can.

**Hall Management Committee**



### Little Darwin's Nursery

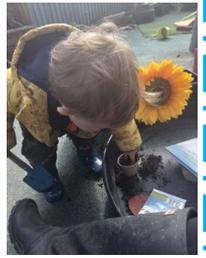
Another exciting month in Nursery, our Explorers have been learning about seeds and have been planting sunflowers and vegetable seeds in our garden, they are looking forward to watching them grow.

We enjoyed celebrating Easter and invited our Parents, Grandparents and Carers in for a fun Scavenger Hunt, where we all tucked into yummy Hot Cross buns for snacks.

Our older children helped prepare a fairy garden and planted vegetables ready to watch them grow. They have also been enjoying the Jack and The Beanstalk story.

During this busy term we are getting ready for summer and helping the children who are leaving us to go to school this year become 'school ready'.

**Jeanette Freeman-Smith, Administrator**



### A King's Birthday Afternoon Tea Party South Hanningfield Village Hall CM3 8HL

on **Saturday, 15th June from 2pm.**

Tickets are £20 per person and a donation will be made to a local cancer charity.

There will be a variety of sandwiches, cakes, scones and tea with wonderful company for a great cause. Dietary requirements catered for.

To book, call Emma on 07961 963914.



### Battlesbridge Free Church



What has our God in store for Rettendon and Battlesbridge for the rest of 2024? It makes not a scrap of difference whether we believe or not. God does not depend on our belief or approval. He goes on loving us come what

may. He loves to depend on our returned love in every kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, and consideration for those not so fortunate as ourselves. All these ways of living are from the heart of God. He made a new agreement with humanity 2000 years ago, in the life and work, sacrificial death then amazing resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Christ, God really did enter into our earthly world as a living, breathing human being. He showed, through his life and teaching, the way for human life to be happy, fruitful and of fulfilment and mental contentment. He taught us how to live a life of love rather than self-centred confrontation. These historical facts can be read up from the New Testament of the Bible. The sacred book is one of the most printed in the world but sadly, not even opened by millions who have access to it. There are many parts of the world where people cry out for a Bible but either cannot afford it or live in a part of the world where it is banned and ownership of a Bible could earn you imprisonment, a very stiff fine and in some cases, death! We are so fortunate to be free to explore God's story in the Bible without the fear of reprisal. If you have not even opened its pages, give it a go! Read up the historical account of this fantastic God-human. St. John's gospel is always recommended but I prefer St. Luke's gospel. He was a highly intelligent doctor and a great friend of St. Paul. Unlike the rest of the Gospel writers, he was not Jewish, but a gentile, like most of us. See what he has to say. A good read. Go on, I dare you. **June Edwards**

### Time Vine smiles - and I hope you do too!

Have you seen the new ventriloquist website?

It's on Gubble-u, Gubble-u, Gubble-u, Got.

Today I mended a violin, restrung a violin and polished a violin. Just fiddly jobs really.

I rang up the local ramblers club and this bloke went on and on.





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



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Jo Harrop Quintet	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club ★
The Ian Highland Band	Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Bulldog Bonanza	Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11am – 4pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☯	
Plant Sale & Refreshments	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10am – 12:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall and Outside Area	
Plant Sale & Coffee AM	Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am – 12:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Spring Auto Jumble	Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☯	
Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Parish Council ⊗
Derek Nash's Picante Latin	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club ★
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☯	
Gardening the Globe	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Parish Council AGM	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Parish Council ⊗
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>				
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 - 9pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Community Hub	Wednesdays	12 – 2pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Knit and Natter	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Art group / Youth Group	Wednesdays	Art at 2pm / Youth at 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Midweek Cricket Matches	Wednesdays	6pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club ●
Walking Group	Thursdays	10am / 7pm	Various	Sandie 01268 733259
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Raise Your Voice Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice
Cricket Matches	Saturdays / Sundays	12:30pm / 1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club ●
Country and Western	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in month	7pm – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>				
Spinning Wheel	Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
The Great Escaper	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	11:30am	South Hanningfield Village Hall	
D-Day Afternoon Tea	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	2 – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
King's Birthday Afternoon Tea	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall	
Brian Mann	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	7-11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☯	
Summer Show Open Meeting	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Chelsworth Open Gardens	Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	Pick-up at the Bell & village bus stop	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
<b>MOBILE LIBRARY – (every 3 weeks)</b> <a href="https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-mobile-and-home-library-services/mobile-libraries">https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-mobile-and-home-library-services/mobile-libraries</a>				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	12:25pm to 12:55pm / 1:45pm to 2:15pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> June	

⊗ Check website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/> or Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/?ref=page_internal)  
 ★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/> ☯ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/events> ● <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/home>

## Garden Notes

Total mayhem on my patch - everything fighting for space! Removed some giant rogues and reduced some wandering perennials.

Got some dahlias ready for filling holes when the forget-me-nots have had their fling - must consider a ground watering place for hedgehogs?

It doesn't stop - does it?

**Mrs. McGregor**

## South Hanningfield Road - Update.

We are pleased to report that work has been undertaken to alleviate the flooding problems in the road.

The verge has been dug and a new pipe has been laid to take the water from the drainage channel to the outflow pipe. The pipe that was there was damaged by tree roots. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, but this work was vital to ensure flooding does not happen again.

**Councillor Keith Marshall.**

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/>

## 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** tel: 01245 606606

Website: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/>

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

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