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BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists and Bands



4th September
London 6-piece Band recreating New York's Cotton Club's Duke Ellington sounds of the 1920/30s



18th September
Al Nicholl's 7-piece swing/jump-blues band featuring Sophie Shaw

Rettenon 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

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club

Live music from

BEST OF FRIENDS

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

Saturday, 7th September, 2024

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYOD - Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

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

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118
Or Dave 01245 225963

Rettenon Horticultural Society

AUTUMN SHOW

Rettenon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Saturday, 14th September

2 - 4:30pm

(entries in from 8 - 10:30am)

Sections for Chrysanthus, Dahlias, flowers, Autumn fruit: apples, pears, plums..... Vegetables, with biggest and longest, And Flower Arranging classes to enter.

Have tea, coffee, with home-made cakes,

There will be a raffle, and other sideshows: guess the number, round the wall quiz, find the treasure.....

Schedules on website:

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

Or paper copy from Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538, Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

St. Peter's Church, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW

Flower Festival 2024

Saturday, 31 August

Sunday 1 September

Monday 2 September



"Let's Celebrate!"

12 noon - 5pm with fete

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11am - 3pm

Light lunches and refreshments available each day.

RETTEONDON CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

7:00pm for 7:30pm prompt start

Rettenon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Teams of 6 allowed, £5 per person

Raffle

Quiz run by Janys and John

Being your own nibbles and drink.

In aid of the LITTLE HAVENS HOSPICE and LIVING MEMORIAL CHARITY

Community Hub - continuing.....

Rettenon Memorial Hall committee room

Wednesdays from 12 until 2pm

Salad, cakes, tea, coffee and other delicacies, all provided free of charge courtesy of the Hall Committee.

All residents, friends and family welcomed.



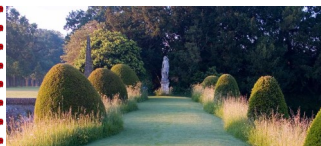
Bring your own, or see what is on offer.

Need transport? Please contact Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538 or the secretary, Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email

RettenonMemorialHall@gmail.com

Helmingham Hall Gardens and Dedham

Coach Trip - Sunday, September 22nd



Beautiful gardens to admire in Suffolk before



travelling back to picturesque Dedham and a chance to have tea, leaving there at 4pm. Cost £28 (deposit of £20) includes entry fee to gardens

Contact Jean Pietsch on 01268 763183 to book a ticket Pick-up coach at 9am at the Bell Pub or at the village Bus Stop

Organised by Rettenon Horticultural Society (Pictures from & more info at:

<https://www.helmingham.com/the-gardens/> & <https://www.visitessex.com/towns-and-villages/dedham-p1356101>)

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall

COMMUNITY HERB GARDEN

Did you know that The Herb Garden in the front of Rettendon Memorial Hall was created as a community project? As well as enjoying the scents and insects that it attracts, members of the parish are invited to pick herbs for their personal use. There is a poster on the back of the notice board that gives information on how to use these, and if you would like more information on how to use or grow herbs, or to be shown the herb garden please contact Sandie Cottee: 07941539994 email: sandie17@talktalk.net



I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who help to water and tend the garden.

We are maintaining the hall and there are certain items in the pipeline to improve it. Not least, we are looking at broadband for the hall. This has been ongoing for some time, but now we have found the sticking point and, hopefully, unblocked it.

The Oak tree is being cared for, with regular inspections. The car park is litter picked at regular intervals - but still please take your rubbish home with you.

There is now a post box for the Parish Council at the front door of the hall, so if you need to get in touch and would prefer to leave a note, please do so.

Hall bookings for parties are ongoing and, of course, the regular groups and societies meet in the hall....

Bowls is on a Monday, from 7 till 9pm. If you fancy joining them go along and meet them all.

Tuesdays have various bookings.

Rettendon Horticultural Society meet for their committee meetings to keep the group going, and there are talks and shows at intervals during the year. Please contact our membership Secretary, Louise Johnson, by email rsmemsec@gmail.com for details of how to join.

The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month. They have a break in August, but back in September. December meeting is usually slightly earlier due to Christmas. Residents are allowed to bring up council problems at the start in the Public Forum.

Wednesday is Community Hub, 12 till 2pm, in the committee room, with food and hot and cold drinks provided by the Hall Committee. Bring your own, share with others, or just enjoy what has been provided.

Wednesday evening, 6 - 8:30pm, there is a Stained Glass Workshop run by Caroline. Contact her on 07792 475085 to find out more.

Fridays there are quizzes and other events at various times.

Saturdays

Country and Western on first Saturday of the month. See the adverts on the front page for details.

Rettendon Horticultural Society Summer Show in July, and **Autumn Show** in September. See the adverts.

Find out more about the events on the Hall Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rettendon-memorial-hall/>

The hall can be booked for parties and events by contacting the booking clerk, Dianne Francombe, on 01245 400297.

The hall secretary can be contacted by email on rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com

Hall Management Committee

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

Looking for a way to fill a couple of hours on a Wednesday?

If you enjoy doing Arts and Crafts then you are warmly welcomed to meet up with like-minded people at **Battlesbridge Free Church Hall, SS11 7RE.**

You can bring your own materials or they can be provided.

The friendly group meet each

Wednesday from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

If you feel that you don't want to be artistic, but would just like to meet up for a cuppa and a chat, you will also be made very welcome. All ages are welcome.

If you would like more information, please contact **Brian Beckers on 07379577040.**



Rettendon Horticultural Society

The Rettendon Village Show took place on the 13th July and it was a great success. The weather held out and everybody seemed to have a good time.

The Horticultural Society held its Summer Show in the marquee and although the entries were down in most classes (except the vegetable class) it was a good show and highly commended by the judges for the quality of the exhibits. Sadly there were very few entries in the floral art classes and this is something that we need to address for future shows.

The garden judging was a success with lots of entries and new gardens on show. Very pleasing to see some new names on the trophies.

We are now looking forward to our Autumn Show in Rettendon Village Hall on Saturday 14th September.

Entries are from 8 until 10.30 with the show being open between 2 and 4.30. This is usually a very good show with lots of entries for the vegetable and flower classes.

Hopefully there will be some more new names on the trophies. The show schedule is available on our website and Facebook.

We have a trip arranged for Sunday 22nd September. Please see elsewhere in the Newsletter for details.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Upcoming event: "Say No to Mow" talk on Tuesday, 15th October at 7:30pm. Mike Halladay will be explaining the benefits of leaving the grass long on verges.

Summer show - Thank you.

If we have missed anyone out with our thank you letters please let us thank you now. Without your help the show would not happen. We look forward to working with you again next year. Special thanks to James, who worked hard for several days with us.

Barbara Wright **Secretary email:** RetHSsec@gmail.com

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

The Community Choir had a concert the evening of the Summer Show, so were rehearsing while the show was on. Unfortunate, but we are all trying to make sure the clash does not happen again. Several of us at the show would have liked to have gone to hear them, but we were too exhausted.

Do hope the concert was a success. Please let us know when the next one is scheduled.

Prophetic sayings?

To me "drink responsibly" means don't spill it. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.



Rayleigh Brass Band Concert

Lots of people love to listen to brass band music. If you're one of those people, Rayleigh Brass are holding a concert at **Battlesbridge Free Church on Saturday 19 October 2024. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the concert begins at 7.30 pm.**

The cost is £5 per person on the door, and refreshments and a Raffle will be provided during the interval.

Their choice of music is very eclectic, anything from classical music, music from films and modern songs, which they play with great enthusiasm.

Come along and enjoy some toe-tapping music.

Message from the Chair of Rettendon Parish Council.

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

I would like to say a big thank you to the Rettendon Horticultural Society and their helpers and volunteers for making the village fayre such a great family event. Many of us Councillors attended and helped as best we could.

However it was pleasing to see so many of you and your families at the event. It is very much a team effort but special thanks must go to Paul and Barbara Wright who take on a large part of the organising of the event. I'm sure you'll agree...Long may it continue"

Regards Cllr Joe Parsad (Chair)

Rettendon & Battlesbridge Parish Council

Battlesbridge Free Church

I wrote a piece for the Newsletter ready for printing for August, only to find that there is a holiday period for the Rettendon Newsletter. I mentioned the very successful Summer show and its usual high standard and how fortunate we are in Rettendon to be able to enjoy such an event, We are so thankful to all the hard-working people who make the Show happen.

From our Battlesbridge Art Group we offered some of our paintings in exchange for donations to "Christian Aid". Thank you to all who contributed. We collected just over £102 for the work of the Christian Aid Charity.

There are countless charities working from our country. The motivation behind the aim of these groups is to bring about help and compassion, physical and mental aid to others less able to deal with the specific difficulties life throws at them.

When Jesus Christ came to share in our human life, he always took notice of those least able to cope with life towards the bottom of the pack as society saw them. He taught us to notice those in need. He taught us his "way" of dealing with our fellow human beings with kindness, thoughtfulness and aid, where we could.

There is a general neighbourliness today and the existence of the many charities which perhaps, today, is taken for granted, but it is the legacy of nearly 2000 years of the teaching of Christ. In the fast-moving secular world of today, it is easy to forget the Christian heritage which has formed the country's culture and way of life through the centuries. We are not so diligent to teach our children the need to follow Christ's way of considering others as well as we expect to be treated and this solid moral base of self-control and right living is essential for keeping the young growing to acceptable and worthwhile adults.

June Edwards



LOWER BELL FIELD ALLOTMENTS

Lower Bell Field Allotments are celebrating their third year and we are a thriving community of 20 plots. All members contribute to maintaining the site and we have working parties and picnics that bring members together.



Currently we have a couple of vacant plots due to a change in circumstances. Those living in the parish of Rettendon & Battlesbridge are given priority and if you would like to be considered or to have more information please contact Sandie Cottee 07941539994 email: sandie17@talktalk.net



Stay switched on - the Switch to Digital telephone lines

How will the digital upgrade affect me?

For most people upgrading to digital services should be straightforward. Moving to a digital phone line means that your phone service will be delivered over the internet, similar to Zoom or Skype.

Where an [Ultrafast Full Fibre broadband service](#) is available you'll be upgraded from an analogue phone line to a digital one when you place an order and request a phone service or sign up to a new contract, whether you're changing provider, upgrading or re-grading.

By **31st January 2027** service providers will need to migrate most analogue telephone lines to digital phone lines. That's 7 million lines and channels across the UK. Some service providers may choose to upgrade their customers sooner, so you might see this reflected in their product offerings. We recommend that you check what's available on their website.

NOTE: For those with safety buttons to carers there may be some problems. Make sure you check with your care provider to ensure the switchover goes smoothly.

For businesses there is a webinar on Tuesday 17th September, 12:30 - 1:30pm see the website

<https://www.superfastessex.org/businesses/digital-landline-switch-for-businesses/>

Country Diary

Lots of wildlife in the area. Seen muntjacs waiting to cross the road, but the partridges and pheasants seem to think they own it. Most of the time they walk in front of the car and won't move over. Don't want to squash them, but they seem reluctant to fly out of the way. The pigeons seem to enjoy leaving it to the last second to move too. Either a death wish or wanting to damage the vehicles.

The butterflies are around, seen quite a lot of the cabbage white, so hope the cabbages are protected.

Do wonder where all the wasps have gone. Not that I miss them, but have seen very few around. At least the bees seem to be doing their jobs and pollinating the runner beans, but again not very many around. Must be quite a few exhausted ones getting to all the flowers in the garden!

Rettendon Parish Council

Minutes of the last meeting, in draft, are already on the website:

<https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/parish-council/meetings-minutes/parish-council-minutes/>

Paper copies can be made available, just ask the clerk.

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

EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Flower Festival "Let's Celebrate"	Saturday 31 st August, Sunday 1 st & Monday 2 nd September	12 – 5pm, 12 - 5pm, 11am – 3pm	St. Peter's church, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW	
Harlem Meer Cats	Wednesday, 4 th September	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Best of Friends	Saturday, 7 th September	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Autumn Show – Entries	Saturday, 14 th September	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 14 th September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort soc.
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 15 th September	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	
Blue Harlem	Wednesday, 18 th September	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Auto Jumble	Sunday, 22 nd September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	
Helmingham Hall Gardens & Dedham	Sunday, 22 nd September	9:00am	Pick-up: Bell & Village Bus Stop	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
50 / 50 Quiz Night	Friday, 27 th September	7pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Janys / John 01245 422336

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 - 9pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	1:30 – 3:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Art group	Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Stained Glass Class	Wednesdays	6 – 8:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Caroline 07792 475085
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Walking Group	Thursdays	10am / 7pm	Various	Sandie 01268 733259
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
Cricket Matches	Saturdays / Sundays	12:30pm / 1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club ●
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Live Jazz (Band TBC)	Wednesday, 2 nd October	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Country Mile	Saturday, 5 th October	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
No To Mow Talk	Tuesday, 15 th October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort soc.
Live Jazz (Band TBC)	Wednesday, 16 th October	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Rayleigh Brass Band Concert	Saturday, 19 th October	7:00pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
MOBILE LIBRARY – (every 3 weeks) https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-mobile-and-home-library-services/mobile-libraries				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	11:25am to 11:55am / 12:50pm to 1:20pm	3 rd & 24 th Sept, 15 th Oct	
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	20 th Sept, 11 th Oct	

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/>

🌀 <https://www.battlesbridge.com/events>

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

Rettendon Walking Group

The group continues to meet on Thursdays and to explore local paths and sometimes those further afield. We generally meet at 10am and sometimes in the evenings when it might be cooler. This also gives those who work a chance to join us.



A recent circular walk from Hyde Hall to Woodham Ferrers gave the added enjoyment of fields of flowers grown for their pollination. The scent and scene was breathtaking and it made us appreciate the wonderful walks that we have on our doorstep.

The hedges are overgrown and many footpaths difficult to walk. It would be helpful to take secateurs, though sometimes a machete would be more useful. That's not something we will consider though! We keep the group informal so that we can be flexible and sometimes spontaneous. This way we can take advantage of the weather and opportunities that come to us. We invite new members and offer a warm welcome. Please call for more information: Sandie Cottee: 0794153994 email: sandie17@talktalk.net

Newsletter Contributions - email: RetBatNews@gmail.com

We encourage contributions from local individuals, societies or groups. Please send them ASAP via e-mail, as above, or phone 01245 321554. Funding contributions, cash or cheques (made out to RetBatNews), phone 01245 321554 for details, or post in 55, East Hanningfield Rd.

Garden Notes

Much bramble clipping and pot watering, But only during evening cool time. Give the birdies tap water as reduces algae in their bath. Tits busy on the nuts and robin very interested in my rare bits of digging! Plants all doing their thing when weather deems fit. Clever plants.

Live with our world.

Mrs. McGregor

PARISH COUNCIL

Upon the recent departure of Katherine, our parish clerk, we have been through the process of engaging her replacement.

May we introduce to you our new clerk, Emma Terris and wish her well in her capacity of sorting out the administration of Rettendon.

Contact details:- Emma Terris, Parish Council Clerk

Email: rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com

The Parish council website is:

<https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/>

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

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