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BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists and Bands

 2nd October 	T J Johnson Jazz, Blues & Country. His quintet has sold out Ronnie Scott's over 20 times! Don't miss	 23rd October The Jive Aces The UK's No 1 Jive & Swing Band Admission £22.50 Reservation only
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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

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club

COUNTRY MILE



Rettendon Village Hall, (opposite school), CM3 8DP
Saturday, 5th October, 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



NOTE: New Year's Eve dance change of artist now COUNTRY MILE
 Tickets will be on sale at the October dance - £10 each.

Rettendon Horticultural Society
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP
"Say No To Mow"
Mark Halladay
Tuesday, 15th October
 Teas, coffees and home-made cakes available.
 Members free, non-members £3
 Barbara Wright 01245 321554,
RetHSsec@gmail.com

Community Hub - continuing.....
Rettendon 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 share the food on offer.
 Need transport? Please contact Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538 or the secretary, Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com

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.

Race Night
 on **Saturday, 19th October from 7.00pm.**
 Tickets cost £5 per person to attend. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.



Would any local businesses or family like to support the hall and sponsor one of the eight races? Sponsorship of one of the races costs £25 and your support will be publicised on the night and after the event. The sponsorship will publicise your business to local people attending the event or why not have a nice memory of the evening in print for your family.
 To book tickets and or to sponsor a race, please contact 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Rettendon & Battlesbridge Newsletter
BINGO NIGHT
Friday, 25th October
at 7 for 7:30pm
Rettendon Memorial Hall
CM3 8DP
 All welcome.

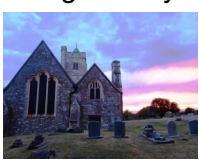


A new adventure for us, so we may have a few hiccups, and hopefully laughs.
 Raffle, teas & coffees available, but BYOD and nibbles.
 In aid of the newsletter, which is independently funded by donations from individuals and businesses, but we thank the Parish Council for a grant to help.
Barbara Wright, Compiler

Hayes Country Park Newsletter Deliveries
 We are grateful to our delivery people on Hayes Park who endeavour to deliver to every household. However, occasionally, we have a vacancy for part of the park and this has just occurred with **Hawthorn Close** and **Chestnut Grove**. If you can help please phone **Barbara Wright** on **01245 321554**, or email RetBatNews@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RETTENDON

A big thank you to everyone who supported the church events over the August Bank Holiday weekend (it seems long gone now!) In total the concert and open day raised over £840, which will go towards keeping the church ticking over.



The next big event will be the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November. This event is like the starting gun for Advent, when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, and the beginning of a new church year.

To make it a success, we need donations as soon as possible of preferably unused items which are suitable for the gift stall, a variety of chocolate based items for the tombola (there will be a lidded, mouse-proof box in church for these), Raffle prizes, and food. Freezable items can be stashed in the church freezer beforehand, but otherwise food can be brought on the day, although it would be helpful if possible to know in advance what's going to arrive. We are not short of bric-a-brac or books, but if you have something suitable, we are happy to take it.

To make the day a success we need you to spread the word and get the punters in! Volunteers to help in the kitchen and on the stalls are also required, so if you can spare an hour (or more) on the day please let us know.

Something to make you smile – mentioning the mouse-proof box reminded me that an official notice recently on the board on the main road was seriously chewed by presumably a very hungry snail. The document has to be saved in church records – what will researchers at the record office will make of it in years to come?

Gale and Lyn, Churchwardens

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/08-233C/>

All Saints' Church - Bellringers

Our learner bellringers are striking along, but we still could do with a few more to keep up the number during holidays time.

If a bellringer already, even lapsed for a few years, we practice on Wednesdays from 8pm - 9pm. Just come along and introduce yourself.

If you would like to learn and can climb uneven stairs (the church tower was built in the 15th century) we would like you to join us. No cost, though once you can ring we would like you to help ring on a Sunday morning for the morning service.

The activity is good exercise, mental health, and, of course, good for the soul.

Contact Barbara Wright on 01245 321554, or visit the church on a Friday morning between 10am and 11am for our coffee morning, for more details.

THE DOG GROOMER



Relaxed 1-2-1 Dog Grooming Salon in Rettendon Level 3 qualified, first aid qualified & fully insured

Contact The Dog Groomer on 07960 144665

The Barnes, Old Hall Farm, Rettendon, CM3 8DN

Rettendon Horticultural Society

Thankfully Summer has not yet deserted us. Those last few tomatoes should ripen in the late September sunshine.

Our Autumn Show took place on Saturday 14th September and it was well supported with at least five new exhibitors.

Although the entries for flowers were down we had some really excellent floral art displays. The vegetable section was full of top class entries. Deserving special mention is the lovely trophy presented by the Fallows family in memory of our long serving member Jane. It was awarded to Barbara Wright for the best entry in the dahlia section.

Our shows are not just for the gardening community. They are social events that bring the people of Battlesbridge, Rettendon and Hanningfield together and it was a delight to see so many people enjoying tea, cake and a good natter.

The Autumn Show marks the end of the show season for us. The next event is a talk on Tuesday 15th October by Mark Halliday and the subject is Say no to Mow focusing on the need to leave roadside verges for wildlife and flowers. The talk will start at 7.30 at Rettendon Village Hall. Everybody welcome.

It won't be long until our AGM on the 19th November and I hope to see as many members as possible attending. It's really more of a social event with festive food and drink.

Looking ahead we will be having a Christmas lunch at The Lodge on the 12th December. More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

A change is coming. We have decided to have a trial run of holding our Spring Show on the afternoon of Saturday 12th April, 2025, instead of an evening event as it has been in the past. We hope to expand the show to include many more classes such as tulips, other bulbs, floral art, plants and maybe a small class for crafts. We hope that this will put another enjoyable social event on the calendar. We expect the show to run on a similar basis as our Autumn Show. Full details will follow and a fully revised show schedule will be made available as soon as it is finalised. Now is the time to plan ahead so that we have a good display of Spring flowers for the show.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Unfortunately there will be no Inter-Societies group event in October. However we are still hopeful of a quiz next year where all the nearby gardening groups can join us.

Our A.G.M. will be on **Tuesday, 19th November, at 7:30pm.** After the meeting, hopefully short, we will have a chance to socialise with festive fare and drink. Also the opportunity to renew memberships.

If you wish to join us for the Christmas lunch can you please contact me so I can ascertain numbers. Thank you.

Barbara Wright Secretary 01245 321554 email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

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

Xmas Do at St Nicks

St Nicholas church, Rawreth

on Saturday 16th November,

from 12:30 - 3:30pm

Gifts, Cakes, Raffle and Refreshments

*Please come along and join us
everyone welcome*

Geoff Smy

We send our condolences to the family of Geoffrey Smy, who has died after a short illness. He celebrated his 90th birthday with his friends in March 2024 at his care home in Broomfield.

He spent over 40 years of his life in Rettendon, where he raised sheep on the Bell Fields and nearby. He was a friend and good neighbour and we shall not forget his wanderings into our garden to give advice on growing vegetables.

His funeral is on the 11th October at Chelmsford Crematorium at 1:30pm.

Remembrance Day Services Sunday, 10th November

St. Thomas Hullbridge

9:00 - Shortened Parish Eucharist

10:00 - Parade Service

10:50 - Act of Remembrance at the Memorial at the entrance to the new estate from Lower Road

St. Nicholas Rawreth

10:30 - Holy communion and Act of Remembrance

All Saints' Rettendon

10:45 - Act of Remembrance and Morning Worship

Battlesbridge Free Church

How the year seems to be galloping away, as if it is racing towards a goal. We sometimes despair at the news of disastrous conflicts such as the one taking place in the middle east and nearer to home in the Ukraine. It is as if some malevolent force is dragging mankind into a bloody war against itself. On every side, ordinary every-day people are being annihilated in a tit-for-tat conflict which seems in danger of pulling ever more to join in. In God's Bible, Jesus warns us that there will be wars and rumours of wars as the world, as we know it, draws inevitably to a climatic end. Jesus came to live his life of example 2000 years ago. He taught in the ways of love, not hate, of forgiving and not having to "get our own back". Our god of love sent Jesus into our world to save us from the destructive efforts of Satan, the ultimate spirit of evil, who can so easily convince us that going against the just laws of God is our best chance. Many, now, hardly know of God's laws, the ten commandments of the Bible. How many of our children have heard of them and the modern way to live by them, as shown by the life and teaching of Jesus. Most of us prefer truth to being lied to. We hate scams, a modern life evil. We mostly deplore violence but to so many, bullying strength seems to be an answer. Without the loving spirit of Jesus Christ to assist us in resisting the insidious lure of evil's solutions, we are at the mercy of taking easy short cuts and wrong turns in our lives. God really does care! This is why Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us, to take on board, the wrong-doing which is destroying our world, in order that we could be given a second chance, a renewed life, replacing an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, with a caring and love for our neighbour as of ourselves. Without the love and power of Jesus, our efforts cannot win. We only have to ask the Lord, Jesus Christ, to live with us in our lives, so that, with his strength we can stay on the side of right, kindness and in the promise of renewed life beyond our mortal death.

June Edwards



Battlesbridge Free Church - Quiz Night Saturday, 9th November 7 for 7:30pm start

£5 per person and tables of up to 8 people. Bring your own drink.

Tea or coffee and a raffle at half-time

It's always a fun occasion, so if you want to cheer up a November Saturday evening please come, we will always find you a place.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Giving thanks for all those who have died
at **St. Nicholas Church Rawreth**
on **Sunday 3rd November - 4:00pm**

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall

The hall is being maintained and various projects are being planned to improve the facilities.

If you would like to start up a youth group, or other group, to add to our community activities please get in touch with the secretary, Barbara Wright, on 01245 321554, or email: rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com.

There are an increasing number of party bookings on both Saturdays and Sundays, 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 rhmsec@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.

Lennox Productions - In aid of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund are in the hall most Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays and Sundays, where they are gearing up for their pantomime in the Towngate Theatre.

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/>



Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events

(To publicise your event please contact the compiler)



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
T J Johnson	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 (CM3 8DP)	Ray & Dave's CMC
Say No To Mow Talk	Tuesday, 15 th October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort Soc.
The Jive Aces	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 (SS11 7RE)	
Race Night	Saturday, 19 th October	7:00pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall (CM3 8HL)	
Bingo Night	Friday, 25 th October	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon & Battlesbridge News
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 29 th October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	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	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	
Bellringing Practice	Wednesdays	8 – 9pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
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
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bonfire Night	Saturday, 2 nd November	5 – 10pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre⌘	
Jonny & Lynette	Saturday, 2 nd November	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Memorial Service	Sunday, 3 rd November	4:00pm	St. Nicholas, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
Live Jazz (Band TBC)	Wednesday, 6 th November	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Saturday, 9 th November	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday, 10 th November	10:45am	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday, 10 th November	10:30am / 10am	St. Nicholas, Rawreth / St. Thomas, Hullbridge (HRR)	
Xmas Do at St. Nicks	Saturday, 16 th November	12:30 – 3:30pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
A.G.M. & Christmas Social	Tuesday, 19 th November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort Soc.
Live Jazz (Band TBC)	Wednesday, 20 th November	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Christmas Fair	Saturday, 30 th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	

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	15 th Oct, 5 th & 26 th Nov
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	11 th Oct, 1 st & 22 nd Nov
Hayes Country Park	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	23 rd Oct, 27 th Nov

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/>

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

⌘ Tickets website www.frasersguesthouse.co.uk

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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/>

Minutes of the last meetings are on the website, either in draft if not agreed, or final versions:

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

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

The Parish Council are keeping on top of all planning in the Rettendon area and the decisions are now being added to the agenda of the next meeting for public view. This gives greater transparency and openness. Extraordinary meetings are being held when necessary for smooth running of the Council.

As usual agendas and the notice of meetings will be placed on the notice board at Rettendon Memorial Hall at the appropriate legal time (3 full days before the meeting, excluding bank holidays and Sundays). If you wish to bring something to the notice of the Parish Council there is a Public Forum item in the meeting, though we may not be able to answer all questions immediately we will ensure you have a response.

Garden Notes

Finally got the garden tidied - the threat of rain gave me heart and found much brown stuff to compost. Ground is still rocky but the rain can now hit earth! Lovely to see those fluffy clouds again. Season changes always busy. Even the bulbs are looking like starting.

Keep busy..... Mrs. McGregor

Marshall's Meats, White Gates Farm

Butchers Shop back with traditional butcher at sensible prices.

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