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Ray and Dave's Country Music Club

Saturday, 2nd November, 2024

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

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYOD

Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

Join us for a great night of live music

- get up and dance or just sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th November

All Saints' Church, Rettendon

Gather at 10:45am

for the 11 o'clock silence

ALL WELCOME

This year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the start of the end of World War II.

"They will not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them"

Collection on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Remember veterans are not just the old and infirm, all service men and women become veterans in time.

Rettendon Horticultural Society Social Evening and A.G.M.

Tuesday, 19th November, 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

All Welcome

Not a member? Come along anyway and see what events we have over the year. Members can vote for officers and committee of the society, or even put themselves forward to become one.

We keep the meeting as short as possible to have as much time for our social event with festive food and drink. A chance to become a member, or renew membership.

The **Autumn Show cups** are now all engraved and will be presented at this event.

Barbara Wright, secretary, email: RHSsec@gmail.com

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

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



Memorial Service

Sunday 3rd November at 4.00pm

Giving thanks for all those who have died

All are Welcome

St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth

BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists and Bands



Vasilis Xenopoulos & Nigel Price
Quintet performing Songs from the Great American Song Book

6th November



Enrico Tomasso & Louise Cookman
Perform your favourite songs

20th November

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

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.

Lest We Forget

10th November 2023

Remembrance Day Service

EVERYBODY WELCOME

St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth

10:30am



All Saints' Church Christmas Fair

Saturday, 30th November, 2024

10:30am - 3pm

Gifts, Raffle, Chocolate tombola, Craft Gifts, Plants, Hamper raffle, Books, CDs, DVDs, Bric-a-brac

Light Lunches, Cakes, Teas, Coffees, Squash

Come to buy presents, stay to eat lunch, chat with friends



All Welcome.



Xmas Do at St Nicks
St Nicholas Church, Rawrth
on Saturday 16th Novembgr,
from 12:30 - 3:30pm
Gifts, Cakes, Mulled Wine, Minez Pigs,
Raffle, Tombola and Refreshments
Please come along and join us
everyone welcome

WARM HUB

Every Wednesday from 12 until 2pm
 In the cosy, warm **Rettendon Memorial Hall**
committee room, CM3 8DP

The lunchtime offer is warming home-made soup with bread and butter if wanted. Still with home-made cakes on offer and tea, coffee or even hot chocolate available.

Bring your own food, share around, whatever you like. Provided free of charge by Hall Management 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

MacMillan Coffee Morning at the One Green Bottle.
 Thank you to the friends of the One Green Bottle in Battlesbridge who raised a whopping £890.00 for the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Pictured are the ladies who organised the event on Saturday 28th September.



And we should give a mention to the Bell Pub
 At the other end of the Parish, the Bell Pub organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning with full afternoon teas and a raffle and raised £650. A successful event and enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.



IN AN EMERGENCY, DON'T BE A BYSTANDER, BE A COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER.

Full skills training, equipment and backup will be provided and you can join the local responder group based around Battlesbridge, Rettendon and Wickford going on call, when it suits you, from the comfort of your own home.

Are you prepared to make a difference in our community?
 Do you have some free time each month?
 Are you over 18?
 Do you drive and have access to a car?
 we are actively looking for volunteers in the Rettendon and Battlesbridge area.

FIND OUT MORE BY CONTACTING
ron.ridge@eastamb.nhs.uk
or
cfr@eastamb.nhs.uk

Supported by 

Looking to get an early start into the Christmas spirit?
 Battlesbridge Raise Your Voice Community Choir is holding our annual Christmas concert on **Saturday 7 December 2024 in Battlesbridge Free Church.** Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Refreshments during the interval. Donations to the Church for maintenance.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

The first real frost of the Winter produced an overnight temperature of 2.8°C. No obvious plant damage was caused but with a few more night temperatures this low we should make sure that all tender plants are protected either by mulching or being brought under cover.

On the 22nd September our coach trip to Helmingham Hall Gardens and Dedham was well supported although not quite a full coach. It is very gratifying to have run two very successful coach outings this year. We are currently looking at venues for next year's trips.

On the 15th October we had a very interesting talk given by Emma Cannell on the subject of how lost gardens of interest are rediscovered and listed in area registers. Sadly the talk was only attended by nine people, six of which were committee members. Continued poor attendance may well sound the end of our once popular evening talks!

Our AGM, followed by seasonal treats, will take place on Tuesday 19th November at Rettendon Village Hall starting at 7.30. Everybody welcome. If you would like to put yourself forward for the committee or a particular role on the committee please notify our Secretary Barbara Wright at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Just a reminder that next year's Spring Show will take a very different format, being held on a Saturday afternoon much like our Autumn Show. There will be many different classes to enter such as daffodils, tulips, other bulbs and Spring flowers, floral art, cookery and crafts. There will be a separate section for juniors. As soon as the show schedule is finalised it will be circulated. If you intend to enter some items now would be a good time to think ahead and plant bulbs etc so that they bloom in good time for the show. I would stress that this is a trial run for this new venture and I hope that it will be well supported and become another regular social event.

Finally it has become tradition to hold a Christmas lunch. This year it will be on Thursday 12th December at The Lodge. Please contact Barbara Wright if you would like to book a place. A deposit of £15 will be required on booking.

John Bruty, Chairperson

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.

Christmas Lunch at the Lodge. Thursday, 12th December. If you wish to join us for the Christmas lunch can you please contact me so I can ascertain numbers. I will also need your deposit (£15) to book. Thank you.

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

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

Hayes Country Park Newsletter Deliveries

We are still looking for someone to help deliver in **Hawthorn Close** and **Chestnut Grove**. You don't have to do it all. Only once a month, at your own convenience. Please let me know if you can help phone **Barbara Wright on 01245 321554**, or email RetBatNews@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RETTENDON

As advertised on the front page, the Church Christmas Fair will be 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.

Gale and Lyn, Churchwardens

Contact on 07736 108048 or 07879285834

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

Garden Notes

Yes, you can plant daffodils now - the squirrels will not eat them as they are poisonous, and daffs like a good start with their roots at depth.

Tulips, however, are tasty - once an entire bed of 60 was cleared by badgers and the squirrels munch them too. - Plant these in December and use wire net to protect - if in pots give gritty free drainage to avoid rot.

Here's to a brilliant Spring show. Mrs. McGregor



Battlesbridge Free Church

How gentle has been this autumn. All the trees have retained their beautiful green leaves and are only just beginning to show us their colourful preparation to shedding

their leaves. How fortunate we are, here in the U.K. In spite of some local news of unruly behaviour, unsocial behaviour, for the most part we can enjoy our normal peaceful daily hues. Just the other day I received a desperate plea for help and support for Lebanese citizens who are having to flee for their lives from the bombing which is putting the lives of vast numbers in danger. I tried to imagine how it would be for me if all in our area were ordered to move miles away from our homes, leaving all our possessions behind.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, came to share our human life in order to show us how to live at peace with our fellows. Oh, that mankind would accept and follow his way! In our country, most have taken the urge to 'Love your neighbour as yourself' into their way of life but sadly, there has been a falling belief in the Son of God as the author of this way. Jesus has all power and authority. He offers all who believe in him renewed life after our mortal death. Why push this offer aside as of no value? Without God's help to keep us from being tempted into unworthy or wrong thoughts and actions, we withgo real peace of mind. God cannot be forgotten, mis-believed, ignored out of existence. God is! In spite of all our efforts, he continues to love each and everyone of us. Just imagine! Almighty God is listening to your problems. All you need do is talk to him. No special words needed. He will forgive you. **June Edwards**

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club New Year's Eve Dance

Dancing to the **Country Mile**
Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP
Tuesday, 31st December, 2024
Doors Open 7:00pm - 12:15am
No bar - Bring Your Own Drinks



Tea/Coffee and FOOD available
Come along for a night of great music to listen or dance
Tickets on sale now at £10 contact:
Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118
Or Dave 01245 225963
(picture from <https://countrymileduo.com/>)

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall

The Hall Management Committee meet at regular intervals to enable the full working of the hall. They deal with maintenance when necessary, and there are upgrades for equipment in progress.

Bowls is on a Monday, from 7 till 9pm.

New members are very welcome, come along to meet people and have a bit of exercise. Good for mental well-being too.



Tuesdays have various bookings.

Rettendon Horticultural Society have talks, shows and committee meetings at intervals during the year. The Spring Show, Summer Show and Autumn Show are on Saturdays during the year. Please contact our membership Secretary, Louise Johnson, email rhsmemsec@gmail.com for details of how to join.



The Parish Council meets generally on the last Tuesday of the month.

Residents can bring up council problems at the start in the Public Forum, e.g. lighting or road issues, but if urgent please get in touch with the clerk, Emma Terris.

Wednesday is now Warm Hub day, 12 till 2pm, in the committee room, with home-made soup 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 and Saturdays are quiz nights and other events.

See adverts in the Newsletter or on the hall website.

Country and Western is on first Saturday of the month. Live music to dance or listen to. Different acts during the year. 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 availability of the hall for parties and other events can be found by phoning the booking clerk, Dianne Francombe, on 01245 400297. She now has her 2025 diary, so all ready for next year.

For information about the hall the secretary, Barbara Wright, can be contacted on 01245 321554, or email: 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
Bonfire Night	Saturday, 2 nd November	5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☼	
Jonny & Lynette	Saturday, 2 nd November	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray and Dave's CMC
Memorial Service	Sunday, 3 rd November	4pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
Xenopoulos & Price	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 Service	Sunday, 10 th November	10:30am	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
Remembrance Service	Sunday, 10 th November	10:45am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Xmas Do at S. Nicks	Saturday, 16 th November	12:30 – 3:30pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
A.G.M. and Social Event	Tuesday, 19 th November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort Soc.
Tomasso & Cookman	Wednesday, 20 th November	6:15 – 10:45	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Christmas Fayre	Saturday, 23 rd November	10am – 4pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 26 th November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	Rettendon PC⊗
All Saints' Christmas Fair	Saturday, 30 th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Christmas Shopping Trip	Saturday, 30 th November	Day trip	Ashford Outlet	South Hanningfield Village Hall

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	
Warm Hub	Wednesdays	12 – 2pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	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 (SS11 7RE)	
Bellringing Practice	Wednesdays	8 – 9pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Walking Group	Thursdays	10am / 7pm	Various	Sandie 01268 733259
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
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

Christmas Concert	Saturday, 7 th December	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice Community Choir
Country Mile	Saturday, 7 th December	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Christmas Lunch	Thursday, 12 th December	Lunchtime	The Lodge	Rettendon Hort Soc.
9 Lessons & Carols	Sunday, 15 th December	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Carol Service	Sunday, 22 nd December	11:15am	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Midnight Mass	Tuesday, 24 th December	11:30pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Country Mile	Tuesday, 31 st December	7pm – 12:15am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC

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	5 th & 26 th Nov, 17 th Dec
Goose Cottages	Friday	9:40am to 10:10am	1 st & 22 nd Nov, 13 th Dec
Hayes Country Park	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	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

South Hanningfield Village Hall

Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 23rd November from 10am to 4pm. There will be lots of Christmas crafts and gifts on sale as well as festive refreshments and a Raffle. There will be over 36 craft and gift stalls including Books, Beauty, Cards, Cakes, Chocolates, Clothing, Crochet craft, Flowers, Christmas decorations, Crystals, Homeware gifts, Jewellery, Knitted craft, Personalised Christmas items, Sewn crafts, Sweets, Wooden items and More! There will be a Free entry and refreshments available including Mulled Wine!

Christmas Shopping Trip to Ashford Outlet on Saturday, 30th November. We will be going to Ashford Outlet for Christmas shopping! The cost will be £25 per person and include a seat on the coach as well as Prosecco and mince pies! Pick up and return to South Hanningfield Village Hall. To book, contact Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

South Hanningfield Road Newsletter Deliveries

Unfortunately our deliverer for this area has moved, so we are missing deliveries to South Hanningfield Road, Cole Hill, Hobbits Hole and a few along Chalk Street. Are you able to help us out? Doesn't have to be all the houses along the roads. Only once a month, 10 editions a year, at your own convenience. Please let me know if you can help phone **Barbara Wright on 01245 321554**, or email RetBatNews@gmail.com

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At least the Eurostar is comfortable. It's murder on the Orient Express. How do you make a sausage roll? Give it a push. What do you call a couple of spiders who just got married? Newly Webs