



RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

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Ray and Dave's Country Music Club Rettendon Village Hall, (opposite school), CM3 8DP

Saturday, February 1st, 2025
Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm
No bar - BYOD

Tea/Coffee & FOOD available
Join in a great night of live music
- get up and dance or sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118
Or Dave 01245 225963

(Pic: https://stevechase.simdif.com/best_of_friends_duo.html)



BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB Top International & UK Jazz Artists



Essex Hot Five

Paul Higgs leads this popular band of 5 top Essex musicians performing popular standards. Includes Ted Beament, Mick Foster & Mark Cecil

5th February



Matt Ford

UK's most experienced in-demand Swing vocalist + Top Quintet performs jazz favourites

19th February

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



First Aid Course on CPR and Defibrillator use.

Sunday, 2nd February 2pm till 5pm
Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

A short course on the use of defibrillators and how to do CPR (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation)

The course may include some information on diabetes, stroke, asthma etc. If there is something specific required please let me know.



The courses will be run by a qualified First Aid trainer with the Essex Community First Aid Events Volunteers (ECFAEV). *(this is not an accredited course, but attendance certificates are provided)*

Hall Hire paid by Rettendon Parish Council, trainer asking for donations to ECFAEV charity no.

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Please contact Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, or email barbara.wright@ecfaev.org to register.

COMMUNITY WARM HUB Wednesday from 12 until 2pm

We are delighted to be able to continue this into the new year. We have a steady stream of people attending, though more are always welcome. Come to keep up with neighbours, local events and history. Luckily not much politics or religion to muddy the water, though come along to give your point of view. **AND A chance to meet some of your Rettendon Parish Councillors too. Bring up or ask about some local issue (potholes permitted).**



In the cosy, warm Rettendon Memorial Hall committee room, CM3 8DP

Transport available from local people just call Barbara on 01245 321554, or Hazel on 01245 401538,

Coffee Morning

On Friday, 21 February and Friday, 21 March

At St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth, SS11 8SH

10:30 - 11:30am

Donations to the Church
Everyone welcome.



Friday coffee mornings at All Saints' Church, Rettendon, CM3 8DR still every week from 10 - 11am.

Eva Romanakova Accompanied by Andrew Palmer

Concert at St. Nicholas Church



Join us for an unforgettable evening full of love-themed melodies. There's something for everyone as we celebrate love in all its forms. Whether you're a fan of passionate opera, toe-tapping show tunes, smooth jazz, or heartfelt pop, this concert is your perfect match.

22 FEBRUARY
7.30PM 2025

St Nicholas Church, SS11 8SH,
in Church Road, Rawreth.



 Eva.R  @eva_r_vocalist

The concert is free to attend, but donations toward the upkeep of the church would be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Battlesbridge Antique & Craft Centre

Although we had to postpone the Christmas market at Battlesbridge due to adverse weather conditions, we were able to hold it the following week.

We would like to thank any residents who came. We were able to send £1125.64 to Havens Hospices especially for Little Havens Children's Hospice.

We will be holding further markets this year and will let you know dates in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

It's a way to go yet but I am seeing the first signs of Spring with snowdrops pushing through and hellebores starting to bloom. Suddenly there are things to do such as putting seed potatoes in trays to chit (sprout) and keeping an eye on Spring bulbs which are now emerging.

We have now formulated the schedule for our new Spring Show which will take place at the Rettendon Village Hall on Saturday the 12th April. There are classes for daffodils, tulips, other bulbs, general flowers, vegetables, cookery, photography and a separate section for juniors. There will also be an exhibition of crafts completed over the Winter months. The schedule can be found on our website <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/schedules/>. Entries for the show are not limited to members only. I really hope that people will embrace this new venture and support the show by entering or coming along to view the exhibits. It will certainly be an opportunity to catch up with friends after the Winter.

My research into the history of the Society continues. The Society was founded in 1892 which must make it one of the oldest social groups in the area. We continue to try and encourage new members to join in order to keep this long standing organisation going. We have a full calendar of trips, talks, visits and shows which can also be viewed on our website.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Membership now due - same price as last year £5.

There will be letters going out now for membership. You should get a card with the diary on it for all the events when you pay. Please get in touch with the membership secretary, Louise Johnson, on her email RHSMemSec@gmail.com if you would like to join at any time.

If you need to contact the Society at any time please get in touch with the secretary, Barbara Wright, on 01245 321554 or email RetHSsec@gmail.com.

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



Rettendon Walking Group

continue to meet weekly.

We are planning some longer walks at weekends and will reintroduce evening walks once there is enough daylight.

Meanwhile we meet Thursday mornings at 10am for a walk of about 4 miles. Do join us if you want company, fresh air, and the benefits of being outdoors. We sometimes walk from the village, and other times we car share and explore other local areas. We are blessed with variety and we are sometimes spoilt for choice.

For more information please contact Sandie 07941539994 or email: sandie17@talktalk.net



Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

BINGO: This is being planned to start soon and will be every month on a Friday. Requested by local residents after the last session, where there was hilarity from the onset trying to remember the cliché numbers (and definitely not PC), some wrong calls, and buttons pressed prematurely on the automatic machine.

We will let people know times and dates on the website and on Facebook. Hopefully soon and with all the mod cons and tea/coffee available for donation. The new venture will be by courtesy of the Hall Management Committee. Raffle (prizes welcome) and fun for all.

Obviously ongoing bookings with activities such as.....

Short Mat/Carpet Bowls is on Mondays, from 7 till 9pm.



New members very welcome, come along to meet people and have a bit of exercise. Good for mental well-being too. Why not try it out?

Tuesdays have various bookings:-

Rettendon Horticultural Society have just had their AGM and the cost of membership is still only £5. Please contact our membership Secretary, Louise Johnson, email rhsmemsec@gmail.com for details.

The Parish Council meets generally on the last Tuesday of the month. Residents can bring up council problems (e.g. lighting or road issues) at the start in the Public Forum, but if urgent please get in touch with the clerk, Emma Terris. Her contact details are in the newsletter.

Wednesday is now Warm Hub day, 12 till 2pm, in the committee room, with home-made soup and hot drinks provided by the Hall Committee.

Knit & Natter is from 2 - 4pm generally 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the month. Come for warm hub and stay for a bit longer. Bring any craft, or none. Friendly atmosphere.



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 rehearsing most Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays and Sundays, where they are gearing up for "The Wizard of Oz", their pantomime, in the Towngate Theatre, Basildon, from Wednesday 30th April to Saturday 3rd May.

To find out more about the events on the Hall visit the 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 and taking bookings for the whole year.

For information contact the hall secretary, Barbara Wright, email: rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com, 01245 321554.

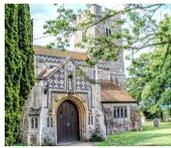
Hall Management Committee

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

Laugh with Tim Vine

When I drive my car eggs shoot out of the boot. It's a hatch back. I refuse to work in a coal mine. It's beneath me. I wanted to be a milkman - but I didn't have the bottle!

From the new rector of All Saints' Church, Rettendon, and rector for the parishes of Rawreth and Hullbridge.



My name is Revd Steve Lissenden.

I am the Rector of The Benefice of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon and Priest in Charge of The Parish of Hockley.

I was ordained Deacon in 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral by the now Archbishop of York Steve Cotteral.

I was then priested in 2020 and served my curacy as part of the Wickford and Runwell team ministry. I was made an associate priest in 2022 in Wickford.

I moved to Rawreth in November 2024 and was licensed on the 9th of December 2024 at St Nicholas Church Rawreth.

I am married to Beth and our son Joshua will turn 5 in January. He attends the Church of England school in Wickford.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you better over the coming months.

Blessings **Revd Steve Lissenden**

**Rector of The Benefice of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon. Priest in Charge of The Parish of Hockley
07944 959300**

**St Patrick's Ceilidh Saturday, 15th March, from 7pm
South Hanningfield Village Hall**

We are planning a ceilidh with ceilidh dance and a Raffle.

The Yardarm Ceilidh Band will be in attendance - with a caller to tell dancers the steps to the music. **Tickets cost £8 per person.**

For further information,

email vallisg@aol.com or phone 07891 653238.

Raffle Prizes Needed If anyone has any suitable please donate them to South Hanningfield Village Hall Charity for use as Raffle prizes now and at future fundraising events for the hall. The committee would be very grateful. Contact details above.

Garden Notes

Largely a bleak midwinter but spot the amazing winter clematis called "freckles" - a rampant climber with a froth of gentle coloured flowers which last an age. A big viburnum with pink fragrant blooms and trusty yellow jasmine.

Many bulbs are now ready to whiz up too - keep your eyes open to view!

Mrs. McGregor

Newsletter Deliveries

Unfortunately nobody has come forward to deliver to either **South Hanningfield Road, Cole Hill** or **Hayes Park Hawthorn Close** and **Chestnut Grove** so we have to stop deliveries to these areas.

At Hayes Park it is possible to get a newsletter from the club house. In South Hanningfield Road try Marshall's butchers. Or, of course, go online to the website <https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/newsletters/> and look at the latest, or even catch up on past newsletters.

If you can help with deliveries please phone **Barbara Wright** on **01245 321554**, or email RetBatNews@gmail.com

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL (RPC)

Contact details:-

Emma Terris, Parish Council Clerk,

Tel: 07852 138878 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/>

Items from the meetings

Bell fields play equipment

The inspections for this equipment are being sorted, even if it seems to be taking a long time.

Bell Fields fly tipping

The Parish Council have decided to help the trustees of the Bell Fields remove this eyesore. Unfortunately the charity insurers will not cover the cost of the removal. It was decided at the November council meeting to ask the charity to pay £2000 towards the cost of the removal, with the parish council funding the rest.

Bus shelters

There is a plan in place to ensure the bus shelters are in good condition and maintenance is ongoing. They are inspected on a monthly basis and cleaned when possible.

First Aid Course

The parish council are funding the hiring of the hall for a CPR and Defibrillator use first aid course. Please contact Barbara Wright 01245 321554 to register for a place. Residents will be given priority.

From Chelmsford City Council:

There will be a six-week Local Plan consultation beginning on the 4th February. For more information go to the website:- <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plan/local-plan-review/>

Planning

Reference: 24/01624/FUL Address: 3 Rettendon Place Cottages Main Road Rettendon Chelmsford.

Pending consideration

Reference: 24/01635/FUL Address: Bridge Nursery Hawk Hill Rettendon Wickford Description of works: Erection of horticultural building

Reference: 24/01359/FUL Address: Bishops Wood South Hanningfield Road Rettendon Chelmsford Application permitted by Chelmsford City Council

Reference: 24/01348/FUL Address: Whitegates Woodham Road Rettendon Wickford. Pending decision



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 (CCC)

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

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





Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - February 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Best of Friends	Saturday, 1 st February	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
First Aid for CPR and Defib	Sunday, 2 nd February	2 – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RPC and ECFAEV
Essex Hot Five	Wednesday, 5 th February	6:15 – 10:15pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Matt Ford	Wednesday, 19 th February	6:15 – 10:15pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Coffee Morning	Friday, 21 st February	10:30–11:30am	St. Nicholas' Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
Eva Romanakova Concert	Saturday, 22 nd February	7:30pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	

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 (CM3 8DP)	
Warm Hub	Wednesdays	12 – 2pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Art group	Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
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
Bingo (TBC)	Last Friday in the month? (TBC)	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ridgeway Country (4 piece)	Saturday, 1 st March	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 5 th March	6:15 – 10:15pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Variety Show	Saturday, 8 th March	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Lennox Productions
Talk (TBC)	Wednesday, 12 th March	2:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc
St. Patrick's Celidh	Saturday, 15 th March	7pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall	vallisg@aol.com 07891 653238.
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Mobile Library Service - 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	18 th Feb, 11 th March, 1 st Apr
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm	20 th Feb, 13 th March, 3 rd Apr

⊗Check website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/>
★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/>
To publicise your event please contact the compiler

Rettendon Memorial Hall
are pleased to announce one performance of
Lennox Productions'
VARIETY SHOW
Saturday 8th March
7 for 7:30pm

Tickets: Adults £10, children over 5
£5, children under 5 free
(contact Hall Secretary at
rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com)

In aid of the hall and the Lennox
Children's Cancer Charity (1011325),
website: <https://www.lennoxccf.org.uk/>



Why did the tightrope walker visit his bank? To check his balance.
Why do people avoid dinosaurs? Because their eggs stink.
How do rabbits travel on holiday? They go by hare plane.
Why can't a leopard hide? Because he is always spotted.



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Why did the baker continue baking bread?
Because he kneaded the dough.
What do you call a train loaded with toffee? A chew chew train.



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