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BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists



Rag & Bone Club Septet

1930's, 40's, 50's & 60's hits in a jazzy style

2nd April



T.J. Johnson

Superb quintet performing Jazz, Blues + Country & Western hits

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

Billy Bubba King

Saturday, 5th April 2025

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYOD ☼ Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

Live music for a great night out to join in and dance or just to sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

Or Dave 01245 225963

(www.facebook.com/people/Billy-Bubba-King-Billy-King/100063313474792/?sk=photos_by)



All Saints' Church, Rettendon

Easter flower pedestal arrangement to remember loved ones. Sponsored flowers with name on printed list at the altar. £5 per name with details.

Please contact Lyn Benson ASAP.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

Saturday, 12th April

8 - 10:30am for entries, 10:30am judging

Viewing 2 - 4:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Classes with plenty of scope for everyone, including children's classes. Stewards or members to guide you for exhibiting.

Afternoon tea, coffee and cake. All welcome.

Schedule is on the website at:-

<https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/spring-schedule-25>

Barbara Wright, Secretary, tel: 01245 321554

email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

Battlesbridge Free Church

is holding its popular

Quiz Night on Saturday 12 April 2025

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Tables of up to eight people and the cost is £5 per person on the door.

Tea and coffee will be available at half-time; there will also be a raffle.

Please come and have a great time, with plenty of laughs thrown in! Be there or be square!

We look forward to seeing you.

All Saints' Church, Rettendon Easter - April Services

- ✠ Palm Sunday 11.15am (13th April)
- ✠ Good Friday reflections 2pm (18th April)
- ✠ Easter Sunday 11.15pm (20th April)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH RETTENDON

Featuring the Czech soprano

Eva Romanakova

Accompanied by *Andrew Palmer*

Join us for a memorable performance in this wonderful setting of All Saints.

Whatever your passion in music, there will be something for you and everyone, from opera to show tunes and everything in between.

Tickets £10, available in advance or on the day.

**Easter Monday
21st April 2025
3pm**





BATTLESBRIDGE Easter Market

* Craft stalls * Games * Raffle * Food * Bar *

Monday 21st April 2025

COME JOIN THE FUN



Battlesbridge Antique & Craft Centre
Cromwell House Car Park



Battlesbridge Free Church

The time seems to be rushing by but Spring does seem to be getting its act together. March is an important time for the churches world-wide because of The **Women's World Day of Prayer**, now inclusive, on the first Friday in March each year. A group of women from a different country each year prepares a service reflecting the culture of that country and praying for the world church.

All Saints' and St. Nicholas, along with we at Battlesbridge, use it to celebrate this occasion together. Sadly, those who helped prepare the service can no longer do this, dear Jane Fallows died and Pat Black moved away. But Battlesbridge will continue to receive the printed booklets of the W.W.O.P. sent from the head office at Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

We could not join in this world-wide movement at the beginning of March but hope to enjoy going through **this year's service on March 30th**. The group who wrote this year's service are from the Cook Islands. This island group is a widely separated group of small islands under the direction of New Zealand and is way down beyond Australia. The details of island life in the magazine provided makes it sound like a bit of paradise.

Unfortunately, as in many parts of the world, there is still a vestige of a culture where women and girls are seen as slightly less human beings of worth than men. Our loving God treats each human being as equal worth and urges us to treat each other similarly.

June Edwards

RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB - Children's Cricket

It all starts with...

We all play at:
Rettendon Cricket club
Session dates:
9th May - 27th June
Session Timings:
Fridays at 17:30 - 18:30
Contact:
rettendoncricketclub@gmail.com

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

ALL STARS CRICKET

DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.
dynamicscricket.co.uk

Join us at:
Rettendon Cricket Club
Session Dates:
9th May - 27th June
Session Timings:
Fridays at 18:30 - 19:30
Contact:
rettendoncricketclub@gmail.com

U9'S & U11'S CRICKET

FRIDAYS IN 2025

WILL FOLLOW ALL STARS & DYNAMOS THROUGHOUT SUMMER



Garden Notes

Spring has sprung!.....

Here's hoping the blooms will be pristine for our **Flower Show** on **12th April** (aka - Rettendon Horticultural Society Spring Show), which is now on a Saturday. Fierce competition will be in play - guess which entries make their mark?

See you there.

Mrs. McGregor

Rettendon Memorial Hall

BINGO NIGHT - Friday, 25th April
(continuing on Last Friday of the Month)

7 for 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

All welcome. Monthly sessions.

Please join us: the young, the old, novices, families even the sceptical! Surprising who enjoys it and who wins!



Raffle (prizes gratefully received), & teas & coffees available, or BYOD and nibbles.

Organised for the community by Rettendon Memorial Hall Management Committee

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

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

Upcoming event at the Hall:

VE 80th Anniversary, end of WWII in Europe
Afternoon Tea
Saturday, 10th May, 2pm - 5pm

New stage lighting was a success at the Variety Show and we hope to hold more shows in the coming years. If you want to act, sing or help, please ask.

Regular events:

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

Tuesdays have various bookings:-

Rettendon Horticultural Society at 7:30pm

The Parish Council meets generally on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm

Wednesdays,

Community Hub - 12 - 2pm (now serving salads)

Knit & Natter is from 2 - 4pm, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the month

Wednesday 6pm - 8:30pm, Stained Glass Workshop

Fridays and Saturdays are quiz nights and other events. See adverts here or on the hall website.

Last Friday in the month - BINGO! Looking forward to keeping this as a regular event. Come along from 7pm. Good fun for all with a Raffle (prizes welcome).

Country and Western is on first Saturday of the month 7pm - 11pm

Lennox Productions - In aid of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund rehearsals most Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays and Sundays, gearing up for their pantomime: **"The Wizard of Oz"**, from **Wednesday 30th April to Saturday 3rd May**, in the **Towngate Theatre, Basildon**.

To find out more about the events on at 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**.

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/>

Review of Variety Show at the Rettendon Memorial Hall.

On 8th March, myself and all but one of the Parish Councillors attended a Variety Show held at the village hall.

The Variety Show provided an excellent evening of superb entertainment. The Lennox players co-hosted the event along side the Trustees of the Village Hall. We enjoyed an evening of musical numbers from top west end shows that were fantastic. We laughed so much at the comedy acts, they were very funny and the dance troupe were extremely agile and a delight to watch.

The event was held in order raise funds for both the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund and the Village Hall.

It was good to see so many of my fellow Councillors attend this social event in support of the village and community. We were able to talk with so many of our parishioners. We also look forward to seeing you at other organised events as well as the monthly parish meetings held on the last Tuesday of every month.

See you again soon. **Joe Parsad, Chair of Parish Council.**

Rettendon Memorial Hall - Variety Show - Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who came to support the show. Special thanks to all the cast and production teams behind the scenes, including the Hall Committee.

The amount of money raised was over £1,000 - with both the Hall and the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund benefitting from £540 each.

Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (1011325) and Rettendon Memorial Hall (301383)

Websites: <https://www.lennoxccf.org.uk/>
<https://e-voice.org.uk/rettendon-memorial-hall/>

**Lennox Productions Presents: "The Wizard of Oz",
Wednesday 30th April to Saturday 3rd May,
At the Towngate Theatre, Basildon**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Please note there will be no "open day" on Easter Monday as in previous years. We are trying something a bit different this year, an afternoon concert with the amazing soprano Eva Romanakova. A few of us saw her perform at St Nicholas in Rawreth in February, and were not disappointed! Full details regarding tickets etc in a separate item in this newsletter.

Lyn will be preparing a floral pedestal for Easter to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. If you would like a name included on the roll which will accompany the arrangement, please let Lyn have a donation of £5 per name and the details as soon as possible.

Following that, on Monday 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday Monday) there will be an open day at the church, with the emphasis on heritage, and we hope to have some old record books from the Essex Record Office on view, as well as the usual refreshments and things for sale. The Humfry memorial will be 200 years old in 2027, so we are looking forward to more heritage events in the lead up to celebrating that.

Looking further ahead, there will also be an open day on August Bank Holiday Monday. **Gale Fogg, Churchwarden**

Battlesbridge Free Church

will be holding a **Plant Sale on Monday 5 May** from **10.00 am to 12.30 pm**. Refreshments will be available and a raffle will also be held. Come and get an early start for your summer displays.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

After a period of lovely weather it's turned really cold. Just a reminder that it's far too early to be planting out cold sensitive plants. The upside of the cold is that it will hold back flowers for our new **Spring Show on Saturday 12th April** (see advert on the front page).

The show will be at Rettendon Village Hall with entries from 8.30 until 10.30am. The show will open at 2 o'clock. It's a new venture for the Society and I hope that lots of people will come along to see the exhibits. It's not just a flower show, it's an opportunity to catch up with friends over tea and home made cake. There are lots of new classes to enter and a display of crafts.

Our next main event is the **Plant Sale on Saturday, 17th May**, a great opportunity to buy a good variety of flower and vegetable plants at very reasonable prices. This is also our main fundraiser for the Summer Show so come along and spend lots of money!

John Bruty, Chairperson

Plant Sale - Saturday, 17th May - 10:30am - 12:30pm

A bit later than usual as there is a Street Party at the Hall for VE 80th anniversary celebrations. However, there will be plants on sale at good prices. And, of course, the chance to meet up with neighbours for tea, coffee and cake.

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/>

Shopping Transport from Rettendon to Wickford

I have been requested to establish a shopping run to Wickford, once a week or once a fortnight for the elderly residents with no transport. Meadow Road & Central Rettendon on a Tuesday. Time 10.30 am till 1pm enough for shopping and a coffee.

Please ring my office 01268 761641 to express interest, please leave a message if I am not there.

The next step will be to work out the numbers and then contact a mini bus company.

I will be very pleased to get this off the ground.

Yours very sincerely, **Cllr Roy Hart**

Events at the BELL & CHIMES ☎01245 523426



SATURDAY 5TH APRIL
EXTENSIVE SONG LIBRARY
(80s, 90s, TOP 40, AND MORE!)
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EXCITEMENT!
TIME : 8:00 PM - LATE



Saturday 26th April Eastern Roses belly dancing group



www.rettendonbell.com



Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - April 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Rag & Bone Club Septet	Wednesday, 2 nd April	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Billy Bubba King	Saturday, 5 th April	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Karaoke Night	Saturday, 5 th April	8pm	Rettendon Bell – the Bell & Chimes	
Frankie & Lou	Friday, 11 th April	8pm	Rettendon Bell – the Bell & Chimes	
Spring Show	Saturday, 12 th April	Entries 8 – 10:30am	Open 2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Saturday, 12 th April	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church, SS11 7RE	
T J Johnson	Wednesday, 16 th April	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Good Friday Reflections	Friday, 18 th April	2pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon, CM3 8DR	
Easter Services	Sunday, 20 th April	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free / All Saints, Rettendon	
Easter Market	Monday, 21 st April	10am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre SS11 7RF ☿	
Eva Romanakova Concert	Monday, 21 st April	3pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon, CM3 8DR	
Bollywood Night	Saturday, 26 th April	8pm	Rettendon Bell – The Bell & Chimes CM3 8DY	
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 27 th April	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre SS11 7RF ☿	

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free SS11 7RE / All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR	
Parish Council Meeting	Last Tuesday in Month	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC ☒
Bowls	Mondays	7 – 9pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Community 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 // Youth Group	Wednesdays	2 – 4pm // 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
Stained Glass Class	Wednesdays	6 – 8:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Caroline 07792 475085
Steak Night (dinner for 2 & wine; £42.50)	Wednesdays	Evenings	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 📞	
Bellringing Practice	Wednesdays	8 – 9pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Walking Group	Thursdays / Weekend	10am / 7pm	Various	Sandie 01268 733259
Quiz Night (Cash prizes)	Thursdays	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Coffee Morning	Fridays	10am – 11am	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Community Choir
Bingo at the Hall	Last Friday in the Month	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Fish Fridays (2 meals & 2 drinks for £30)	Fridays	Evenings	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 📞	
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Music Bingo	3 rd Saturday in the Month	Evenings	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 📞	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Shaun Loughrey & Brian Mann	Saturday, 3 rd May	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Amy Winehouse Tribute	Saturday, 3 rd May	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 📞	
Bulldog Bonanza	Sunday, 4 th May	11am – 4pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF)	
Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 7 th May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
VE 80 th Anniversary at the Hall	Saturday, 10 th May	2pm – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Auto Jumble	Sunday, 11 th May	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday, 13 th May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Residents & RPC ☒
Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	Saturday, 17 th May	10:30am – 12:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 18 th May	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 21 st May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Parish Council A.G.M.	Tuesday, 27 th May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC ☒

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 / Salfordal Close	Tuesday	11:25am to 11:55am / 12:50pm to 1:20pm	1 st & 22 nd Apr, 13 th May	
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm	3 rd & 24 th Apr, 15 th May	

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/> 📞 www.rettendonbell.com ☿ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/> Contact the compiler to add events.

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday, 13th May

This is the opportunity for parishioners to have some input. If you would like to suggest a subject for discussion we may be able to find a party who can give particular advice. There is a dedicated letter box at the village hall (opposite Rettendon Primary School) for paper contact, or speak to any councillor.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Rettendon Parish Council have a vacancy which is to be filled by co-opting a member. If you are interested please contact the clerk to the council, Emma Terris, by email rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com, or on 07852 133878



First Aid Course on CPR and Defibrillator use - plus useful first aid information. Saturday, 14th June. 9/9:30am till 5pm. Interested? Contact Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, email barbara.wright@ecfaev.org.



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