



# RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER ★ MAY 2025

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## BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

### Top International & UK Jazz Artists



**Vimala Rowe**  
Jazz, Blues & Swing!  
Quintet with legend guitarist John Etheridge

**Thursday 1st May**

present **Pianorama**  
14th May



3 Pianists + Rhythm Section

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




**Shaun Loughrey & Brian Mann**  
**Saturday, 3rd May 2025**  
**Special Night Ticket Dance**

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP  
Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm  
No bar - BYOD ☼ Tea/Coffee & FOOD available  
Live music for a great night out: join in, dance, or listen.  
Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118  
Or Dave 01245 225963  
([https://www.facebook.com/groups/539037366673112/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/groups/539037366673112/?locale=en_GB))

### Annual Meeting of the Parish

**Tuesday, 13th May 7:30pm**  
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP  
**Your chance to have your say.**

Not a Parish Council meeting, it is:-

- ◆ An opportunity for local residents to find out what the Parish Council have been doing over the past year.
- ◆ An opportunity for all electors of the Parish to have their say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.
- ◆ An opportunity for any registered elector to ask a question of the Council, to be answered by the Chair, the Clerk of the Council, or a designated Councillor.
- ◆ Any elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However, only registered electors of the parish may speak and vote during the meeting. All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend.  
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting shall be taken and reviewed and signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting.  
The agenda calling the meeting is published 7 clear days before the meeting. If you would like to receive printed copies, contact the Parish Clerk, [rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com)

### COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE

**BATTLESBRIDGE FREE CHURCH HALL**  
**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)**  
From 10:00am to 12:30pm  
Refreshments available and a raffle. Come and get an early start for your summer displays.  
Everyone is very welcome.  
Easy parking. Friendly people  
All money raised will go towards the upkeep of Battlesbridge Free Church





**80**  
**VE DAY**

### Rettendon Memorial Hall

**VE 80th Anniversary, The End of WWII in Europe**  
**Indoor Street Party**  
**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm - 5pm**  
Provided FREE by the Rettendon Memorial Hall Management Committee  
Entertainment from members of the "Raise Your Voice" community choir  
All Welcome - chance to dress in 1945 style  
War-time photographs and memorabilia will be on show.

### Rettendon Horticultural Society

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday, 17th May 10:30am till 12:30pm**  
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP  
Come and buy!  
Money raised will support the Village Show.  
Tea, coffee and home-made cakes, raffle, and the plants! Lots of them! Flowers, vegetables, indoor, outdoor - find that plant for the space in your garden. (cash or card accepted)  
Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/>

### All Saints' Church CM3 8DR

**OPEN DAY**  
**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**26th May, 2025**  
**10:30am- 3:00pm**

Teas, coffees, cakes, light lunches.  
Gifts, Raffle, Tombola, etc.



Please contact Gale Fogg, churchwarden, for details.  
Email: [Allsaints.rettendon.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaints.rettendon.pcc@gmail.com)

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

**Rettendon Memorial Hall**  
**BINGO NIGHT - Friday, 30th May**  
 (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 PARISH COUNCIL**

**Contact details:-** Emma Terris, Parish Council Clerk,  
 Email: [rettendonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto: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/](https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/parish-council-minutes/)

By the time this newsletter goes out a new, co-opted, member of the  
 Parish Council will be in place.

**Draft March Minutes to be approved at the April Meeting.**

Residents have raised concerns about the inferior quality of the  
 roadworks on the Estate, following pot-hole filling. The Chairman  
 agreed to contact Cllr Sue Dobson, the new Essex County Councillor,  
 to find out more. Since then there has been letters stating further  
 work is to be undertaken.

Residents have asked if the new Community Bus Service to Wickford  
 can include Woodham Ferrers, or another set up to do so. The  
 service is fortnightly from Tuesday, 1st April. Discussions with RPC  
 will be made to see if future funding will allow the continuation, or  
 additional, services.

Sonters Down Play Area - The price for the zip wire has increased  
 which had to be agreed by the RPC. A discussion took place about the  
 cost and the quotes being shared with all councillors. The increase  
 has been agreed.

The fly-tipping on the Bell Fields is awaiting the full report from the  
 Trustees to enable it to be shared with other contractors for quotes  
 for removal.

It was agreed to pay for play equipment is to have a ROSPA annual  
 inspection.

Councillors have agreed to the refurbishment of the pavilion on the  
 Bell Fields to bring it back to a usable condition. Further discussions  
 will take place regarding the refurbishment programme.

Three further trustees were appointed to the Bell Fields charities.

A grant has been awarded to Hayes Country Park Club House to  
 support the entertainment for a celebration event for VE 80th  
 Anniversary.



**First Aid Course on CPR and Defibrillator use -  
 plus useful first aid information.**

**Saturday, 14th June, from 9/9:30am till 5pm.**

This is a longer course, but we may be able to  
 arrange one part of the day on CPR and defibrillator use, and  
 another part on the extra information - which can include  
 how to spot: heart attacks, diabetes, stroke, anaphylactic  
 shock, etc.

Please get in touch if this is of interest.

**Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, or email**  
**[barbara.wright@ecfaev.org](mailto:barbara.wright@ecfaev.org)**



**SUMMER SHOW / FAYRE**

**Planning meeting - Open to all**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Find out about this **wonderful** summer event.  
 Have you some time? A half hour? We would  
 like help with stewarding, teas, stall holding,  
 setting up and dismantling. All instruction given.

Contact: Barbara Wright on 01245 321554,  
 email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)

In co-operation with the FRS and RCC.

**Rettendon Horticultural Society Coach Trip**  
**Lullingstone Castle Gardens**  
**Saturday, 21st June**

There may be another stop to allow for tea/  
 coffee. This will be reliant on timings.  
 Cost £25 per member, £30 for non-members  
 including entry (deposit £15)

Non-Members welcome

To reserve a place please call **Barbara Wright on 01245**  
**321554 or email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)**

Coach pick-up time 9:30am at The Bell and Village bus stop.



**Garden Notes**

The flowers are very busy trying to do their thing!  
 Just take out any large grass clumps and area of  
 goosegrass (clovers) which tend to take over.

Have a few babies in hand for filling any holes.

Some stunning late daffs just appeared too - I  
 wonder where they came from?

The magic never ends..... **Mrs. McGregor**

**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 tel: 01245 606606

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

## VE day 1945 - Memories

### Pat's recollection of VE day 1945

I can't remember how old I was, but we stayed the whole weekend in Birdcage Walk, which, if I remember correctly, was only a little way away from Buckingham Palace. We went to Hyde Park the night before the actual VE day and walked all the way round and saw people sleeping on the pavement and on the grass. Sailors and airmen were sleeping in hammocks slung between trees. It was all quite exciting for a little girl.

Then the next day we were out quite early - oh - and the people, it was unbelievable how many people! I felt very squashed and we watched the King and the Queen and the princesses and Churchill come out on the balcony of the Palace and wave to the crowd.

Also walking through the crowds and the traffic, the buses were so huge. It was all very exciting. I was very lucky. I don't know who we stayed with, and I don't know why we went there, but it was exciting. I stayed with so many people because of my mother and father spitting up, so it must have been through one of them that we stayed there.

#### Extract from:

#### "Soldier in the Circus" by Edward Lyne

The Circus was packed so tightly it seemed possible to take ones's feet from the ground and still remain upright. VE day, 8th May 1945, had brought the crowds from all over London and beyond to celebrate the end of six years of war in Europe, and Picadilly Circus was the focal point. Everywhere the jubilant throng was solid; the thousands in Picadilly spread along to Leicester Square to become tens of thousands, then down to Trafalgar Square, through the Admiralty Arch, and along the Mall to Buckingham Palace, until there was more than a million people in an unbroken mass from the Circus to the Palace.

### Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

There was a packed house for the Variety Show with the new stage lighting for good effects.



**Regular events:** are noted in the diary on the back page.

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](mailto:rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com), 01245 321554.

#### Hall Management Committee

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

### Rettendon Horticultural Society

The joys of Spring. The weather, the Spring flowers and the success of our Spring Show. However it's still not certain that we won't still get a frost so best to hold back a bit longer before planting out tender plants.

We held our Spring Show for the first time on a Saturday afternoon and it was a great success attracting no less than 112 entries! The highlight of the show was, without doubt, the wonderful display of decorated Easter bonnets made by children of Rettendon School. A steady stream of people came to look at the exhibits and enjoy tea and cake and have a catch up with friends.

Our next event is the ever popular plant sale on Saturday 17th May at Rettendon Village Hall running from 10.30 until 12.30. As local nurseries donate some plants and let us have other plants at reduced prices we are able to offer plants for sale at very competitive prices. The plant sale is our main fundraiser for the Summer Show and goes a long way towards the cost of hiring the marquee so please come along and spend lots of money.

We will be visiting the **Living Memorial in Rettendon on the 22nd May meeting at 2 o'clock** and we have a **coach trip on Saturday 21st June to Lullington Castle**. If you would like to book for either please contact Barbara Wright for further details.  
**John Bruty, Chairperson**

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](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com).

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

### South Hanningfield Village Hall

80th Anniversary of VE Day Film Show on Thursday, 8th May, at South Hanningfield Village Hall CM3 8HL doors open from 6pm Free entry event. Refreshments available and Beacon lighting during the evening. For any enquiries, please call **Clive on 07891 653238.**

### RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB - Children's Cricket

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](mailto:rettendoncricketclub@gmail.com)

Sign up today at  
[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.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](mailto:rettendoncricketclub@gmail.com)

**DYNAMOS CRICKET**  
This is our game.  
[dynamocricket.co.uk](http://dynamocricket.co.uk)

**U9'S & U11'S CRICKET**  
**FRIDAYS IN 2025**  
WILL FOLLOW ALL STARS & DYNAMOS THROUGHOUT SUMMER



# Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - MAY 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Vimala Rowe	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Shaun Loughrey & Brian Mann	Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Amy Winehouse Tribute	Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 📞
Bulldog Bonanza	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	11am – 4pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF)	
80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day Film	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall (CM3 8HL)	
VE 80 <sup>th</sup> Bell Ringing	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
UB40 Reggae Ska Tribute	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm till close	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 📞
VE 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Hall	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)	
Auto Jumble	Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Residents & RPC☼
Pianorama	Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am – 12:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride 2025	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre ☼	<a href="http://www.gentlemansride.com">www.gentlemansride.com</a>
Members visit to Living Memorial	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2pm	Living Memorial (CM3 8DL)	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Summer Soul – DJ Mark Hudson	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 📞
Church Open Day	Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Parish Council A.G.M.	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC☼

## 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Pasta Night	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)	
Raise Your Voice Community	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice 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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Music Bingo	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the Month	Evenings	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 📞

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Outdoor Service with Rayleigh Brass Band	Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Inter-Societies Quiz	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ret
Spinning Wheel duo	Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Antiques & Craft Fair	Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Summer Show Open Meeting	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Lullingstone Castle Outing	Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Mobile Library Service - every 3 weeks <a href="https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-mobile-and-home-library-services/mobile-libraries">https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-mobile-and-home-library-services/mobile-libraries</a>				
South Hanningfield Village Hall / Salforal Close	Tuesday	11:25am to 11:55am / 12:50pm to 1:20pm		13 <sup>th</sup> May, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm		15 <sup>th</sup> May, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> June

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/> 📞 [www.rettendonbell.com](http://www.rettendonbell.com) ☼ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/> Contact the compiler to add events.

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