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BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists



La Bouche Manouche

4th June
Music of Django Reinhardt & Billie Holiday.
Piece band from London featuring Irene Serra



Simply Swing

18th June
Sandra Lambert leads this Swing band with singer West End singer Freddie Bennedit

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

QUIZ NIGHT

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP
FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE 2025
7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start

Tables of up to SIX people at £5 per person on the door. No team? Just come along on the night, join a team and meet new people. BYO drink and nibbles. Tea/coffee available. There will be a raffle, too (prizes welcome). Fun, frolics with Hazel as quiz master. Tables can be booked with **Hazel on 01245 401538 or Barbara on 01245 321554**
In aid of
Rettendon & Battlesbridge Newsletter to keep paper copies delivered to your door.

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club SPINNING WHEEL



Saturday, 7th June, 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

Rettendon Horticultural Society
Summer Show and Village Fayre
Open Planning meeting

Rettendon memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Tuesday, 17th June, 7:30pm

All Welcome to find out what it is all about.

Can you help us? Do you want a stall?

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



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



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

Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

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 +... Please get in touch if this is of interest.

There are still places left, no age limits.

Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, or email barbara.wright@ecfaev.org.



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 (deposit £15)

Non-Members welcome

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



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

Rettendon Memorial Hall

BINGO NIGHT - Friday, 27th June - 7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

All welcome. Monthly sessions.

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/>

Vacancies for Bell Fields Trustees

Dear Readers,

The Bell Fields have been managed by Trustees for some time. Those six trustees, who have currently been in post for the past 4 years, are approaching the end of their time as Trustees.

In accordance with the enclosures award, the Parish Council are tasked with the appointment of Trustees. It is time now to appoint new ones!

This is an open invitation for anyone who is interested in working with the Parish Council to become trustees.

Please email or phone the clerk to request an application form:-

Emma Terris, Parish Clerk
Rettendon Parish Council
07852 138878
clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk

We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards Cllr Joe Parsad (Chair)

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Bell Fields - The Essential Trustee - 6 Main Duties

1. Ensure your charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
2. Comply with your charity's governing document and the law
3. Act in your charity's best interests
4. Manage your charity's resources responsibly
5. Act with reasonable care and skill
6. Ensure your charity is accountable

Information from the Government website:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

Battlesbridge Free Church - David Edwards writes:-

Hello Readers,

Before the year gets much older I'd just like to reflect on the big ticket item from April which we know as Easter. We have Christmas and New Year then we all go back to work, school, etc. until Easter comes along, the Easter holiday for the school children, the Good Friday bank holiday. How many hot cross buns can we eat before someone says stop. Or, for the chocoholics, Easter eggs are the glorious way of indulging their passion. Easter is in springtime with the feelgood factor of spring flowers, green leaves on bushes and trees and the promise of summer sun.



We all enjoy this surface fun and frolics which originates in something deeper, which some of us believe to be far more wonderful, potentially life-changing even. Good Friday is so called because at that time 2000-odd years ago Jesus of Nazareth gave himself up to be tortured then nailed to a cross to die in agony. But He was totally innocent of all crime. In fact, in his whole life every thought, word, action, every stirring of his heart were spotlessly, utterly good. He was the perfect sacrifice given as a ransom so that you and I and all people everywhere can be released, freed from our imperfections, our wrongs, our guilt. Free in fact, to be at peace with God, with ourselves and with each other. Good indeed. Easter eggs symbolise new life, originating from our Easter Sunday celebrations of the fact that this Jesus rose from death to new life, as witnessed by many with whom He talked ate and drank at that time. He totally triumphed over death itself, that those who believe in Him can also experience new life with Him and in Him.

I make no apology for the above sounding suspiciously like talking about what we believe. How can an item from a Christian church be expected not to mention the very thing that is central to all that we as a church do and why we do it? Would an item from a bowls club be expected to make no mention of bowls, bowlers or bowls competitions?

Whatever you believe or don't, I hope you had a happy Easter and I wish you all the best for the remainder of spring and summer.

Garden Notes

Had to trim undergrowth but left enough to shade the soil or it will dry out. I bought a standard white daisy (very cheap in the market) which has seeded with vigour. Brilliant value but needs a firm hand. Similarly the fuchsia coloured garden gladioli. As babies they resemble grass, the adults are everywhere and I evict them when they fade, but what a glorious show while blooms pervade.

Then there is the borage, marigolds, honesty and Dames violet (a rocket). So why am I still filling pots with posh plants like busy lizzie? They need care - feed and water - like babies but I can always rearrange the pots to hide bare or boring places so all have a place in my patch.

Mrs. McGregor

Rettendon Horticultural Society

It has been a fantastic Spring with lots of sunshine but where has the rain gone? I cannot remember having to do so much watering this early. It's difficult to plant when the soil is so hard.

We held our annual plant sale on the 17th May which was very successful. Lots of plants at very reasonable prices thanks to the generosity of local nurseries.

The Society is now approaching its busiest time with lots of events planned in the next few months. There's a coach trip to Lullingstone Castle on Saturday 21st June, garden judging on Sunday 6th July, the Summer Show on Saturday 12th July and the garden safari on Thursday 31st July. See separate ad for details of the coach trip.

I am pleased to say that I have completed my research into the history of the Society and the booklet is now available free to members or £3 to purchase for non members. There is a special offer for anybody wishing to join the Society. Join for the reduced price of £3 for 2025 (normally £5) and receive a copy of the booklet free of charge. The benefits of membership include reduced cost of coach trips and free entry to talks.

As always we need help with the Summer Show. It's a lot of work for a few people and if you can help with setting up and dismantling the show it would be most appreciated.

John Bruty, Chairperson

SUMMER SHOW - SATURDAY, 12TH JULY

- ◆ Entries in from 8am till 10:30am.
- ◆ Judging at 10:30am
- ◆ The new Rector, Rev. Steven Lissenden, opens the Show at 1pm.
- ◆ Adult exhibits in the Marquee
- ◆ Children's exhibits in the Main Hall
- ◆ Teas/coffees/cakes/BBQ/music and entertainments/stalls/etc.
- ◆ Fun for all until 5pm

Want to join in the fun? Do you want to enter the show? Can you help? Do you want a stall? Contact the secretary, Barbara Wright, on 01245 321554 or email RetHSsec@gmail.com.

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

VE 80th Street Party - Rettendon Village Hall

This went very well and there were between 60 and 80 people in the hall enjoying sandwiches (no spam though), tea, coffee, cake and trifles.

There was memorabilia to see and touch, and entertainment from the Raise Your Voice threesome "Andrews Sisters" with wartime songs and participation.

Thank you to all those who helped, and those who came. Do hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Are you affected by Polymyalgia Rheumatica and/or Giant Cell Arteritis ? (PMRGCA)

Group meeting of the Chelmsford & Southend Group
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP.

Tuesday, 22nd July at 2pm

There will be tea and coffee available during the afternoon. £4 will be collected on entry to contribute to the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

Want to know more? Please get in touch with

Pat Fedi. Tel: 07733 362373 or Email:

southend@pmrgca.org.uk

Rettendon Parish Council Annual Meeting - Chairman's Report 13th May 2025

Good evening all. It is a pleasure to see you here this evening! We hope that you will want to share your thoughts with us rather than you just hearing from us.

There is no Agenda per sé because the meeting is specifically for you, the Parish. Just so that we are clear, what that means is that this is a residents meeting so you can talk with us, ask us questions and hold us to account. We are here to listen and try to solve any issues you bring to our attention.

Before that, I would like to give you a general overview of what we as a PC have been doing over the past 12 months.

I'd like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors who have continued to work hard this last year, they do the job voluntarily and always have this village and your best interest at the heart of what they try to achieve.

We also employed Emma Terris, as our new Clerk in July 2024. I am delighted to report that she has settled in very well and is enjoying being a part of this community.

Over the past 12 months, the following items are just a few things the PC with the help of some of you as parishioners or trustees have achieved.

I'll start with the **Bell Fields**.

The PC created a play area for the children of the parish as well as an adult fitness course and you will have seen that the trustees have added more play equipment and a picnic table there too. Those trustees are now coming to the end of their 4 year term of office.

The last 12 months have been eventful and as most of you know several tonnes of fly-tipped rubbish has been dumped on the Bell field car park area, due to the gate being left open. Trustees have also lost the football club hire, as a result a significant amount of funds has been lost, as well as the maintenance of the field which has been sadly neglected since.

However, three new trustees were appointed in April this year and since their arrival, the field has been cut in readiness for summer. We will be looking for volunteers to apply later this year as the old trustees finish their terms of office.

Sonters Down has been one of three neglected areas of the Parish and the 'Friends of Sonters Down' was established earlier last year with the help of a couple of Councillors, to act in an advisory capacity. Over the past 12 months or so, some of those friends have surveyed the Residents and sought to ask what the children wanted on their open space. We are happy to report that a Zip Wire was the choice and this is scheduled to begin installation after the school half term, so early June, and will be completed by the time Summer arrives. Councillors are delighted that we have been able to support residents and friends of Sonters Down in getting this done.

Remembrance Sunday once again was celebrated with Fran Theobald from the Living Memorial Centre presenting the Parish wreath on behalf of the community.

As you all know, the Village Memorial Hall is the focal point of the village and the volunteers continue to support the community in providing the warm hub throughout the cold winter months and provided hot soup and bread in a warm friendly environment. Several of the Parish Councillors were able to join in. And as last year will be continued throughout the warmer months as a Coffee, Cake and Salad session by popular demand. This is a perfect example of how the Memorial Hall Trustees manage the Hall and bring parishioners much needed support as well as different community events. Another example of their work in the community is the VE day celebrations they hosted last Saturday. Great food, great company and fantastic entertainment from the D-Day Dames.

It's also pleasing that the once strained relationship between the Parish Council and Memorial Hall trustees is in the past. We are working together. The hall trustees agreed to allow the PC have their base at the Hall.

As you know the PC meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. All of you are invited to attend and we make these events as open and transparent as possible.

We have dealt with:

Community Safety:

Security Patrols: In response to rising concerns about local crime and limited police resources, the council decided on April 30, 2024, to continue its contract with S-Type Security. This service provides regular patrols across Rettendon, Battlesbridge, and Hayes Country Park, enhancing community safety.

Planning & Development:

Bell Public Car Park Proposal: On August 21, 2024, a re-submitted application for constructing a four-bedroom detached house in the Bell public house car park was noted. The council acknowledged significant public opposition and committed to representing residents' views in its response. Thankfully the application was withdrawn and the PC are in the process of applying for the Public House to become a valued community asset. We will keep you all informed.

Safety Campaigns: In July 2024, the council supported Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's summer safety campaign, advising residents on preventing wildfires and water-related incidents during the warmer months.

The Horticultural Show: is a major event of the village. Many of the parish councillors offer our support by helping out on the day in any way possible. It was again my pleasure to man the BBQ, with a great team of volunteers. I met many of you for the first time two years ago, and I look forward to meeting more of you this year too.

Our relationship with the Ward Councillors Paul Clark and Steve Davis continues to grow. They regularly attend our monthly meetings, keeping us informed about what's going on at City level and how it may affect our community.

We, with them, continue to hold Chelmsford and Essex to account on behalf of residents.

We are grateful to all of you for your support.
Joe Parsad, Rettendon Parish Council Chairman



Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - JUNE 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Outdoor Service with Rayleigh Brass Band	Sunday, 1 st June	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
La Bouche Manouche	Wednesday, 4 th June	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Rettendon Quiz	Friday, 6 th June	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RetBatNews
Spinning Wheel duo	Saturday, 7 th June	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Antiques & Craft Fair	Sunday, 8 th June	9am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 15 th June	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Summer Show Open Meeting	Tuesday, 17 th June	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Simply Swing	Wednesday, 18 th June	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
Lullingstone Castle Outing	Saturday, 21 st June	9:30am	Pick-up Bus Stops: Village & The Bell	Rettendon Hort. Soc.

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services	Sundays	11am / 11:15am	Battlesbridge Free SS11 7RE / All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR
Rettendon Cricket Club	Sundays / Saturdays	1pm	Church Meadow (back of Hall) RCC
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
Rettendon Cricket Club	Wednesdays	6:15pm	Church Meadow (back of Hall) RCC
Jazz at the Lodge	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★
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 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

Raise Your Voice Concert	Saturday, 5 th July	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice Choir
Country Mile Duo	Saturday, 5 th July	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Motorcycle Show	Sunday, 6 th July	10am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Garden Judging	Sunday, 6 th July	2pm	Various Locations	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Antiques & Craft Fair	Sunday, 8 th June	9am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
Entries for Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 12 th July	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 12 th July	1 – 5pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Breakfast Club	Sunday, 20 th July / 17 th August	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☼	
PMRGCAuk Meeting	Tuesday, 22 nd July	2pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	PMRGCAuk ①
Longshot	Saturday, 2 nd August	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC

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	3 & 24 Jun, 15 Jul, 5 & 26 Aug
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm	5 th & 26 th Jun, 17 th Jul, 7 th & 28 th Aug

☼ 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/> ① www.pmrzca.org.uk

Contact the compiler to add events.

Battlesbridge Free Church

Sunday, 1st June

Outside Service with the Rayleigh Brass Band

Raise Your Voice Choir Concert

Saturday, 5th July - Doors open 7pm

In aid of Battlesbridge Free Church



Rettendon Primary School now have a clothes bin for recycling clothes and to raise money for the school.



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