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# RETTENDON VILLAGE FAYRE SUMMER SHOW SATURDAY, 12th JULY, 1pm till 5pm FREE ENTRY

**RETTENDON, CM3 8DP**  
**Church Meadow Cricket Ground**  
**and Rettendon Memorial Hall**  
**Horticultural Show in Marquee & Hall**  
**(children's entries in Hall)**

**RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SHOW** in MARQUEE & HALL  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BBQ**  
**TRADITIONAL STALLS: TOMBOLA, COCONUT SHY HOOK-A-DUCK, BOUNCY CASTLES FACE PAINTING WILLOW WORK, PONY RIDES SUMMER SHOW RAFFLE with vouchers for hair, fish & chips and many more prizes**  
**TEAS COFFEE CAKES (in hall)**  
**PLANT STALL and much more**

- ◆ **Entries in from 8am till 10:30am.**
- ◆ **Judging at 10:30am.**  
Schedules available: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule25>
- ◆ **The new Rector, Rev. Steven Lissenden opens the Show at 1pm.**
- ◆ **Arena events: dancing groups, keep fit, etc.**
- ◆ **Adult exhibits in the Marquee, Children's in the Main Hall**

**Horticultural Show Entries from 8am to 10:30am sharp!**  
**Judging starts prompt at 10:30am.**

For Schedules see website:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule25>

**A Community Event In Association with:**  
**RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,**  
**FRIENDS OF RETTENDON SCHOOL**  
**& RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB**



## Ray and Dave's Country Music Club COUNTRY MILE

**Saturday, 5th July, 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

Join in and dance or just sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

## BATTLESBRIDGE FREE CHURCH RAISE YOUR VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

**Saturday, 5th July, 7pm for 7:30pm.**

Entrance is free but any donations are very welcome.

We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to come and support them and hear your local singers as they show off their repertoire.



## All Saints' Church Rettendon Open Day

**August Bank Holiday Monday**

**25th August 10:30am - 3pm**

Gifts Raffle Plants Books Toys CDs DVDs

Bric-a-brac & all the other usual paraphernalia

Light Lunches Cakes Teas Coffees

All Welcome.

## PMRGCA MEETING

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

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

on **Tuesday, 22nd July at 2pm**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Glenn Morriss, Senior Physiotherapist at Mid and South Essex University Hospital Group**

Normal meeting entry charge of £4 and refreshments will be available!

Family, friends and carers welcome to attend too.

Want to know more? Please get in touch with

**Pat Fedi. Tel: 07733 362373 or Email:**

[southend@pmrgca.org.uk](mailto:southend@pmrgca.org.uk)

Rettendon Memorial Hall - **BINGO NIGHT** -  
Friday, 25th July & Friday 29th August - 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/>

## Garden Notes

Spring Whoosh has gone so I have filled up pots of colours to keep it of interest. Add some silly features to amuse misc. visitors and remember to water the more recent growth in the evenings.

Keep at it folks.....

Mrs. McGregor

**BATTLESBRIDGE**

**SUMMER**

**Arts and Crafts Market**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**10am till 4.30pm**

**Craft stalls, Games, Raffle and Food.**

Raising money for charity

Battlesbridge Antique & Craft Centre

Cromwell House Car Park

## Rettendon Horticultural Society

Just a couple of weeks until the Rettendon Village Fayre and our Summer Show on Saturday 12th July.

This is our main event of the year. As always we welcome help setting up on the day before and on the morning of the show and putting away after the show.

Show schedules were delivered with a previous newsletter. There are lots of classes in flowers, vegetables, cookery, handicrafts and needlecraft etc. If you have not entered before why not give it a try. We are a friendly bunch and are more than happy to help and advise any first timers.

This year's Fayre promises to be excellent with some new events including pony rides and possible archery demonstrations.

Our last coach outing had to be cancelled at the last minute due to low numbers but we have another trip planned for Sunday 21st September to Melford Hall in Suffolk. We do not require deposits at the moment but expressions of interest would be appreciated. There will be information about the trip in our marquee at the show.

Our Autumn Show will be on Saturday 13th September. More about that in the next newsletter at the end of August.

**John Bruty, Chairperson**

## Garden Safari for Members - 31st July 2pm +

Starting at the Chairman's garden and visiting Rettendon Allotments before tea and cake at Hazel's cottage garden.

Please contact Barbara Wright, secretary, 01245 321554 or email [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com) for further details.

## History of Rettendon Horticultural Society

By John Bruty, chairman

Membership now includes the above booklet. Each member will receive a copy. Please collect at the show, or let the secretary know you do not have one so we can get one to you.

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

# The Trustees of the Charities “Allotment for Exercise & Recreation” and “Allotment for the Labouring Poor” (registered charities 271479 & 271480)

Trustees Report: 2021–2025

## Appointments

- In July 2021 Rettendon parish Council (RPC) agreed to appoint Ray Ride, Mark Fleming, Denise Fleming, Jim Knight, Sandie Cottee, Barbara Wright and Dave Phillips as trustees to both charities for a tenure of 4 years.
- Roy Hart and Hazel Dale-Evans declined appointment
- Barbara Wright resigned without explanation soon after her appointment.
- In March 2025 RPC agreed to appoint David Upton, Edward Cheater and Roy Hart.

(The appointments in July 2021 followed a long, contentious and divisive disagreement between RPC and Roy Hart and others who refused to accept the Parish Council as having sole authority to appoint trustees to these 2 charities. The matter was finally resolved at the High Court with a judgement that RPC does indeed have sole authority to appoint trustees.)

## Allotment for the Labouring Poor (The Lower Bell Field)

The field was gifted to the Parish of Rettendon by the 1861 Enclosure Award for the charitable purpose of use by the poor of the parish to grow their own food. Although the Lower Bell Field had historically been used as allotments, in more recent years it had been used for grazing animals at a peppercorn rent.

The Rettendon Parish Council Survey in 2021 established that parishioners were interested in having access to local allotments and in July 2021 the trustees agreed to return the land to its charitable purpose i.e. allotments for residents

The Lower Bell Field Allotment Association was formed, and a formal legal agreement was signed between its members and the Lower Bell Field Charity (with the guidance and help of the National Allotment Society). This is now very successful and enjoyed by many residents. In addition to growing their own food, evidence supports the benefits to wellbeing and mental health. As a way of ‘giving back’, space has been given to a local NHS Mental Health team, and this is proving highly successful and rewarding. The Allotment Association and its members support local small businesses and have developed connections with the Horticultural Society by welcoming its members as part of the Garden Safari, and taking part in the Village Shows. The Allotment Association continues to develop relationships within the local community and is also part of the wider Chelmsford Gardening Network, which includes Hyde Hall and other local allotments and gardens. The Lower Bell Field Allotment Association is self-supporting, and the charity has made no financial contribution.

## Allotment for Exercise & Recreation (The Upper Bell Field)

The field was gifted to the Parish of Rettendon by the 1861 Enclosure Award for the charitable purpose of use by residents for exercise and recreation. For many years the field was rented to football clubs, most recently to South Woodham Football Club (SWFC) for a sum of £1,000 per season. A small, prefabricated building on the field, erected in 1959, owned by RPC is now dilapidated and RPC deemed it unfit for use by the football club.

## Football Pitch Improvements (2021)

Soon after being appointed, the trustees sought expert opinion on the condition of the pitch, which was considered seriously uneven and with drainage channels exposed across the length of the pitch. The trustees then secured a grant from RPC to carry out much needed remedial works to ensure it could safely accommodate youth football.

Once the works were completed in late 2021, South Woodham FC agreed to renew their use of the field for an annual fee of £1,500 and to maintain the field.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Projects and Event (2022)

On 2nd June 2022, the trustees and the Friends of Rettendon Common held a large community celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, attended by 428 local residents, many of whom told us they thought the event a great success.

## Play Area and Gym Equipment (2022 - 2023)

Following the results of the Parish Council residents survey carried out in 2021, the Trustees agreed to RPC installing a children's play area. An agreement was duly signed between the Trustees and RPC.

RPC purchased the new play equipment and outdoor gym equipment, the Trustees purchased a picnic table, and it was all installed by Chelmsford City Council Parks team in June 2023.

At the same time, the Trustees funded a new car parking area and an entry barrier, all paid for through their fundraising efforts (totalling £2,040).

More recently, the trustees and RPC have agreed to work more closely together to provide more cost-effective insurance and regular inspection of all the play and gym equipment.

## Flooding and Infrastructure Damage (2023)

In January 2023 the Bell Field suffered significant flooding due to rain overflow from South Hanningfield Road. This rendered the playing field unusable and caused flooding to the Lower Bell Field allotments. The Trustees worked closely with a flood enforcement officer from Highways, who discovered that tree roots were blocking a drain.

The path from the car park to the play area for prams and wheelchairs (installed as part of RPC's play equipment project) was ruined by the flooding. The Trustees made a claim to the Highways Authority for the cost repair but this was rejected and so the matter was passed on to RPC to pursue further.

## King Charles III Coronation Celebration (2023)

On 6th May 2023 an event was held on the Upper Bell Field to celebrate the King's Coronation. Despite poor weather, 260 residents attended to mark the occasion.

### Swings Installation and EALC Grant (2023 - 2024)

In August 2023, following requests from residents for swings to be added to the children's play area, the trustees applied for and received another EALC grant for £7,656. The swings (and another picnic table funded by the Trustees) were installed in April 2024.

### Closure of Pavilion / SWFC Withdrawal (2024)

South Woodham FC paid their annual licence fee of £1,500.00 for the 2023/24 football season on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and continued to use the facility until early 2024. They decided to cease their use of the field and cited various reasons including being unable to use the changing room, the presence of fly-tipped waste, and their consolidation of training and playing venues.

### Fly-Tipping (2024 – 2025)

On 23rd April 2024, a significant amount of waste was fly tipped in the car park area of the Upper Bell Field. The Trustees immediately notified all the relevant agencies and engaged a waste removal specialist (Dunmow Group) to inspect and test the waste material (at a cost of £900) to establish whether it was hazardous. In the event, the waste was identified as non-toxic Trommel Fines.

The trustees applied to Essex County Council, Chelmsford City Council, RPC and EALC for financial help and support in clearing the waste all of which were sadly rejected. In October 2024 RPC did agree to fund removal and disposal of the waste (subject to a contribution from the trustees).

Despite the trustees having sought expert advice when ensuring the Upper Bell Field, the insurer and broker rejected our claim for the costs of removing the waste. We disputed their decision and took the matter to the Financial Ombudsman (FO) who initially dismissed our claim, but through persistence we were able to gain their support, and they finally found in our favour. The FO has instructed the insurance broker to contribute £9,000 towards our costs and the trustees are pleased to be able to make a rather more substantial contribution towards the cost of removal.

The Trustees recently secured a £1,919 grant from EALC to fund the purchase of a height restriction barrier for the car park entrance to prevent future fly-tipping incidents. The Friends of Rettendon Common have generously committed to covering the installation costs, to be carried out soon by a local contractor.

### Finance

On appointment, the Trustees received incomplete records from their predecessors and inherited a financial balance of £5,601.30 (of which £2,060.00 comprised recent donations towards the development of a new pavilion and was agreed to be ring-fenced for that purpose).

The charity has no regular source of income other than fees received from use of the pitch by football clubs. Hence the trustees have sought to fund all capital projects and events entirely through grants and the very generous donations of residents. With SW FC no longer using the field the charity has lost income and most of the maintenance has been undertaken by volunteers, although the trustees had to pay for some work that was previously done by SW FC. Grass cutting and other work has

been carried out by volunteers including David Bishop, Steve Rogers, Jim Knight and Mark Fleming since 2024 has been very much appreciated by the Trustees, and since his appointment in 2025 by David Upton.

We have been active in seeking other football teams to use the field, though the current lack of access to changing rooms and toilets is deterring those who've shown interest so far.

Having recently transferred £2,000 to RPC towards the cost of removing the waste material, and not yet having received £9,000 from the insurance claim settlement, the bank balance is £1,661.02 as at 6 June 2025.

### In Conclusion

As trustees we have been privileged to look after this important and unique community asset for Rettendon for the past 4 years. We have constantly sought to improve and enhance the Upper and Lower Bell Fields for the benefit of our community and to advance the charitable purpose of both. As our term as trustees comes to an end we are exceptionally pleased to hand over both charities including all facilities in a greatly improved and expanded state providing access and use for the Rettendon community including allotments, adult gym equipment and a range of children's play facilities.

**Dave Phillips, Chairman**, Managing Trustees of the Charities "Allotment for Exercise & Recreation" and "Allotment for the Labouring Poor" (registered charities 271479 & 271480)

The Rettendon and Battlesbridge Newsletter Organisation would like to point out that the Management Trustees are paying for this report to be added to the newsletter. Any views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the compiler, or of the Newsletter Organisation, though spelling and grammar may be corrected.

### Comments on the report.

I do not know or need to know the reason for Barbara Wright resigning as a trustee so this comment is unnecessary. I also feel the comment that Roy Hart and Hazel Dale-Evans declined to be trustees is unnecessary as it was not made compulsory that each Parish Councillor became a trustee.

As a parishioner I would be happy to read about the positive enhancements to the Bell Fields but would stop reading the report as soon as I got to the part about the past conflicts. As a Parish Councillor I would be concerned that potential future trustees could be put off by airing these matters which should now be resolved.

Catherine Nixon (newly elected Parish Councillor)

**This matter is now closed. No further comments on this subject will be published.**

### Vacancies for Bell Fields 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](mailto:clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk)

### 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>

**Rettendon Primary School** now have a clothes bin for recycling clothes in the school car park at the front, to raise money for the school. The bin has instructions on what can and cannot be recycled.

## Ray and Dave's Country Music Club LONGSHOT



**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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  
Join in and dance or just sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

### Bees

The attendees at the Friday morning coffee morning rose significantly on the 9th May due to the rather large number (20,000) of bees hanging around the Church door! I had a call to see if I could collect these little beauties and find a home for them "Down on the Farm".

My experience as a Bee Keeper was not extensive and arguably I was more of a Bee Loser having been successful in losing my bees two years running! However, undeterred I was able to encourage these little beauties into my home made box and subsequently into my hive.

This was 6 weeks ago and I am happy to report that on inspecting them this morning we have a very healthy and thriving hive with at least 40,000 bees, plenty of sealed brood (bees waiting to emerge), a Queen who makes regular appearances and honey being made and stored ready for harvesting in the coming weeks. I am hoping this year is third time lucky and if so I will be dropping some jars of honey off to the Church for sale at one of their forthcoming open days, so if you would like to taste "Down on the Farm" honey from bees that may have had some Divine Intervention get yourself "Down to the Church" at their next open day!

**Luigi Mundy**

The church coffee morning numbers are recorded every week for the PPC (Parochial Parish Council). Not sure that bees can be counted as "participants" since they did not enter the church, nor had coffee, tea or even biscuits. But it does show All Saints' have a true "community" spirit.



### Battlesbridge Free Church



At our church we very much like music and especially singing. Every Sunday we sing hymns and songs in praise of almighty God and his amazing love for us even and perhaps especially when life seems hard and bleak.

On 1st June we held our service outside in the churchyard. We sang some of the all-time great hymns (real bangers!) and heard about when and why they were written. A contingent from Rayleigh Brass band accompanied the singing, making it a really special occasion. We are proud that Rayleigh Brass use our church facilities as their rehearsal venue.

We are proud also that Raise Your Voice community choir use our hall as their rehearsal venue. Note for your diaries- they are giving a free-entry concert at our church on 5th July, 7 for 7.30.

More on up-coming events later. Meanwhile, the worship and the singing go on, as they have done since our church was founded in the middle of the 19th century. A special anniversary service will take place on 27th July. A lovely lady, Rev. Jo Hellenbrand, will be our guest worship leader for that occasion.

At all our events and services the very minimum you will receive is a warm welcome and tea or coffee and biscuits. As they say, "Be there or be square!" Have a great summer.

**David Edwards**

### BELL & CHIMES

**Music Bingo Starts at 8pm**

Saturday July 19th and Saturday August 16th



### First Aid Course

**Held at Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP**

We had participants from all over the Parish. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, including the helpers from the charity. We had several good comments about both the course and the trainer and £150 was raised for the charity. Thank you very much.

We do hope nobody has to use the training in earnest, but the extra information may help prevent more serious issues.

Thanks go to Rettendon Parish Council for paying for the hall hire.

**We are trying to set up another, similar, course on Thursday, 4th September for those who could not attend this one. Please get in touch to book so we can gauge interest. Thank you.**

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



### QUIZ NIGHT - THANK YOU....

The Rettendon & Battlesbridge Newsletter would like to thank all those who attended the quiz. Hope you enjoyed yourselves. This fund-raising helps to keep paper copies delivered to your door.

### DELIVERIES

Unfortunately one of our kind volunteers has had to back out, so we are lacking someone to take a few newsletters round Hayes Chase, the Lodge and up to, but not including, Meadowcroft, e.g. the Willows, and a few other houses.

If you can help it would be appreciated. Please contact the compiler on 01245 321554, or email [RetBatNews@gmail.com](mailto:RetBatNews@gmail.com)

### A date for your diary.

**Saturday 6th September at 10am.**

**Charity Plant Sale and Coffee morning**

**Where?** in the grounds of Battlesbridge Church.

All proceeds will be for Big Love, a local charity based in Chelmsford. The charity partners with local agencies, businesses, faith groups and schools, both in the UK and abroad. For further information: [www.biglovecharity.com](http://www.biglovecharity.com)

If you fancy a chat over a cuppa and maybe a piece of cake and a chance to buy perennial plants direct from the nursery, then this is the place to be. **We'd love to see you there.**



# Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - JULY & AUGUST 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Raise Your Voice Concert	Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice Choir
Country Mile Duo	Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Motorcycle Show/Bikejumble	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Garden Judging	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Various Locations	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Ben Holder & Julian Stringle	Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Entries for Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	8 – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc., RCC &
Rettendon Village Summer Show	Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1 – 5pm	& Church Meadow	Friends of Rettendon School
Morris Dancers	Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July		The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Summer Arts & Crafts Market	Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – 4:30pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Music Bingo	Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	8pm start	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
PMRGCAuk Meeting	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	2pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	PMRGCAuk ①
Catherine Lima	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Garden Safari	Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July	2pm onwards	Various	Rettendon Horticultural Soc.
Longshot	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
'Simply Frank' – Stephen Triffitt	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Music Bingo	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	8pm onwards	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
President's Match	Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> August	1pm	Church Meadow	Rettendon Cricket Club (RCC) ②
All Saints' Church Open Day	Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR	

## 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 ②
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 Hall (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 ②
Jazz at the Lodge	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	6:15 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
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 ③	
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 ③	

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Aid Course (TBC)	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RPC + ECFAEV
Charity Plant Sale & Coffee	Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Ian Highland – 5 piece band	Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Autumn Show Entries	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8am – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Melford Hall Coach Trip	Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9:30am pick up	The Bell & Village Bus Stop	Rettendon Hort. Soc.

**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	15 Jul, 5 & 26 Aug, 16 Sept	
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/> ③ [www.rettendonbell.com](http://www.rettendonbell.com) ☿ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/> ① [www.pmrzca.org.uk](http://www.pmrzca.org.uk)

② <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/home>

Contact the compiler to add events.

**PLEA:** We would like to request items for the **TOMBOLA** for the Summer Fayre and Village show on July 12th. Please drop them off to Janys Jefferies by the 7th July, or contact Barbara Wright on 01245 321554 to collect.

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