



RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

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BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists



Jive Aces

UK's No 1 Jive, & Swing Band!
Admission £25



New Yorks Cotton Club Jazz - £19.50

Rettendon Lodge Events, Burnham Rd, Battlesbridge SS11 7QT
Admission from £19.50 - Newcomers most welcome!
A twice monthly all dining club opening at 6:20pm with meals from £15.50 ~ Show 7:45pm - 10:45pm
Reservations: Email :belvederejazz@gmail.com ~ Tel: 07850 607075



First Aid Course Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP Thursday, 4th September



Another chance for a refresher or training on CPR and defibrillator use. We would like everyone to know how to do this vital emergency service, or at least to understand the need for quick response. Immediate CPR can double survival chances and quick defibrillation within 3-5 minutes can increase survival rates dramatically.

An all day course with extra tuition for signs of strokes, heart attacks, diabetes, and the background to it all. Professional trainer with experience, personal knowledge and enthusiasm.

Please get in touch to book. Thank you.

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



Charity Plant Sale and Coffee morning Saturday 6th September at 10am.

Where? in Battlesbridge Church grounds.

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

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.



St. Peter's Church, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW Flower Festival 2025 "A Posy of Poetry"

Saturday, 6 September	12 noon - 5pm & Fete
Sunday 7 September	12 noon - 5pm & Fete
	Songs of Praise 5pm
Monday 8 September	11am - 3pm

Light lunches and refreshments available each day.



Ray and Dave's Country Music Club Ian Highland (5 Piece Band)

Saturday, 6th September,
2025



Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

No bar - BYOD ☿ Tea/Coffee & FOOD available
Dance or listen to live music at your own local venue.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

(picture: <http://ianhighland.com/gallery.php>)

Rettendon Horticultural Society AUTUMN SHOW

Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

Saturday, 13th September

2 - 4:30pm (entries in from 8 - 10:30am)

Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit and Flower
Arranging Sections. Easy to enter.

Have tea, coffee, with home-made cakes,

There will be a raffle, and other sideshows: guess the number, round the wall quiz, find the treasure.....

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

Or paper copy from Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538,

Barbara Wright 01245 321554,

or email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

On Saturday 13 September 2025

a Macmillan Coffee Morning

will be held at Battlesbridge Free Church Hall
from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

Home-made cakes and coffee (and tea) will be available;
any donations will, of course, be going to
the Macmillan Cancer Care.

As many of you will know, this is such a worthwhile
organisation which has helped so many people over the
years.

Come along and enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a friendly chat.
We look forward to seeing you.

Lennox Drama group presents

Old Tyme Music

At Rettendon Memorial Hall

On Saturday 13th September 2025

POSTPONED due to unforeseen circumstances until end of October

In aid of Lennox Children's Cancer Charity and Rettendon Memorial Hall

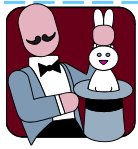
Rettendon Hort. Soc. Trip to Melford Hall, Suffolk

A National Trust Property
Sunday, 21st September

£25 per member, £30 non-member
Contact Sandie Cottee for details and



tickets: 07941539994 or email: sandie17@talktalk.net



South Hanningfield Magic Evening
on **Saturday, 27th September**
in the **village hall, CM3 8HL**,
Doors open from 7.00pm.

The magicians are from The Mid Essex Magical Society and it will be a fantastic evening!

Tickets cost £8 each adult and £3 for children over 10 years (under 10 years free).

Bring your own drinks and snacks. Raffle.

For further information,
email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238.



DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT - BE AWARE!
COME TO THIS FREE TALK ABOUT FRAUD AND SCAMS!

In response to the huge increase of fraud and scams, and the threat this poses to all of us personally, a talk has been arranged by Ben



Adlem, Manager from NatWest Chelmsford at
Rettendon Memorial Hall, on Tues 30 Sep 2025
6pm to 7pm

This is an increasing problem that affects every one of us. So please do come along and learn how to be more aware and not caught out. The Parish Council are kindly funding hire of the village hall for this talk and the PC meeting will follow at 7.30pm.

News from Rettendon Parish Council

Hope you all have had a good summer break. It has been great to see the new Zip Wire at Sonters Down being used and enjoyed by so many of our young children. The PC wish to thank those of you who helped make it happen. Long may this continue to benefit our younger parishioners.

The Bell Fields has a new set of Trustees for the next four years and the PC are eager to work with them to provide events and activities to benefit you all. Thank you to the out-going trustees for their work over the past 8 years. Moving forward we hope to get the football club back and find other activities and use for the upper field.

The Parish Council have arranged a talk about spam callers trying to obtain access to your money, bank accounts or homes. This is planned to be held before the 30th September Council meeting for a 6.00pm start. The Council meeting will start after this.

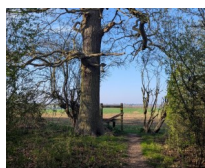
This talk is being conducted by one of the major banks fraud departments and is as a direct result of one of our parishioners nearly having lost access to all funds in her bank account.

Look forward to seeing you all then.

Cllr Joe Parsad (Chair) +44(0)7711873788
Rettendon & Battlesbridge Parish Council

RETTENDON WALKING GROUP

Through the recent months we have taken advantage of the longer hours of daylight and cooler evenings to walk. We have discovered some new footpaths in our search for shady walks, and new areas, but with the evenings starting to grow darker again we shall be reverting back to our Thursday mornings soon.



As always we welcome new members to walk with us. We are a small friendly group who use WhatsApp to plan our weekly meets. If you would like to know more please call Sandie: 07941539994 or email: sandie17@talktalk.net
Sandie Cottee

KEITH BENSON

To record the passing of Keith Benson on 25th July 2025. A quiet, knowledgeable man who grew up in Battlesbridge in a family of bakers. He knew, and was known by, many people as he delivered the bread in the family van.

We would like to express our condolences to his family.

There was £415 raised for All Saints' Church maintenance and restoration, for which we thank the family for their kindness.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

It has been the best Summer for a while. It does mean that keeping on top of the watering has been a chore. Already trees are losing leaves and showing signs of stress due to lack of water. Young trees will die if they are not watered regularly.

In July we had a very successful Summer Show run in conjunction with Rettendon School and Rettendon Cricket Club. A beautiful day brought lots of people out and it was a great community event. My thanks goes out to everybody who helped make the day the success it was.

We held a garden safari later in July visiting gardens of some of the members and the Bell Field allotments. It was quite amazing how the allotments have become so established in such a short time and created a real community feel.

Our next event is the **Autumn Show at Rettendon Village Hall on Saturday 13th September**. It may have been a hot Summer creating difficult conditions but there will certainly be a good display of fruit, vegetables and flowers. See the separate advertisement for details.

We have a **coach trip booked for Sunday 21st September visiting Melford Hall in Suffolk**. Our last outing was cancelled due to lack of numbers but already there has been a good response to this trip. This is a National Trust property and well worth a visit. Full details are set out elsewhere in the newsletter.

Finally, advance notice of something different. **On Tuesday 21st October we are holding a talk about the history of hallmarking**. This will be an opportunity to find out about the origins of your hallmarked items. The talk is free to members and £3 admission for non members. Full details will be included in the next newsletter.

John Bruty, Chairperson

Talk: A Mark of Quality - Mark Lewis
Tuesday 21st October at 7:30pm

For information please contact Barbara Wright, secretary, 01245 321554 or RetHSsec@gmail.com.

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/>

Have a Laugh with Tim Vine

I caught an infection at my karate class. It was kung flu.

I was once caught stealing a horse. It was a fair clop.

I phoned the local ramblers today and this bloke just went on and on.

I was reading a book... 'the history of glue' - I couldn't put it down.



Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

The Lennox Children's Cancer Drama group are back at the hall this September and will be producing an Old Tyme Music Hall for your delectation in aid of their charity and the hall. Date is Saturday September 20th at 7pm,. Tickets will cost £10 and be available through the Drama group and from the Hall management committee. The last event was very successful, and well attended, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The Rettendon oak has been growing apace this year, and producing quite a number of acorns. The Hall Management Committee are committed to keeping the oak healthy and have, therefore, been in touch with a local tree surgeon. The recommendation is for the tree to get a "hair cut", but since it has a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) it cannot simply be reduced without authority.

The amount of work is rather extensive due to the size of tree and will probably need a road closure. Obviously this will take time for everything to be in place, but we are letting you know so you can collect some acorns to grow for your own Rettendon Oak.

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! Now a regular event. Come along from 7pm. Good fun for all with a Raffle

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

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/>

Garden Notes

There is an advantage to the plants being with long roots now. The potted plants are tending to be cooked, unless sited amongst the borders (where they can get forgotten) and can miss the feeding round too. We are not used to all this sun!

Roll on winter - **Mrs. McGregor**

Rayleigh Brass Band Concert at Battlesbridge Free Church on Saturday 18 October at 7.30 pm.

Entry is £5 per person on the door with the money raised going towards Church maintenance. During the interval tea and coffee will be available, and a raffle will also be held. Come along for a toe-tapping experience.

Battlesbridge Free Church

Hello Readers,

I hope the summer has been and continues to be a good one for you. It certainly has been for me.

When I had a stroke in March, two abilities "close to my heart", singing and playing bowls, instantly disappeared. My physical recovery was pretty quick but it has taken almost all the time between then and now to re-learn how to sing and how to control the direction of a bowls wood. No-one has commented on the racket I now make singing hymns in church but my bowls team-mates are saying I'm now playing as well as I ever have!

King Solomon was famous for being one of the wisest humans ever. He acquired great wealth, fame and influence. He conducted an experiment in which he analysed pretty much every human experience of life. He indulged in every desire and pleasure, looked at work and the strive for money, etc.. He even looked at his own wisdom. He wrote the details in Ecclesiastes, a book of the Bible. His conclusion: that without reference to or relationship with God, every experience of life is utterly meaningless!! I'd like to flip that to the positive. Whatever your experience of life I hope you will be able to find some depth of meaning and purpose in it. I can only recommend what has worked and still works for me, a relationship with Jesus Christ. His strength, the encouragement of His Spirit within me have underpinned my recovery and I live, sing and bowl in praise and thanks to Him.

Some events full of meaning and purpose(!) are coming up soon at our church:

28th Sept Harvest festival service. The display of produce at the front of the church will be glorious- bring your camera for that one.

4th Oct Our next Quiz Night!! I'll be back asking, look forward to seeing you there answering the questions.

18th Oct Concert by Rayleigh Brass. A thrilling sound- not to be missed.

Best wishes, **David Edwards**



Rettendon Memorial Hall - BINGO NIGHT -

Friday, 26th September -7:30pm

Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

Raffle, Teas & coffees available or BYOD and nibbles.

Organised for the community by the Hall Management Committee <https://e-voice.org.uk/rettendon-memorial-hall/>

Rettendon Bell Events



KARAOKE Night

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

IAN LEIGH 8PM

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

EXTENSIVE SONG LIBRARY (80S, 90S, TOP 40, AND MORE!)

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EXCITEMENT!

TIME: 8:00 PM - LATE

A TWIST OF ABBA

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

DANCING QUEEN

MUMMA MIA

GINNE GINNE GINNE

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 8PM

MUSIC BINGO 8pm

SATURDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER

Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - September 2025

EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Jive Aces	Wednesday, 3 rd September	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
First Aid Course (TBC)	Thursday, 4 th September	9:30am – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RPC + ECFAEV
Charity Plant Sale & Coffee	Saturday, 6 th September	10am	Battlesbridge Free Church Grounds	BIG LOVE CHARITY
Flower Festival & Fete	Saturday 6 th / Sunday 7 th / Monday 8 th	S/S -12–5pm, Mon 11am–3pm	St. Peter' Church, S. Hanningfield	
Ian Highland – 5 piece band	Saturday, 6 th September	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Karaoke Night	Saturday, 6 th September	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 ☎
Ian Leigh – Live Music	Friday, 12 th September	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 ☎
Autumn Show Entries	Saturday, 13 th September	8am – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumn Show	Saturday, 13 th September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 14 th September	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF)	⌘
Harlem Meer Cats	Wednesday, 17 th September	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Coffee Morning	Friday, 19 th September	10:30am	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth –	phone 07944174744
Old Tyme Music Hall	Saturday, 20 th September	7pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP	Lennox Drama Group
Music Bingo	Saturday, 20 th September	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 ☎
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday, 21 st September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF)	⌘
Melford Hall Coach Trip	Sunday, 21 st September	9:30am	The Bell & Village Bus Stop	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Magic Evening	Saturday, 27 th September	7:00pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall	
A Twist of ABBA	Saturday, 27 th September	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY)	01245 523426 ☎
Scam & Fraud Talk	Tuesday, 30 th September	6:00pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC☒
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 30 th September	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC☒

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 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 ☎
Jazz at the Lodge	1 st and 3 rd 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 Choir	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

Jazz at the Lodge TBC	Wednesday, 1 st October	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Saturday, 4 th October	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Cowboys Like Us (Duo)	Saturday, 4 th October	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Jazz at the Lodge (TBC)	Wednesday, 15 th October	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Rayleigh Brass Band Concert	Saturday, 18 th October	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
A Mark of Quality (talk)	Tuesday, 21 st October	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	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	16 th Sept, 7 th & 28 th October	
Goose Cottages	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm	18 th Sept, 9 th & 30 th October	

☒ Check website: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettdonparishcouncil/>
 ★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/> ☎ www.rettendonbell.com ⌘ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/>
 ☎ <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/home> Contact the compiler to add events.

ADVANCE NOTICE Battlesbridge Free Church Quiz Night Saturday 4 October 2025.

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Teams of up to eight people and an entry fee of £5 per person on the door. There will also be a raffle.
 All proceeds will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Church.

The latest edition of the newsletter can be found on the website:
<https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/>

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