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Ray and Dave's Country Music Club



BRIAN MANN

Saturday,

1st November, 2025

Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm

Tap your feet, dance, or listen

to live music at

Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP

No bar - BYOD ☚ Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH RETTENDON
Sunday, 2nd November at 2.30pm
CONCERT 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.

To book in advance please contact:

allsaints_rettendon.pcc@gmail.com

Or message via Facebook:

All Saints Church Rettendon

BELVEDERE JAZZ & MUSIC SUPPER CLUB

Top International & UK Jazz Artists



Ray Gelato & The Giants
£25
5th November



Louise Cookman & Pete Long
£19.50
19th November

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



Lest We Forget Remembrance Day Service

9th November 2023 at 10:30am

EVERYBODY WELCOME at St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
All Saints' Church, Rettendon
9th November Service at 10:45am
ALL WELCOME

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the World War II.
As war and conflicts continue we remember those who have given their lives for us to be free.
"We will remember them"

Rettendon Horticultural Society
A.G.M. and Social Evening
Tuesday, 18th November, 7:30pm
Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP

All Welcome: Not a member? Come along anyway and meet us. We socialise with seasonal treats after our AGM. A chance to become a member, or renew membership.
The Autumn Show cups are now all engraved and will be presented at this event.

Barbara Wright, secretary, email: RHSsec@gmail.com
Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/>

All Saints' Church - Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, 29th November, 2025
10:30am - 3pm

Gifts, Raffle, Craft Gifts, Plants, Hamper raffle, Books, CDs, DVDs, Bric-a-brac

Light Lunches, Cakes, Teas, Coffees, Come to buy gifts, stay for lunch, chat with friends, and support the church.
All Welcome.

Battlesbridge Antique & Craft Centre
Christmas Market

Christmas Arts and Crafts Market

Friday 28th - Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November 2025
Time from 10am to 4.30pm

GIFTS : FOOD : GAMES

Battlesbridge Antique and Craft Centre
Cromwell House Car Park



Memorial Service
Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm
Giving thanks for all those who have died
All are Welcome
St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth



Xmas Do at St Nicks
St Nicholas Church, Rawreth
on Saturday 22nd November,
from 12:30 - 3:30pm
Gifts, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola ,
Mince Pigs and Refreshments
Please come along and join us
everyone welcome

From the Rector:

All, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who had made me and my family feel welcomed to our new life as your Rector.

I have now been in post coming up for 1 year and even though it is a challenging role, it is also one where I am starting to feel truly at home.

This has only been possible because of your kindness and gentleness with us as a family. I have met a lot of people but I am also aware that there are still people I have not had contact with, so if you see me out and about, please come and say hello.

As I approach my second Christmas in post, can I remind you of some of the important events we will have coming up.

There is the SANDS service in Rettendon on 7th December 3pm. (Still births And Neonatal Deaths Society).

We will have a carol service in each church, as well as Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day the service will be in St Nicholas Church Rawreth 10am. Blessings to you all **Revd Steve**

Rettendon Memorial Hall - BINGO NIGHT -
Friday, 28th November -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/>

All Saints' Church Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas fundraising event will be on 29th November – the annual Christmas Bazaar.

If you have an hour to spare, we are always grateful for extra pairs of hands on the day, please let one of us know if you can help; we also need donations of cakes, raffle prizes and preloved items to sell.

Any advance donations of non-perishables or cakes which will freeze can be dropped in when the church is open – reliably Fridays 10-11, or Sundays from about 10.30 till 12.30, but you might catch one of us there at other times too! **Gale & Lyn**

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL
CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR VACANCY

To be a Councillor, you need to:

Care about getting the best for your community. Be willing to represent your electorate. Want to make a difference. Undertake training courses. Adhere to the Code of Conduct. Register your business interests. Be committed and enthusiastic.

To stand as a Councillor you must be:

- A British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union. And be 18 years of age or over.
- Be a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand.
- OR** have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day;
- OR** had your principal or only place of work in the council area during that same period;
- OR** have resided in the council area during that 12-month period;
- You can qualify if you have lived within 4.8km (3 miles) of the council area for 12 months.

For further information, please contact:

The Clerk to the Parish Council **07852 133878**
email: clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk

Rettendon Horticultural Society

The hot and dry Summer has had the affect of making most trees produce leaves of much stronger colour than past years.

I am sorry to say goodbye to what has been an exceptionally sunny Summer but now is the time to prepare our gardens for colder weather. Tender plants will soon need some protection either by mulching, wrapping up or moving indoors. Look out for the first frost which in recent years has appeared in early November.

This year's trial run of holding our Spring show on a Saturday was a success therefore next year's Spring show will take place on Saturday 11th April. Now is the time to be planting Spring bulbs and plants to make sure that you have some entries for the show.

The school gardening club has now ended for the year. It's been a successful year with lots of children being introduced to the fun of gardening. The club managed to put some entries in our shows including a very large pumpkin grown in the school garden.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 18th November at Rettendon Village Hall starting at 7.30 followed by seasonal treats. Should you wish to put your name forward to join the committee please let Barbara Wright know before the meeting on 01245 321554 or email: RetHSsec@gmail.com.

Our last event of the year will be our Christmas lunch at The Rettendon Bell on Thursday 11th December.

John Bruty Chairperson

Please book for the Christmas lunch with Barbara Wright, secretary, 01245 321554 or email: RetHSsec@gmail.com.

Membership cards will have the diary on them, but we are looking at having a few "pop up" events, e.g. car sharing trips, talks in the afternoon in the hall, in the future.

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

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

The hall is becoming booked up with private parties as well as all the regular events, but there are times available.

There is a room at the back of the committee room with books, jigsaws, knitting and crochet needles, wool, patterns and other craft items available for anyone who would like to stay in during the winter months and have something relaxing to do. This room can be accessed at any time when the hall group events are on, e.g. bowls night, Wednesdays hub, Knit and Natter, bingo, etc.

Regular events:

Short Mat/Carpet Bowls is on Mondays, 7 - 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 WARM Hub - 12 - 2pm with home-made soup and bread. Any spare vegetables we can use, please? Or perhaps you can make a cake?

Knit & Natter is from 2 - 4pm, 1st & 3rd

Wednesdays in the month more a craft opportunity than just for knitters!

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

Caroline on 07792 475085 glassstudiosupplies.co.uk

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

Last Friday in the month - BINGO! Come along from 7pm. Good fun for all with a Raffle. BYO nibbles/drinks

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

Lennox Productions - In aid of Lennox Children's

Cancer Fund have rehearsals most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Auditions have begun. Performances at Towngate Theatre in 2026.

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**. Booking forms can be found on the website.

For more information contact the hall secretary, Barbara Wright, email: rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com, 01245 321554.

Hall Management Committee

Rettendon Bell Events



Battlesbridge Free Church

Some of you will know the old rhyme: Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, please to put a penny in

the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do. If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you. The build up is already happening and will, for many, develop into a headlong rush of preparation for the eating, drinking, presents and merrymaking of Christmas. Are you ahead of the game or are you, like me, a bit of a last minuter?

In October it was my privilege to conduct the funeral of a lovely lady who was a much-loved member of our church community. We talk about people's superpowers, she had three, love, joy and peace. At the end of her long earthly life she was totally at peace, completely prepared and looking forward to meeting Jesus face-to-face in heaven, who she had known and worshipped for many years. Her surname was not Einstein but she knew. Christmas drink, food, parties and presents are all very well but I believe deep, lasting satisfaction, fulfilment and joy come by preparing room in our lives for the one whose name is on the season's label, Christ Jesus himself.

There is a real buzz about our church in December but the event you really don't want to miss is at 11am on 14th Dec, our carol service. It is highly atmospheric, added to which our singing will be accompanied by members of Rayleigh Brass band.

Unlike the old rhyme, I wish you God's blessing however many ha'pennies you have.

Happy preparations! **David Edwards**

Battlesbridge Free Church

We invite you to The Raise your Voice Community Choir Christmas concert who will be performing on Saturday 6 December 2025 at Battlesbridge Free Church. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Entry is free but donations will be welcome, with the monies going towards the upkeep of the church. Why not get your Christmas celebrations off to an early start? As well as traditional carols there will be other songs to keep you entertained.

We look forward to seeing you.

WARM HUB

Every Wednesday from 12 until 2pm

In the cosy, warm Rettendon Memorial Hall committee room, CM3 8DP



The lunchtime offer is warming home-made soup with bread and butter if wanted.

With home-made cakes on offer and tea, coffee or even hot chocolate available.

Bring your own food, share around, whatever you like. Provided free of charge by Hall Management Committee.

All residents, friends and family welcomed.

Need transport? Please contact Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538 or the secretary, Barbara Wright 01245 321554, or email RettendonMemorialHall@gmail.com



Garden Notes

Patch denuded and then it rained. Magically lots of plants recovered and there was an autumn display of purple, yellow and green!

Bless the garden which doesn't bite or answer back.

Mrs. McGregor





Battlesbridge and Rettendon Events - NOVEMBER 2025



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Halloween Bingo Night	Friday, 31 st October	7pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall Management	
Halloween Party	Friday, 31 st October	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 525426	
Bonfire Night	Saturday, 1 st November	5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Brian Mann Concert	Saturday, 1 st November	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Memorial Service	Sunday, 2 nd November	2:30pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Memorial Service	Sunday, 2 nd November	3pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth,	
Ray Gelato & the Giants	Wednesday, 5 th November	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Remembrance Service	Sunday, 9 th November	10:45am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon	
Remembrance Service	Sunday, 9 th November	10:30am	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth	
A.G.M. and Christmas Party	Tuesday, 18 th November	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Louise Cookman & Pete Long	Wednesday, 19 th November	7:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper★
Xmas at St. Nicks	Saturday, 22 nd November	12:30 – 3:30pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth,	
Christmas Wreath Making	Wednesday, 26 th November	7 – 10pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Essex Flowers
Christmas Craft Market	Friday, Sat, Sun, 28 th , 29 th & 30 th November	10am – 4:30pm	Battlesbridge Antiques Centre (SS11 7RF) ☿	
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday, 29 th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints Church, Rettendon	
Karaoke Night	Saturday, 29 th November	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
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	Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Pilots Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Stained Glass Class	Wednesdays	6 – 8:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Caroline 07792 475085
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	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				
George Payling jnr.	Saturday, 6 th December	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
SANDS Service	Sunday, 7 th December	3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Psychic Night	Saturday, 13 th December	2 – 7pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Carol Service	Sunday, 14 th December	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church – with Rayleigh Brass Band	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 16 th December	7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon PC☒
Frog on a Rocket	Friday, 19 th December	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY 01245 523426	
Carol Service	Sunday, 21 st December	11:15am	All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR	
Carols by Candlelight	Sunday, 21 st December	4pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth	
Christmas Eve Party with singer Eden Jones	Wednesday, 24 th December	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon, CM3 8DY	
Midnight Eucharist	Wednesday, 24 th December	11:30pm	All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR	
Joint service with Rawreth	Thursday, 25 th December	10am	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth	NO SERVICES at All Saints' Church, Rettendon
Joint Service with Hullbridge	Sunday, 28 th December	10am	St. Thomas Church, Hullbridge	
Sunday Service	Sunday, 4 th January	11:15am	All Saints, Rettendon CM3 8DR	
Kevin Barry	Saturday, 10 th January	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES 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	18 th Nov, 9 th & 30 th Dec	
Goose Cottages, / Hayes Country Park	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm / 15:50 – 16:20	30 th Oct, 20 th Nov, 11 th Dec	

☒ 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.

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

Hi I think you should let everyone know about our security firm that patrols the village. S-TYPE security solutions, Tel 01245 931598. If anyone has any problems they will respond within 30 minutes. Thanks Doug.

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