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**Ray and Dave's Country Music Club**



**SHAUN LOUGHREY**  
**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Doors Open 7:00pm - 11pm**  
**at Rettendon Village Hall, CM3 8DP**

Live Music: Listen, Dance, Enjoy!  
No bar - BYOD ☘ Tea/Coffee &  
FOOD available

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

(picture from Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/shaunloughreymusic/photos?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/shaunloughreymusic/photos?locale=en_GB))

**Summer Show**  
**Open Planning Meeting**

**Rettendon Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP**  
**Tuesday, 16th June, 2026, at 7:30pm**

With summer fast approaching, our open meeting for summer show planning is going ahead. Can't make it? If you would like to help please get in touch. We need help with setting up, help on the day with stalls, stewards to take the judges around (you get to see the exhibits before anyone else!), tea/coffee takers to stall holders, and a whole host of other jobs. The more of you there are the better for everyone - spreading the work.

We can also offer space for stalls. We try and ensure no two stalls are the same.

The Summer Show is in conjunction with Friends of Rettendon School and the Cricket Club, but practically the whole Parish is involved. If you have a group or business you wish to promote why not come along and see what is going on and reserve a place with us. If you can help us - all the better.

NOTE: Summer show schedules are online at <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule26>

**Barbara Wright, Secretary, phone 01245 321554 email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)**

Rettendon Horticultural Society website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/>

**Can you spare a little time to help locally?**  
Battlesbridge Free Church find themselves in need of a new bookkeeper to record their financial transactions and prepare the end of year accounts. If you are unsure what it entails, but wish to know more please get in touch with **David Edwards on landline 01268 761727, mobile 07425 081412.**



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+ Please note: **Sunday, 31st May.**

+ There is a combined church service at 10am at St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth, SS11 8SH.

+ There is no service at All Saints' Church on Sunday, 31st May.

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**Rettendon Memorial Hall - BINGO NIGHT**  
**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June -7:30pm**



**Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP**  
Raffle, Tea/Coffee available or BYOD and nibbles.

**Organised for the community by the Hall Management Committee**

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

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**  
**Chelsworth Open Gardens Coach Trip**  
**on Sunday, 28th June.**

This is a small village with open gardens for everyone to enjoy. There are about 20 or so gardens to visit, pubs with entertainment, open garden cafes with home-made cakes, stalls with plants, etc. to buy and a parade of ancient and modern tractors. Well worth the visit.



Cost will be £30 including entry fee. We will ask for a deposit of £15 per person. Coach pick-up points will be the Bell pub, Rettendon village bus stop and Hayes Country Park from 9:30am.

Please let Barbara Wright, secretary, know if you are interested on [RETHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RETHSsec@gmail.com) or 01245 321554 or in person when you see her.

Members will get a discount on the ticket price.

Please note: If there are not enough to warrant cost of the coach the trip may be cancelled.

**South Hanningfield Race Night**  
on Saturday, 27th June from 7.00pm at the Village Hall. Tickets cost £5 per person to attend. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Would any local businesses or family like to support the hall and sponsor one of the eight races? Sponsorship of one of the races costs £30 and your support will be publicised on the night and after the event. The sponsorship will publicise your business to local people attending the event or why not have a nice memory of the evening in print for your family. To book tickets and or to sponsor a race, please contact 07396 546050 or email [shvhall@gmail.com](mailto:shvhall@gmail.com) . Geraldine Vallis

**RAISE YOUR VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT  
BATTLESBRIDGE FREE CHURCH**

**Saturday, 18th July 7 for 7:30pm**

You are warmly welcomed to The Raise your Voice Community Choir concert, which will be held on Saturday 18 July 2026 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 maintenance of the church.

As usual, there will be an eclectic mix of songs, both old and new, and a chance to join in.

**Come and enjoy the experience.**

**Rettendon Summer Show**

**Saturday, 11th July from 1pm to 5pm**

The summer show schedule is on the website, <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule26>. A paper copy was in the May newsletter (middle pages just pull out).

It is easy to enter and help is available. Lots of different classes. Please note: garden judging is done on the Sunday before the show, entries to this by Thursday, 2nd July Barbara Wright, Secretary, phone 01245 321554 or [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com).

We encourage children to enter for free and they can win prize money, including children up to 18 years old. (Entries do not have to be done at school).

There will be a marquee for the exhibits with children's exhibits in the hall, a BBQ, teas, coffees, cakes, stalls, games, pony rides and a band.

**Battlesbridge Free Church**

Hello Readers,

I won't engage your reading time talking about the admirable qualities of devotion, loyalty and skill. I will, though, mention someone who has displayed these qualities for the benefit of our church. For many years Tony Beck has been our church treasurer and has performed that role with great devotion, loyalty and skill. He has decided that at the end of this year, he will be stepping down as treasurer. The church is hugely grateful for the years of service he has given. I hope he knows how much we appreciate him - it has been mentioned to him... once or twice!

This leaves us with a gap, a vacancy and I wonder whether if there is one among you who would be willing to step up. We are not after a replacement Tony, rather we need a bookkeeper who will also prepare the end of year accounts. The data will, of course, be supplied.

I am not expecting my phone to be red hot with the sheer number of volunteers but please give it some thought and know that you would be doing a great good and helping a village institution. If you are interested and/or have questions please give me a ring: land 01268 761727, mobile 07425 081412.

Thank you. Blessings and very best wishes to you.

**David Edwards**



The Line Dancing has moved to Woodham Ferrers on a Monday. If you wish to join please call Niki on 07403 383585

**Rettendon Horticultural Society**

I have been anxious to complete planting out my bedding plants and tender vegetable plants but conscious of how cold it has been, I have held off, and this morning (the 16th May) I am looking at an early morning ground frost! I hope that others have not been caught out by this unseasonably cold weather. Frosted plants should recover so give them time. The warmer weather will help them catch up.

Our recent plant sale was a great success and I am grateful to those who came and benefited from a good selection of plants at very reasonable prices. It was very busy and it was good to see lots people enjoying the tea, coffee and cakes on offer.

We were planning to visit the home of the National Collection of sweet peas but it has not been possible to arrange this. However, on Sunday 28th June we have a coach outing to Chelsworth Open Gardens. Chelsworth is a pretty village in Suffolk and once a year the residents open their amazing private gardens to the public. It's not just about the gardens. There are other things taking place to include Morris dancing, a parade of vintage tractors, craft stalls etc. The whole place is buzzing and not just with the bees! This really is a great day out and going by coach means you can relax and let somebody else do the driving. The details of booking etc will be elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking further ahead the Summer show preparations have begun. As always I make my annual plea for help. If you can spare some time helping with setting up and taking down please contact Barbara Wright and I guarantee that you will be found a job!

**John Bruty, Chairperson**

**Chelsworth Coach Trip**

Still time to book a place with us. Call the secretary, who will be after people for their deposits very soon.

**Barbara Wright, Secretary, phone 01245 321554 email: [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com)**

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

**Garden Notes**

After some late frosts we hope to empty the greenhouse & just keep an eye on the water supply. Swotted up on compost making and now manage to deal with most green waste ourselves.

We can but try.....

**Mrs. McGregor**



**Laugh with Tim Vine one-liners**

The advantage of easy origami is twofold....

Albinos; you can't say fairer than that.

I wanted to be a milkman, but I didn't have the bottle.



## **Rettendon Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report**

Good evening everyone,

Thank you all for attending this Annual Parish Meeting. It is an important opportunity to reflect on the past year, recognise the work that has been carried out on behalf of the community, and look ahead to the future of our parish.

Over the period from April 2025 to April 2026, the Parish Council has continued to focus on the steady, often unseen work that helps keep our village functioning, safe, and welcoming. This has included maintaining regular monthly meetings, ensuring proper governance, and providing a consistent forum for residents to raise concerns and contribute to local decision-making.

First and foremost, I would like to extend sincere thanks to all Parish Councillors. Their time, commitment, and willingness to serve the community - often on a voluntary basis - are the backbone of everything that has been achieved this year. Alongside them, our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer have ensured that the Council operates efficiently, transparently, and in line with all regulations.

We also owe a great deal of gratitude to the trustees and volunteers who support our community facilities. Their work, often behind the scenes, enables these spaces to remain available and functional for everyone.

This year has seen continued attention given to the care and improvement of parish assets. At Bell Fields and other recreational areas, work has been carried out to maintain pitches, repair equipment, and address safety concerns. At this point,

I would like to thank one particular trustee; Cllr Roy Hart, he has dedicated many years to the maintenance and up keep of the Bell fields. We were delighted to reinstate him as a Trustee and he was elected Chair of the Trustees last year. Unfortunately due to personal reasons he has resigned from being a trustee, but his dedication and service as well as experience will be missed. On behalf of all trustees, parishioners and the PC, thank you for your dedication and service.

Early steps have also been taken toward the development of a new pavilion - an investment that, if progressed, will benefit the community for years to come.

The Village Hall has remained a key focus, with improvements including the installation of broadband, helping to modernise the facility and expand its potential use.

Across the parish, the Council has continued to respond to everyday but important issues - reporting potholes, addressing flooding concerns, managing overgrown vegetation, and ensuring public spaces are kept in good order. While these tasks may not always attract attention, they are essential to maintaining the quality of life within the parish.

Financially, the Council has acted with care and responsibility, overseeing budgets, monitoring external cost pressures, and considering requests for community support, including grant applications where appropriate.

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in winning a grant in respect of providing a bus service that includes a long overdue service from Hayes Park, through Rettendon to Chelmsford. We hope to expand on this to include other routes and will keep you informed of our progress.

Efforts have also been made to look forward, particularly in relation to improving digital connectivity and exploring ways to strengthen local infrastructure.

Perhaps most importantly, the Council has remained responsive to residents. Public participation at meetings continues to play a vital role in shaping priorities, ensuring that concerns are heard and acted upon wherever possible.

In summary, this has been a year of steady progress - focused on maintaining what we have, improving where we can, and planning carefully for the future.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed over the past year: councillors, trustees, volunteers, and residents alike. Your involvement, support, and engagement are what make this community strong.

Thank you Cllr Joe Parsad (Chair)

For and on behalf of Rettendon Parish Council

### **Updating Signs and Notices**

Your Parish Council has been considering updating local signage and notice boards recently. It was noted that many footpath signs have disappeared or been buried in hedges. Some public areas have no signs as regard usage or where they are, e.g. Rettendon Cricket Club, or are sited in the wrong place.

**Dog Bin:** We have requested a new dog bin for the top of Woodham Road where a footpath exits/enters at this location.

Do add to this list if you have a need via the parish clerk, who can be contacted on 07852 138878 or emailed at [clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk) (or contact any councillor).

# Rettendon and Battlesbridge Events Diary - JUNE 2026



| EVENT  | DATE / DAY                       | TIME            | VENUE  | ORGANISATION                    |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Combined Churches Service                          | Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May     | 10am            | St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth   |                                 |
| The Jive Aces                                      | Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | 6:20 – 10:15pm  | Rettendon Lodge  | Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★ |
| Shaun Loughrey                                     | Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June   | 7 – 11pm        | Rettendon Memorial Hall  | Ray & Dave's CMC                |
| Summer Fly-in                                      | Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June    | 10am – 3pm      | Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, CM3 7RN   |                                 |
| Community Meeting                                  | Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June    | 7 – 9pm         | Runwell Village Hall SS11 7JE  | Runwell PC, Essex Police, CCC.  |
| Summer Show Planning<br>Open Meeting – All Welcome | Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June   | 7:30pm          | Rettendon Memorial Hall  | Rettendon Hort. Soc.            |
| Ben Holder & Julian Stringle                       | Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June | 6:20 – 10:15pm  | Rettendon Lodge  | Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper ★ |
| Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club                     | Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June    | 9am             | Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☿   |                                 |
| South Hanningfield Race Night                      | Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June  | 7pm             | Sth. Hanningfield Village Hall (07396 546050 or <a href="mailto:shvhall@gmail.com">shvhall@gmail.com</a> ) |                                 |
| Chelsworth Open Gardens                            | Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June    | Pick-up 9:30am  | Coach Trip   | Rettendon Hort. Soc.            |
| Antiques Vintage & Craft Fair                      | Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June    | 9:30am – 4:30pm | Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☿   |                                 |

## 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  | 2:30 – 4:30pm  | Rettendon Memorial Hall (CM3 8DP)                               |                         |
| Mid-Week Cricket                 | Tuesdays   | 6pm            | Church Meadow (behind Hall)                                     | Rettendon Cricket Club● |
| 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                        | 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   |
| 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)         | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the Month | 8pm            | The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 📞           |                         |
| Coffee Morning                   | Fridays  | 10am – 11am    | All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)                         |                         |
| Stow Maries Aerodrome Open       | Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays                              | 10am – 4pm     | Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, CM3 6RN →                      |                         |
| 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)                               |                         |
| Weekend Cricket                  | Saturdays / Sundays                                      | 1pm            | Church Meadow (behind Hall)                                     | Rettendon Cricket Club● |
| 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

|                                       |                                 |              |                                    |                      |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Classic Motorcycle Show & Bike jumble | Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | 10am – 5pm   | Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☿ |                      |
| Summer Show Garden Judging            | Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | 2pm          | Various                            | Rettendon Hort. Soc. |
| Rettendon Summer Show (entries)       | Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July | 8 – 10:30am  | Church Meadow & Hall               | Rettendon Hort. Soc. |
| Rettendon Summer Show                 | Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July | 1 – 5pm      | Church Meadow & Hall               | Rettendon Hort. Soc. |
| Raise Your Voice Choir Concert        | Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July | 7 for 7:30pm | Battlesbridge Free Church          |                      |
| Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club        | Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July   | 9am          | Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☿ |                      |
| Garden Safari                         | Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July | 2pm          | Various                            | Rettendon Hort. Soc. |
| Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club        | Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August | 9am          | Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☿ |                      |

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 | 16 June, 7 & 28 July, 18 Aug |
| Goose Cottages, / Hayes Country Park             | Thursday | 3:10pm – 3:40pm / 3:50pm – 4:20pm      | 18 June, 9 & 30 July, 20 Aug |

⊗ <https://www.rettendon-pc.gov.uk/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/>

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

→ <https://www.stowmaries.org.uk/> ● <https://rettendon.play-cricket.com/home> Contact the compiler to add events.



## Community Meeting Monday, 15th June, 2026 7 - 9pm Runwell Village Hall SS11 7JE

Runwell Parish Council invites you to come along and speak with representatives of **Essex Police**, **Chelmsford City Council** and **Runwell Parish Council** to discuss local issues that matter to you.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL contact details

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The Parish council website is:

<https://www.rettendon-pc.gov.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rettendonparishcouncil/>



## RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Rettendon Parish Council have vacancies for Trustees for the Bell Fields Charities.

If you would like to be considered to be appointed as a Trustee please request an application form from the Clerk. Emma Terris: [clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rettendon-pc.gov.uk)

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

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