



RETTENDON & BATTLESBRIDGE NEWSLETTER JULY & AUGUST 2026

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RETTENDON SUMMER SHOW

SATURDAY, 11th JULY 1pm - 5pm

Church Meadow Cricket Ground and Rettendon Memorial Hall, RETTENDON, CM3 8DP

RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SHOW in MARQUEE & HALL

WITH CHILDREN'S EXHIBITS IN HALL

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - BBQ - TEAS COFFEES CAKES IN THE HALL

TRADITIONAL STALLS including:

TOMBOLA, COCONUT SHY HOOK-A-DUCK, BOUNCY CASTLES, FACE PAINTING ,

WILLOW WORK, PONY RIDES, PLANT STALL and lots more

SUMMER SHOW RAFFLE with vouchers from "Call of the Wild" Zoo, Images of Danbury Hair Salon, The Frying Squad fish & chips & many more prizes

Horticultural Show Entries from 8am to 10:30am sharp!

Judging starts promptly at 10:30am.

For Schedules see website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/assets/documents/summerschedule26>

A Community Event In Association with:

**RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, FRIENDS OF RETTENDON SCHOOL
& RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB,**

and support from Rettendon Parish Council and Rettendon Memorial Hall

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club Country Mile

Saturday, 4th July 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



BATTLESBRIDGE NEWS

Fishing opportunity for youngsters.

On a Sunday afternoon, possibly the 5th July, if there are any youngsters between five and ten years of age would like to have a go at fishing, accompanied by an adult, at my lake in Battlesbridge, 'Hope Lake', opposite the Haybarn Antiques.

All tackle and tuition provided. A marvellous opportunity for youngsters to sit peacefully with nature.

Please leave a message on 01268 768282 for details,
Roy Hart



Rettendon Horticultural Society Summer show

Garden Judging - Sunday 5th July from 2pm

Why not enter your garden and see if you can win a cup. Classes in the Summer Show Schedule.

All types of garden can be entered, but also all standards - from new gardens to established, new gardeners to the old diggers.

Not onerous - just phone up Barbara Wright on 01245 321554 to book in your garden before Thursday, 2nd July. Entry for gardens is free.



Modern Line Dancing

50s=60s=70s=80s=90s Music

A good way of keeping fit and making friends;

New beginners classes starting on

Wednesday Morning July 8th 2026

10am - 11am

Bring a drink. All ages welcome.

**Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road,
CM3 8DP**

Phone 07948 108195 or just turn up.

BernardKearns100@gmail.com



**Battlesbridge Free Church
Outside Service (crazy weather permitting)**

Sunday, 12th July at 11am

As usual members of Rayleigh Brass will accompany our hymn/song singing. You are all warmly invited to join with us.



**LINE
DANCING
FOR
BEGINNERS**

Back by popular demand

WELCOME!

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8pm from 8th July

£5 PER PERSON

COME DOWN AND TRY OUT LINE DANCING!



Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main
Road, Chelmsford, CM3 8DP

CONTACT NIKI ON : 07403 383585

Rettendon Summer Show

Want to join in with the gang who are trying to run the forthcoming Village Show on July 11th? Vacancies for the brave or bored are still available - contact Hazel on 01245 401538.

**Raise Your Voice Community Choir
Concert at 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.

**ECHOES OF
HISTORY**

LIVING HISTORY & MILITARY SHOW

**Premier Living History and Military
Vehicle Show for East Anglia
Saturday, 18th July, & Sunday, 19th July
10am - 5pm**

Military vehicles, Re-enactments, Classic cars...

**At Living Memorial, Whitehouse Farm,
Rettendon, CM3 8DL**

Information/Tickets from website: [https://
www.echoesofhistoryshow.com/](https://www.echoesofhistoryshow.com/)

Pictures from website.



Rettendon Memorial Hall

BINGO NIGHT

**Friday, 31st July & 28th August
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/>

**Ray and Dave's Country Music Club
Ridgeway Country (4 piece band)**

Saturday, 1st August 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

<https://www.facebook.com/ridgewaycountry/photos>



All Saints' Church, Rettendon

Would like to express their thanks

for the **£945** raised

on the Bank Holiday Monday open day

Gale Fogg, Churchwarden

Battlesbridge Free Church

Hello Readers,

We had 30+ degree scorching
summer heat in May and by

June a 20 degree temperature drop to cold and

wet. Will global warming, or as they now call it,

"climate change" result in further freaky weather

this summer? Has that been to blame for what

we've had so far? The effects of the abnormal, the

unexpected things of life can be deeply troubling.

On 12th July at 11am we have our annual open

air service (crazy weather permitting!). As usual

the accompaniment to our hymn/song singing will

be provided by members of Rayleigh Brass. You

are all warmly invited to join with us. In that service

we will be worshipping God, who does not promise

to shield Christians or anyone else from the worst

weather or any other of life's tough challenges. We

are praying for a Christian family living in the war

zone in Beirut, Lebanon, for example. God's firm

promise is to stand with us and give us the

strength to cope with whatever comes our way. I

only write this because with me, in my life, I believe

He has kept that promise.

I wish you a great July and a splendid summer.

David Edwards



Memory Plant Sale, as advert in the May Newsletter, raised
a fabulous £890 for Alzheimer's Society.

Charities are struggling right now and this will help them guide
and support people affected by dementia and their families.

Coral Duvall, Plants For The Memory

Rettendon Horticultural Society

It's now only a couple of weeks until our main event of the year being the Summer Show taking place on Saturday 11th July. The show runs in conjunction with Rettendon Village Show on the cricket field behind the village hall and in the hall itself. Full information is elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Horticultural Society was formed in 1892 and a show has taken place every year since apart from the war years. It has always been an event looked forward to and has formed part of village life. Many horticultural societies are closing but Rettendon Horticultural Society is determined to keep going long into the future. However falling membership and aging core membership does make us vulnerable so please support us in our efforts to keep this event alive.

We desperately need help setting up and taking down the show so if you can spare some time on the afternoon of Thursday 9th and during the day on Friday 10th July that would be much appreciated.

The show schedule was delivered with a previous newsletter. There are classes for flowers, vegetables, fruit, drinks, cookery, preserves, needlecraft, handicraft and various age categories for children's entries. If you haven't entered before why not give it a try? There will be someone available to help new exhibitors.

There is still time to enter your garden for judging. See section E of the show schedule for details of how to enter and the different categories.

Looking forward our next event after the Summer Show will be the Autumn Show on Saturday 12th September in the village hall.

Let's hope for some good weather in the coming months so that we can enjoy the fruits of our efforts over the past months.

John Bruty, Chairperson

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

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

South Hanningfield Summer Garden Party **Saturday 22 August, from 3pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of live music with Craig Joseph, performing popular songs from across the decades. The event will be held in the field beside South Hanningfield Village Hall (weather permitting), or inside the hall on South Hanningfield Road, CM3 8HL. Food and drink stalls will be available (additional cost). Please bring your own blankets and camping chairs.

Tickets: Adults £8, Children £4, Under 5s free.
To book, email shvhall@gmail.com or call Clive on 07891 653238.

South Hanningfield Village Hall Charity



Laugh with Tim Vine one-liners

Why do porters get their own loos?

**Every since I gave up eating bread, I've lost loaves of weight
My favourite overweight 70's band were the Obesity Rollers.**



Little Mockingbirds

Baby & Toddler Sessions

Stories, rhymes & sensory experiences



Every Friday
9.30-11am
Little Darwins Nursery
Rettendon

For more information or to book a session email enquiries@littledarwins.co.uk

Rettendon Memorial Hall



We are now helping to prepare for the Summer show and looking forward to the hall being more fully used.

The Line Dancing has returned to Wednesdays, with two sessions. A morning session from 10 - 11am with Bernard Kearns, phone 07948 108195 or just turn up, and the evening session is resuming with Niki on call at 6:30 - 8pm. We are hopeful both will be of interest to different clientele.

Bowls is still in the afternoons from 2:30 - 4:30pm. It can get quite competitive at times, but they are a friendly lot really. Why not try it? Bring your own drink, though there is a kitchen there for use.

We have the community hub with food sharing, including much provided by the Hall management committee. Lots of chatter with neighbours, jokes (some a bit risqué but all in good heart), and news from around the parish. It may only be once a week, but does help with isolation and wellbeing of us all.

The Knit and Natter on alternative Wednesdays knits and other crafts for enjoyment, but some of it finds its way to hospitals and care homes. Wool and needles can be provided. We also have an extensive amount of card and paper cutters to make your own cards. Why not come and have a look?

We have some regular hirers, look in the diary for their days and times. And, of course, the hall can be hired for all sorts of events and parties. Why not use it? It has a lot to offer. Booking is easy by phoning the booking clerk, Dianne Francombe, on 01245 400297. Booking forms and terms and conditions are online.

For more information on the hall email the secretary, Barbara Wright, at rettendonmemorialhall@gmail.com.

Hall Management Committee

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



Rettendon and Battlesbridge Events Diary – JULY & AUGUST 2026



EVENT	DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Classic Motorcycle Show & Bike jumble	Sunday, 5 th July	10am – 5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☹	
Fishing at Battlesbridge	Sunday 5 th July	1pm	Hope Lake, Battlesbridge	Phone Roy Hart on 01268 768282
Summer Show Garden Judging	Sunday, 5 th July	2pm	Various	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rettendon Summer Show (entries)	Saturday, 11 th July	8 – 10:30am	Church Meadow & Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Rettendon Summer Show	Saturday, 11 th July	1 – 5pm	Church Meadow & Hall	Ret Hort soc, FRS and RCC.
Open Air Service (Rayleigh Brass)	Sunday, 12 th July	11am	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Echoes of History	Saturday, 18 th July & Sunday 19 th July	10am – 5pm	Living Memorial, Whitehouse Farm, CM3 8DL	
Raise Your Voice Choir Concert	Saturday, 18 th July	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 19 th July	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☹	
First Aid CPR & Defib Training	Friday, 24 th July	9:30 – 4:40pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RPC & ECFAEV
Garden Safari	Thursday, 30 th July	2pm	Various	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Ridgeway Country (4 piece band)	Saturday, 1 st August	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 16 th August	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☹	
South Hanningfield Summer Garden Party	Saturday, 22 nd August	3pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall (CM3 8HL)	

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 ●
Line dancing	Wednesdays	10 – 11am / 6:30 – 8pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Bernard Kerns (am) / Niki (pm)
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 / Pilots 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
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 st & 3 rd 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 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

Newsletter Quiz Night	Friday, 4 th September	7 for 7:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	RetBatNews
George Payling	Saturday 5 th September	7 – 11pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Ray & Dave's CMC
Autumn Show (entries)	Saturday, 12 th September	8:30am – 10:30am	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Autumns Show	Saturday, 12 th September	2 – 4:30pm	Rettendon Memorial Hall	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club	Sunday, 20 th September	9am	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☹	
Rayleigh Brass Band Concert	Saturday, 26 th September	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday, 27 th September	9am – 3pm	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	7 & 28 July, 18 Aug, 8 Sept
Goose Cottages, / Hayes Country Park	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm / 3:50pm – 4:20pm	9 & 30 July, 20 Aug, 10 Sept

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

★ <https://belvederejazz.co.uk/gigs/>

☞ www.rettendonbell.com

☹ <https://www.battlesbridge.com/>

→ <https://www.stowmaries.org.uk/>

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

Contact the compiler to add events.



First Aid Course - CPR & Defibrillator Training

Rettendon Memorial Hall CM3 8DP

On **Friday, 24th July, 2026**. Either an all day course with signs of strokes, heart attacks, diabetes, and background to it all, or just CPR and Defibrillator use.

Professional trainer with experience, personal knowledge and enthusiasm. **Barbara Wright, 01245 321554, barbara.wright@ecfaev.org**



Is your name Sally? Did you do some charity work in the Southend area with a chap called Peter some years ago? Want further information? Phone 01245 401538 (Hazel) for a link.

I went to the Royal Albert Hall and it was full of pushchairs. It was the Last Night of the Prams. (Courtesy of Tim Vine)



Garden Notes

Much busy, garden changes daily, annual dead stuff making big heaps. Finally found enough summer /autumn stuff to fill the holes.

Roll on September. **Mrs. McGregor**

The latest edition of the newsletter can be found on the website:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/retbatnews/>

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