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Macmillan Coffee Morning Battlesbridge Free Church Saturday, 3rd October 10am - 12:30pm



Home-made cakes and coffee (and tea) will be available.

We look forward to seeing you.

Rettendon Memorial Village Hall



As the chair of Rettendon Village Hall I would like to clear up any confusion or rumours regarding the hall.

Unfortunately we have had to close the hall at present, due to structural concerns. We have been in contact with our insurance company and it is in their hands at the moment.

Safety is my main priority. As and when we can reopen it will be done.

I would like to quash any rumours that it's being sold to knock it down or any other conspiracies.

As always I am happy to talk to anyone regarding the hall. Please find my contact details below.

Regards, Ed Cheater, RMVH chairman

tel: 07813 824598

Email: edwardcheater@googlemail.com.

Ray and Dave's Country Music Club

**Saturday, 3rd
October 2026**

Doors Open

7:00pm - 11pm

Sandon Village Hall,
CM2 7SQ

No bar - BYOD

Tea/Coffee & FOOD available

Join us for a great night of live music

- get up and dance or just sit and listen.

Contact: Ray 01245 472386 / 07791434118

(picture and logo from <https://jonnyandlynnette.com/>)

**JONNY
& LYNNETTE**



Rettendon Horticultural Society talk
in the afternoon

Richard III

**All Saints' Church, Rettendon
Wednesday, 14th October, 2026
2:30pm**



Tea, coffee and cakes available, Raffle,

Members free, non-members £3

Money raised will go to All Saints' Church.

We would like to thank the PCC for allowing
us to use the church for our events while the
hall is closed.

(picture taken from the web)



First Aid Course - CPR & Defibrillator Training

At Battlesbridge Free Church Hall.

On Friday, 16th October 2026

9am - 4:30pm.



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.

Donations to the Essex Community First Aid Events
Volunteers (ECFAEV) - the charity who provides
first aid at our summer show.

**To book a place please contact Ian Davey on
07989 272899 or email Barbara Wright on
barbara.wright@ecfaev.org**

Battlesbridge Quiz Night

Get prepared for this quizzential quiz night
on Saturday, 17th October at Battlesbridge
Free Church.

Usual rules apply: teams of up to eight, £5
per person, tea, coffee and biscuits at the
interval. Raffle.

Come with a team, or join up with those
there. Friendly, if competitive, atmosphere,
with eclectic questions.
be there or be square!?!

All monies to go to the church maintenance.

Rettendon Summer show

- a village - nay - a Parish show.

Although already a collaboration between
Rettendon Horticultural Society, Friends of
Rettendon School and Rettendon Cricket Club,
we would like some new people to join us.

Yes, always need help, setting up and
dismantling, as well as helping out with stalls -
but are we too set in our ways? Can you think of
a few new good ideas? Perhaps organise an
evening do in the marquee?

We want to widen our horizons and think outside
the box. Can you help?

Please get in touch with the usual culprit:

Barbara Wright on 01245 321554, email

RetHSsec@gmail.com. Or perhaps contact FRS
or the Cricket Club, we are all very friendly.

Battlesbridge Art Club Sale

Saturday, 14th November - 10:30am - 2pm

There will be a sale of Battlesbridge Free Church Art Club pieces on Saturday 14 November, in conjunction with Roche Art Club. It will be held in the Free Church hall from 10.30 - 2.00 pm.

Anyone can enter photos of art (or any medium). There will also be a children's art competition. All proceeds raised by the art sale will be donated to the Strep B group.

For further information please contact Rachel Livings. Her email address is rh75@btinternet.com.

We look forward to welcoming you.



ALL SAINTS – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Sorry to mention THAT word so soon after the holiday season!

We are planning our "showcase" open day of the year and the team needs your help to make it as successful as possible. Open events are a vital part of the fundraising needed to keep the church going for the village.

It would be great if you are able to help with any of the following:

Cakes for sale on the cake stall or the refreshments section. Freezable ones can be put in the church freezer at your convenience. Fancier ones can be brought on the day. (If you can let us know you'll be bringing one, that's helpful).

Raffle Prizes

Chocolate for a chocolate tombola. Large or small, from Freddos to Thornton's Continentals – everything welcome as that's the fun of a tombola. There will be a lidded box by the kitchen so the mice don't steal them.

Unused gifts/toiletries for the gift stall

Donations of food. From sandwiches to mince pies, please ask us if you are unsure. Again, we'd like an idea in advance of what to expect

Helpers on the day!!!! If you can spare an hour or two to help that would be fab.

Bottles for a bottle tombola. Not just booze, soft drinks, shampoo, anything in a bottle.

Small games. We'd like to have a few things like sweets in a jar, name the teddy, or anything along similar lines. Raffley but not actually a raffle. If you are willing to organise and run something, please let us know.

Please contact Lyn (01245 400468) or Gale (07736 108048) if you can help.

Battlesbridge Free Church

Hello Readers,

First, a reminder, although it should be screaming at you from the pages of your diaries already - 17th October - our next Quiz Night! Forget the debutantes ball and all the other top society events you were thinking of attending. THE event of the season is definitely our quiz night. As I have said before, be there or be square!?!

Last month we had our harvest festival celebrations. The dry goods and tinned foods we have been collecting together and the fresh produce with which the front of the church was so beautifully decorated will be distributed to needy folk locally via the Hopeworx Christian organisation.

At this time we are praying for and supporting a few people who are fighting the battle with cancer. If you would like prayer and encouragement in facing whatever struggles or challenges are before you, we would be glad to offer you our prayers and support also.

Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy autumn for being autumn, not just the starting line for the headlong sprint toward Christmas.

Blessings to you. **David Edwards**

Defibrillators in Rettendon Parish

Rettendon Parish Council has, at present, four defibrillators, monitored and maintained by Cllr. Barbara Wright. These are located at The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Memorial Hall, Battlesbridge Free Church Hall and Hayes Country Park Club House.

We are in the process of adding another one, courtesy of the Ivanhurst Motor company, on the Woodham Road. The defibrillator will be available to the public, and will be maintained by the Parish Council.

Hayes country Park residents are also hoping to add another defibrillator to their site outside the office.

The use of a defibrillator increases the chance of survival for someone having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest by **two to four times**. The sooner it is used the more chance of survival.

A defibrillator is easy to use, and will tell you what to do. Yes, most are in locked boxes but these can be accessed by phoning the Ambulance Service (which should happen in any case). The locked boxes ensure the defibrillator is there for use!

If you would like to try one out and how to do CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) there is a course coming up - see advert on the front page.

Garden Notes

It rained at last and finally the dust settled and the world turned green again.

We must re-learn our patches - plant garden size shade trees and tougher flowers!

Makes you think eh? A challenge!

Mrs. McGregor



Rettendon Horticultural Society

It's good to see some green grass but it's amazing how quickly it grows! The rain has encouraged a late flush of flowers and my garden is looking a lot happier.

Our Autumn Show took place on the 12th September in All Saints Church due to the hall remaining closed for safety reasons. The show was a great success and we had entries in most classes. Once again my thanks go to the church wardens for allowing the show to take place in the church.

It has been a successful year for the Society with three shows, two coach outings and a well attended talk. We have gained some new members this year and I am optimistic that the Society will continue long into the future. That said we do need to attract more new members.

Our next event is a talk on Wednesday 14th October starting at 2.30. The subject of the talk is Richard III Saint or Sinner. If the hall remains closed the venue will be All Saints Church. All welcome. Members free and a nominal charge of £3 for non members.

The school gardening club has resumed and the children are planting bulbs, winter flowering plants and in the vegetable plot, onions and broad beans.

Over the weekend of the 2nd to 4th October RHS Hyde Hall are holding their Celebration of Food show which includes vegetables grown and exhibited by some of the country's leading growers.

John Bruty, Chairperson

A.G.M. Tuesday 17th November - venue TBD

We will have an AGM this year, planned for Tuesday, 17th November, but the venue may have to be changed. We will keep you informed.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday, 10th December

We are in the process of booking Hyde Hall this year for our Christmas lunch. Please get in touch with me for booking your place. There may be a limited number of spaces so the sooner the better. It looks as if there are choices of two or three menu options, and a chance to look round Hyde Hall gardens. We will know more later.

Barbara Wright, Secretary, phone 01245

321554 email: RetHSsec@gmail.com

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

2026 Autumn show Cup Winners:

The Chrysanthemum cup:	John Bruty
The Richard Cannon Cup:	John Bruty
The Dahlia cup:	Matthew Oliver
The Jane Fallows cup:	Matthew Oliver
The Laurie Cup for other flowers:	Hazel Dale-Evans
The F & H cup for Flower Arranging:	Sally Marshall
The Bartlett Cup for Vegetables:	John Bruty
The Dale cup for Fruit:	Paul Wright

Why did you kick that computer? Because it told me to boot it up!
What is the best way to break a computer? Let a grown-up use it.
How did ancient warriors learn their skills? At knight school.
How did Vikings send secret messages? By Norse code.



All Saints' Church

We are coming up to one of our busy times of the year as a church with plenty going on over the next few months.

Starting with our Harvest festival on Sunday 18th October 11:15.

On Sunday 1st November we will be holding our annual memorial service at St Nicholas Church Rawreth 3pm. If you would like us to remember your loved ones then please do reach out to either the church wardens or one of the ministry team. All are welcome to join us.

8th November we will hold our Remembrance Sunday service at 10:45 am.

On Sunday 13th December at 11:15 there will be our Carol Service in All Saints, however there will also be a benefice wide carol service at 3pm at St Nicholas Church, Rawreth. On Christmas Eve we will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist at 9pm All Saints Church. And a Christmas Day service at 10am at St Nicholas Church Rawreth.

You are very welcome to any or all of our services and if you would like more information then please do not hesitate to reach out to the Church.

With God's Blessing, Steve Lissendon,
Rector of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon and
Priest in charge of Hockley.

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL contact details

Emma Terris, Parish Council Clerk tel: 07852 138878

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The Parish council website is: <https://www.rettendonpc.org.uk/>

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

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Definitions not in the dictionary.

Apex - a gorilla's old girlfriend

Dogmatic - a robot dog

Kinetics - the science of understanding your family

Romantic - an Italian biting insect





Rettendon and Battlesbridge Events Diary – OCTOBER 2026



EVENT	DAY / DATE	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Rayleigh Brass Band Concert	Saturday, 26 th September	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church (SS11 7RE)	
60s & 70s Party	Saturday, 26 th September	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 ☎	
Autumn Autojumble	Sunday, 27 th September	9am – 3pm	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☎	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 29 th September	7:30pm	Hayes County Park Club House SS11 7GH	Rettendon PC ☎
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Saturday, 3 rd October	10am – 12:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Jonny & Lynette	Saturday, 3 rd October	7 – 11pm	See adverts for venue	Ray & Dave's CMC
Karaoke with Richie	Saturday, 3 rd October	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 ☎	
Antiques Vintage & Craft Fair	Sunday, 4 th October	9:30am – 4:30pm	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☎	
Jazz at the Movies	Wednesday, 7 th October	6:20 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club ★
Richard III – history talk	Wednesday, 14 th October	2:30pm	All Saints' Church (TBC)	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
First Aid Course	Friday, 16 th October	9 – 4:30pm	Venue TBC	RPC + ECFAEV
Battlesbridge Quiz Night	Saturday, 17 th October	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Harvest Festival	Sunday, 18 th October	11:15am	All Saints, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Ray Gelato & the Giants	Wednesday, 21 st October	6:20 – 10:45pm	Rettendon Lodge	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club ★
Halloween Party	Saturday, 31 st October	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	See website for venue	Rettendon PC ☎
Bowls / outdoor meeting	Mondays	2:30 – 4:30pm	Church Meadow (behind Hall)	Bowls group
Community Hub	Wednesdays	12 – 2pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Knit and Natter	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	2 – 4pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Art Group / Pilots Youth Group	Wednesdays	2 – 4pm / 6:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall (SS11 7RE)	
Jazz & Music Supper club	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	6:20 – 10:15pm	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club ★	
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)	
Raise Your Voice Community Choir	Fridays	7pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice Choir
Country and Western	1 st Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	See adverts for venue	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

Annual Memorial Service	Sunday, 1 st November	3pm	St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth, SS11 8SH	
Bonfire Night	Saturday, 7 th November	5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ☎	
Brian Mann	Saturday, 7 th November	7 – 11pm	See adverts for venue	Ray & Dave's CMC
Karaoke with Richie	Saturday, 7 th November	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 ☎	
Remembrance Service	Sunday, 8 th November	10:45am	All Saints, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Art Sale	Saturday, 14 th November	10:30am - 2pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall	Battlesbridge Art Group
A.G.M. & Christmas Social	Tuesday, 17 th November	7:30pm	All Saints' Church (CM3 8DR)	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday, 28 th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES 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	20 th Oct, 10 th Nov,
Goose Cottages, / Hayes Country Park	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm / 3:50pm – 4:20pm	1 st & 22 nd Oct., 12 th Nov.

☎ <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/> Contact compiler to add events.

Little Mockingbirds Baby and Toddler sessions

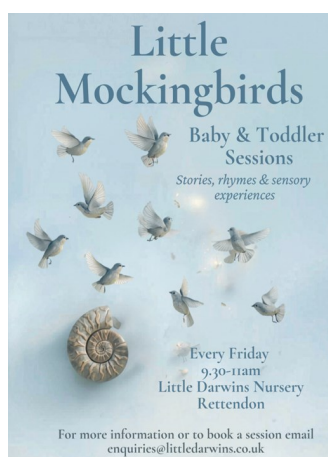
Every Friday Little Darwin's Nursery, Rettendon
Anyone is welcome to attend.
There are 2 sessions as below;

- ◆ 6 months – 12 months
9.15am – 9.45am
- ◆ 13 months – 2 years
9.45am – 10.15am

We are asking for £1 per child and numbers are limited.

For more information or to book a place parents/carers can email

enquiries@littledarwins.co.uk



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Tim Vine; "Time for the bird of prey quiz. Fingers on buzzards"