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Ray and Dave's Country Music Club
Saturday, 7th November, 2026



BRIAN MANN

Doors Open 6:30pm - 11pm
Sandon Village Hall,
CM2 7SQ

Join us for a great night of live music
- get up and dance or just sit and listen.
No bar - BYOD - Tea/Coffee & FOOD available.
Raffle Entrance £9
Contact : Ray 01245 472386
or Celia 07791 434118
(Picture from: https://www.facebook.com/groups/539037366673112/?locale=en_GB)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
All Saints' Church, Rettendon
8th November Service at 10:45am
ALL WELCOME
As relevant today as it has always been.
"We will remember them"

Battlesbridge Art Club Sale
Saturday, 14th November - 10:30am - 3pm
Battlesbridge Free Church Hall



There will be a sale of Battlesbridge Free Church Art Club pieces in conjunction with Roche Art Club.
There will be art demonstrations, tea, coffee and cakes.
All proceeds raised by the art sale will be donated to the Group B Strep Support. It's a charity support group for those families whose new-born babies are infected with sepsis, meningitis and pneumonia.



For further information please contact Rachel Livings; her email address is rh75@btinternet.com
We look forward to welcoming you.

Rettendon Horticultural Society
A.G.M. and Social Evening
Tuesday 17th November 7:30pm
VENUE TBD (Hall or Church)
The minutes of the last AGM and the agenda for this one will be sent out in advance by email, or post. Please get in touch with Barbara Wright, secretary, tel: 01245 321554, email RetHSsec@gmail.com, if you do not receive by Friday,13th November.
We will keep you informed.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
28TH NOVEMBER 2026
10:30am to 3pm

Not long to go until the big day. Start getting some presents and help the Church remain in the heart of the community.

There will be gifts, raffle, tombolas, jewellery, books, DVDs and CDs, and, of course, teas, coffees, light lunches and cakes - to eat there or take away for later. Even the bric-a-brac has some brand new items with boxes. Games and things for the children to do: make a Christmas badge, make their own Christmas cards, or present tag; we even have a few colour-your-own jigsaws.

As always a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours over a tea/coffee and cake. It is not too early to exchange Christmas cards - which will also be on sale.

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

THE RETTENDON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1188518
ALMSHOUSE ASSOCIATION NO 1717

MEESON BUNGALOWS, RETTENDON

Applications are being sought from qualifying persons for the almshouses in Rettendon.

The accommodation comprises a single storey, terraced-cottage with two bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen and shower room. There is full electric central heating.

Weekly Maintenance Contributions (rent equivalent) **£163.20**

Residents are responsible for their own utility bills and council tax.

To apply, persons should be resident in the village of Rettendon, in need of housing accommodation. Applicants should be able to illustrate their need to the Trustees.

Application forms may be obtained from:

CLARE HEYES
CLERK TO THE CHARITY
TELEPHONE NUMBER 07803 908686
Clare.heyes@keyline.plus.com

Closing date for applications
27th November 2026

Proposed Plans for a Pavilion on the Bell Fields

Venue: Living Memorial, Whitehouse Farm, Rettendon, CM3 8DL.
Meeting date: 9th November 2026
Open from 3pm to 6.30pm

On behalf of the Trustees of the Bell Fields and the Parish Council we wish to invite you all as parishioners of Rettendon and Battlesbridge to view the proposed plans and consider costings at an open meeting for a proposed new recreational Pavilion to be constructed on the Upper Bell Field.

The new Pavilion (subject to planning approval) will replace the existing pre-fabricated concrete building and will offer increased opportunities for public hire and the potential return of South Woodham Ferrers football club along with other sporting activities to the area.

In addition to the information we will have available on the day, we would very much welcome any questions or comments that you may have in connection with the project, the structure, facilities available, plans for the future of the Pavilion and finally feedback.

It is vitally important that you all have your say, whether you feel invested or not in this project. Please make sure that you let us know either way.

This new building will be for the benefit of us all as parishioners, and as such your input and opinions are vital to its success now and in the future.

Please come along and see the vision for the future of the Bell Field.

We look forward to meeting with you all.

Bell Field Trustees and Parish Councillors

Rettendon Horticultural Society Christmas Lunch at Hyde Hall Thursday, 10th December - 12:30 pm



Cost is ~£30 (for any non-members of the Royal Horticultural Society there is a nominal £3 entry charge which will be paid by our society. Royal HS members can take a guest so please let us know if you are a member).

Please get in touch with our chairman, John Bruty, email john.bruty212@gmail.com or tel: 07732 744162, for details, menu and for booking your place.

There may be a limited number of spaces so the sooner the better.

There are choices of two or three menu options and two or three courses, and a chance to look round Hyde Hall gardens.

First Aid Course - CPR & Defibrillator Training

This went very well and we would like to thank Rettendon Parish Council for the hall hire for this valuable training.

We now have more people in the Parish who have the confidence to respond in an emergency and know how to save lives.

If you missed this opportunity and would like to know about CPR, and more, please get in touch with me, **Barbara Wright** on 01245 321554, or email me at barbara.wright@ecfaev.org.

ALL SAINTS – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

It is getting much closer to Christmas now so just the time to perhaps clear some space ready. The All Saints' team need your help to make this the best "showcase" open day they have had, so please look around and see if there are any of the following with which you can help:

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



Greetings Readers,

In the last few weeks there has been a fair amount of life going on around me. My mother has had a stroke from which she is recovering very well. This has meant hospital visits, speaking to doctors and nurses, sharing more closely than usual with my brother and sister.

I have officiated at the funeral of a dear Christian friend. That involved meeting with members of his family, mutual support through the pain of bereavement, and communal rejoicing that my Christian friend is now with the Lord in heaven.

I play bowls. Recently, I have experienced the enthusiasm of two people new to the sport and their huge desire to learn and improve.

Four people within my circle of friends and acquaintances currently have cancer.

What do I say to people? What do I do? My answers come from God in prayer and through the love and encouragement of my church and my family. I really hope that whatever November hands you to deal with, you will also be able to find sufficient answers for yourselves.

David Edwards

South Hanningfield Village Hall CM3 8HL
is holding a Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fayre
on Saturday, 21st November from 10.30am to 4pm.
There will be lots of Christmas crafts, gifts, festive refreshments and a Raffle. Free Entry. Over 30 craft and gift stalls with a wide range of items for sale as festive gifts.
For further information, please contact Clive on 07891 653238 or email vallisc@aol.com.

We invite you to **The Raise your Voice Community Choir Christmas concert,** who will be performing on



Friday 11th December
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. There is a mix of traditional carols and other songs.
We look forward to seeing you.

All Saints' Church at Christmas

As we approach Christmas, our services in church will be as follows; all are welcome to all or any of them.

We are having our **Christmas bazaar on Saturday 28th November.**

We have a **carol service on Sunday 13th December, at 11:15** and then our **Benefice wide carols by candlelight** in the afternoon of the **13th at St Nicholas Church, Rawreth 3 pm.**

Christmas Eve, we are having our **Eucharist at 9 pm** on 24th December.

Christmas Day service will be at St Nicholas Church, Rawreth 10 am.

Sunday, 27th December, the service will be at St Thomas, Hullbridge.

Revd. Steve Lissenden.

Community Lunch Hub



This is still going strong , but venue is All Saints' Church until further notice. Now having hot, heartwarming, home-made soup with bread and butter. Tea, coffee and cakes as well.

Come and meet neighbours and friends to chat and catch up on news and rumours.

Knit and Natter 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month.



A BIG Thank you from Barbara and Paul

Heartfelt thanks to all who attended our birthday gathering. It was rather overwhelming, especially receiving gifts we did not expect (should have said but everything happened so quickly!).
Thank you - they will all be put to good use, and remind me of the day as some, with luck and green fingers, will flower every year.
Thank you for the lovely thoughts and good wishes we take on for the next part of the journey.

Tim Vine laughs: (I've seen him do it!).
I got food poisoning off an Italian dessert. I've a good mind to tiramisu the company.
I thought Tom Cruise was a boating holiday for cats.
I went to a posh party and everyone was drinking and knitting.
I got Pimms and needles.

Rettendon Horticultural Society

Autumn has arrived but it's still warm and gardens are looking good. Fortunately the grass appears to be slowing down. It's now time to put the garden to bed but we also need to plan for next year by planting Spring bulbs. It's a good time to plant daffodils but best to wait until November to plant tulips. November is also a good time to sow sweet pea seeds for early flowers next year. Essential to provide some protection from mouse attack.

Our experiment to hold talks in the afternoon is proving to be successful. Our recent talk on 1066 and the Battle of Hastings was well attended. Our thanks once again goes to the Church Wardens for allowing us to use the Church whilst the hall remains closed.

Our next event is the AGM on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30. If the hall is open that will be the venue. Notice will be given if it is to be elsewhere. We aim to keep official business to a minimum so we can enjoy a relaxed evening with festive refreshments. Our Christmas lunch is now booked for Hyde Hall on Thursday 10th December.

John Bruty, Chairperson

For more information on the Society contact:

Barbara Wright, Secretary, phone 01245 321554
email: RetHSsec@gmail.com
Website: https://e-voice.org.uk/rethortsoc/

Defibrillators in Rettendon Parish

All have public access for 24hrs (except where marked).
Ones maintained by Rettendon Parish Council:

- Rettendon Memorial Hall.
- Battlesbridge Free Church.
- Rettendon Bell.
- Hayes Country Park Club House and one at the office.
- Ivanhurst Woodham Road.

Ones maintained by East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST):

1) In the reception area of Rettendon Lodge.
2) The outside seating area of 'One Green Bottle' in Muggeridge Farm Antiques Centre.
3) Outside no.5 Mayphil Park - the 999 call handlers have the gate code for night access.
4) (Close, but not in Our Parish and access only 8.00 - 17 00) outside Nanny Kaye's Farm shop on A1245.

PLUS

- Battlesbridge Railway Station platform (maintained by Greater Anglia).
- Finally there is one in the foyer of The Hawk that is accessible when the pub is open (owned and maintained by the brewery).

All of the EEAST ones, the station one and the RPC ones are on 'The Circuit' - the system 999 call handlers access when informing callers of the nearest unit.

A defibrillator is easy to use. Phone the Ambulance Service to access, and keep them on the line as they will take you through everything including CPR.

Know where your local defibrillators are - search the website: https://www.defibfinder.uk/.

Rettendon and Battlesbridge Events Diary – NOVEMBER 2026

EVENT	DAY / DATE	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISATION
Halloween Party	Saturday, 31st October	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 🔔	
Annual Memorial Service	Sunday, 1st November	3pm	St. Nicholas' Church, Rawreth, (SS11 8SH)	
Bond & Beyond 007 music	Wednesday, 4th November	6:20 – 10:15pm	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club★	
Bonfire Night	Saturday, 7th November	5pm	Battlesbridge Antiques, SS11 7RF ⌘	
Brian Mann	Saturday, 7th November	7 – 11pm	Sandon Village Hall, CM2 7SQ	Ray & Dave's CMC
Karaoke with Richie	Saturday, 7th November	8pm	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 🔔	
Remembrance Service	Sunday, 8th November	10:45am – sharp!	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Bell Fields Pavilion Plans	Monday, 9th November	3pm – 6:30pm	Living Memorial, Whitehouse Farm, CM3 8DL	Trustees & RPC
Art Sale with demos	Saturday, 14th November	10:30am - 3pm	Battlesbridge Free Church Hall	Battlesbridge Art Group
A.G.M. & Christmas Social	Tuesday, 17th November	7:30pm	All Saints' Church (CM3 8DR) TBC	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
T J Johnson Quartet	Wednesday, 18th November	6:20 – 10:15pm	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club★	
Christmas Crafts and Gift Fayre	Saturday, 21st November	10:30am – 4pm	South Hanningfield Village Hall (CM3 8HL)	
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday, 28th November	10:30am – 3pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
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⊗
Community Hub	Wednesdays	12 – 2pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon (CM3 8DR)	
Knit and Natter	1st & 3rd 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	1st & 3rd 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)	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
Country and Western	1st Saturday in Month	7pm – 11pm	See adverts for venue	Ray & Dave's CMC
Music Bingo	3rd Saturday in the Month	Evenings	The Bell & Chimes, Rettendon (CM3 8DY) 01245 523426 🔔	
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
Longshot duo	Saturday, 5th December	7 – 11pm	Sandon Village Hall, CM2 7SQ	Ray & Dave's CMC
Hort Soc. Christmas Lunch	Thursday, 10th December	12:30pm	Hyde Hall, Rettendon	Rettendon Hort. Soc.
Raise Your Voice Concert	Friday, 11th December	7 for 7:30pm	Battlesbridge Free Church	Raise Your Voice Community Choir
Carol Service	Sunday, 13th December	11:15am	All Saints' Church, Rettendon, (CM3 8DR)	
Carol Service	Sunday, 13th December	3pm	St. Nicholas' Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, 15th December	7:30pm	TBC	Rettendon Parish Council⊗
End of Year Gala	Wednesday, 16th December	6:20 – 10:15pm	Belvedere Jazz & Music Supper Club★	
Candlelight Eucharist	Thursday, 24th December	9pm	All Saints' Church, Rettendon, (CM3 8DR)	
Christmas Day Service	Friday, 25th December	10am	St Nicholas' Church, Rawreth (SS11 8SH)	
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		10th Nov, 1st & 22nd Dec
Goose Cottages, / Hayes Country Park	Thursday	3:10pm – 3:40pm / 3:50pm – 4:20pm		12th Nov, 3rd Dec.

⊗ https://www.rettendon-pc.gov.uk/ or Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/rettndonparishccouncil/
★ 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

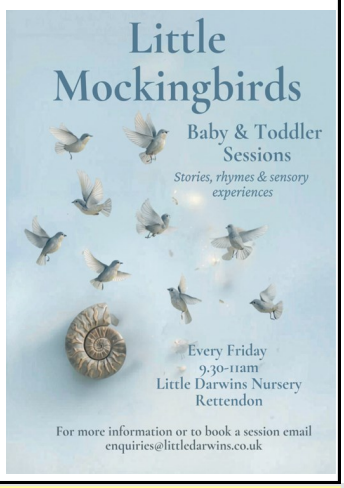
Anyone is welcome to attend.

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



Time Vine says:
(Exhale wistfully) Try that for sighs.
I caught an infection at my karate class. It was kung flu.

Garden Notes

The autumn show has been great.
Time for tidying & splitting clumps of perennials to give them new ground. Weed carefully & spread mulch - the bulbs will love it, and the reward is a brilliant spring show.
Good gardens never sleep… **Mrs. McGregor**

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

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