LEAVENHEATH LINK

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Welcome to November

As we take time to reflect on Remembrance Sunday and enjoy the sparkle of Bonfire Night, the festive calendar is already beginning to take shape as Christmas preparations get underway.

Please forward this newsletter to others and ask them to contact us directly to be added to mailing list. Encourage those you know who cannot access the *Leavenheath Link* online to pick up a copy from one of the distribution points – the two bus shelters, outside the hall, the Hare & Hounds or the doctors surgery in Nayland.

If you know of any events in and around the area, please do let us know for future issues. Without your input we will have blank pages!

All information included in the *Link* is correct to the best of our knowledge.

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Thank you

Jill and Jane

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1st	**First Sunday**	9.30 am village hall
Weds 4th	**Parish Council**	7 – 9 pm in the hall meeting room. VACANCY for Parish Clerk. Full details on the Parish website: www.leavenheath-pc.gov.uk/news/vacancy-leavenheath-parish-clerk
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance**	Service at 9.30am in St Matthew's (Leavenheath's war memorial is inside St Matthew's church)
Tues 10 & 24	**Get Together Tuesday**	11-1.00 in village hall – all welcome Refreshments and chat
Saturday 14th	**Coffee morning**	10 am At the village hall
Saturday 14th	**Vinyl Record Sales**	9-1 village hall car park
Saturday 14th	**Soul Groove Dance Party**	7.30 pm Hare & Hounds
Sunday 15th	**Evening Praise service**	6.30 pm at the village hall
Tuesday 17th	**Crochet, craft & coffee**	2.00 pm in the village hall
Thursday 19th	**Youth Hub for 10-13 yrs**	7.30 pm in the village hall
Saturday 21st	**Mobile Library**	12.15-12.35 Village Hall car park 12.40-1.00 Maple Way
Sunday 22nd	**Holy Communion**	11.15 am St Matthew's
Thursday 26th	**Health Walk & Talk**	2.00 pm in Village Hall
Sunday 29th	**Christmas Fayre**	11-3 pm in the village hall – a range of stalls selling gifts and festive treats. £2 entry includes free hot or cold drink.

Toy collection for the Community Pantry Christmas box. Ann – 07707 899495

Lest we Forget

I have applied to the television show The Repair Shop to attend to my father's WWII bravery certificate. Father tried to save a man who had fallen overboard. He was awarded a certificate from the Royal Humane Society for his actions in 1942. The certificate has faded and I am hoping The Repair Shop can restore it. World War II had ended only a few years before I was born and I well recall seeing legions of men marching with their medals to church for the Remembrance Day Services and the Royal British Legion was paramount amongst those former Servicemen and women. My auntie would carry the banner for the women's section of the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Day. Today very few of those fighting men from World War II are still with us but conflict seems never ending. The fighting in Ukraine has been going on now nearly 5 years and shows no end in sight. The United States against Iran and Israel fighting Iran and Lebanon.

I fail to understand why there should be such conflict; why we seem unable to live in peace with each other. The Lord calls for us to Love Our Neighbour but we seem unable to obey that command. However the fallen still deserve our respect which is why every year we hold Remembrance Services to remember those who died in conflict past. We also pray for those who are still involved in conflict throughout the world and pray that such conflicts will come to an end. So join us at our Services of Remembrance at your local church where you can truly say We Will Remember Them.

Lt Col (Retd) Jim Bond, Church Elder



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Diary dates for Leavenheath

Sunday 20 December	**'Arthur Christmas'**	Film 3.00 pm in the hall www.trybooking.com/uk/HDVB
Thursday 31 December	**New Year's Eve Party**	From 7.30pm in the hall. www.trybooking.com/uk/HBBV
Saturday 10th January 2027	**Village Lunch**	in the village hall.

Further Afield in November

Sun 1st	**Record Fair**	10.00-3 pm	Sudbury Arts Centre – bargains, collectables, memorabilia
Sun 1st	**Men's Walk & Talk**	10.00 am	Kingfisher Leisure Centre Sudbury. 1st Sunday of each month
Sun 1st	**Christmas Fair**	10.00-3 pm	Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard, Sudbury
Sun 1st	**Wifi Wars**	3.00 pm	Quay Theatre Sudbury. Audience participation game show https/www.quaysudbury.co/events
Sun 1st	**All Souls Service**	4.00 pm	St Mary's Stoke. Remembering our dearly departed.
Thu 5 & Fri 6	**Christmas Fair**	6.00-9.00pm	St Mary's Edwardstone CO10 5PH Friday 9.00-1.00 pm
Thurs 5th	**Bonfire/Fireworks**	From 6 pm	Nayland Village Hall www.naylandcomunitycouncil.org.uk
Thurs 5th	**Fireworks**	7.00 pm	Castle park, Colchester. Entertainment from 5.30 pm
Fri 6th	**Concert**	7.30 pm	Long Melford Silver Band, Military Wives Choir, Clare Church
Sat 7th	**Craft Fair**	10.00–3 pm	Assington Barn Café in aid of Gt Ormond St Children's Hospital
Sat 7th	**Craft Fair**	10.00-3.pm	Craft Fair, First Site Colchester
Sat 7th	**Afternoon Tea**	2.30 - 5 pm	St Mary's, Bures. £15.Bookings: Jenny Wright 01787 227750
Sat 7th	**Art Club**	2.30 pm	Saracens Head, Newton Green CO10 0QJ 01787 379036
Sat 7th	**Fireworks**	From 6 pm	Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard. Low noise display 7.00 pm
Sun 8th	**Remembrance Services**	10.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	St Mary's Church Wiston St James Church Nayland St Mary's Polstead followed by wreath laying at Stoke Memorial
Sun 8th	**Family Fun Day**	11.00-4 pm	Great Bromley Village Hall CO7 3JA. Free games and activities
Weds 11th	**Remembrance**	10.55 am	Nayland War Memorial. Wreath laying, with Royal British Legion
Weds 11 & 25	**Fleece Jazz**	7.30 pm	SbN Resort. £25 per person. www.fleecejazz.org.uk
Thurs 12 & 26	**Baby & Toddlers**	9.30-11 am	Assington Village Hall. £3 per family
13th – 15th	**Literary Festival**		Lavenham. Info from www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk
Sat 14th	**Writing Workshop**	1.30 pm	Sudbury Arts Centre, Working with dialogue
Sat 14th	**Quiz**	7.00 pm	Ansell Centre Hadleigh IP7 5DL Book: Sharon 07999 051401
Sun 15th	**Hansel & Gretel**	12.30/3pm	Quay Theatre Sudbury, children's theatre show Tickets £6.
Sun 15th	**Concert**	7.30 pm	St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – Cambridge Renaissance Voices
Fri 20th	**Polstead Cinema**		"& Sons" with Imelda Staunton/Bill Nighy. Polstead Village hall
Sat 21st	**Sudbury Sounds**	7.30 pm	Sudbury Arts Centre, showcasing local bands https://www.sudburysounds.com/
Fri 27th	**Nayland Cinema**	7.30 pm	"The Christophers". Village hall. Supper club from 6 pm.
Sat 28th	**Christmas Fayre**	10.30-3.30	Hadleigh Methodist Church
Sat 28th	**Christmas Cracker**	11.00-3 pm	Polstead VH. Games, stalls & family fun. Xmas outfits a must.
Sat 28th	**Christmas Fair**	11.00-3 pm	Bull Hotel, Long Melford with Winstons Wheels
Sat 28th	**Wreath Making**	2.30 pm	Saracens Head Newton Grn CO10 0QJ £45 01787 379036
Sun 29th	**Benefice Service**	10.00 am	St Mary's Polstead

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