



Autumn is here

and our local churches are holding their harvest festivals. Leavenheath's celebration will take place in the Village Hall on the 4th and, especially as we live in a farming area, everyone is warmly invited to give thanks for the food we enjoy, and show appreciation for our hardworking farmers and their teams.

Tinned food or dry goods for the community pantry very welcome.

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

Please forward this newsletter to others and encourage them to join the mailing list. If you'd prefer not to receive future emails, let us know and we'll remove you from the list.

We often don't hear of things until it is too late so if you're organising an event or have something you'd like to publicise, do get in touch in plenty of time. Find us on Facebook or email:

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Happy reading.

Jill and Jane

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Upcoming Events

We make no excuse for giving a big plug to the snail race on **17th October**, an event we are organising.

This is a hugely enjoyable, family friendly evening and for a very worthwhile cause. Bets are only £1 each. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

They love a run out and these snails won't eat your plants!

THE GREAT SNAIL RACE

LEAVENHEATH VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM, FIRST RACE 7PM



Tickets: Sarah (07761 763917) or Jane (07909 875892)
£5 for adults, £3 for teenagers & FREE for under 12s.

Bring your family, friends & neighbours plus your favourite food and drink for an exciting evening!

Raising funds towards a toilet and servery in St Matthew's Church
Organised by Friends of St Matthew's

Saturday 3rd	Oktoberfest	5.00 pm at the Hare & Hounds
Sunday 4th	First Sunday Harvest	From 9.30 in the village hall.
Tuesday 6th	Women's Institute	1.30 pm in the hall Talk "A Life on the Ocean Wave"
Saturday 10th	Coffee morning	From 10 am to noon in the hall.
Sunday 11th	Morning Prayer	9.30am in St Matthew's
Sunday 11th	Bingo	2.00 pm in the hall with Dame Dottie
	Dab-It – tickets £10 including six games, a drink and slice of cake. Tickets from Greg on 07977 738649 or www.trybooking.com/uk/GUHR	
Tuesday 13th	Leavenheath Ladies	7.45 pm in the hall – AGM
Thursday 15th	Youth Hub	7.30 pm in the village hall
	Monthly meet up for youngsters aged 10-13. Cost £2 per session.	
Saturday 17th	Mobile Library	12.15 Wrights Way; 12.40 Maple Way
Saturday 17th	Snail Race	7.00pm in the hall – see poster above
Sunday 18th	Evening Praise	6.30 pm in the village hall
Tuesday 20th	Crochet, craft & coffee	2.00 pm in the village hall
Tuesday 20th	Village Hall AGM	6.30 pm in meeting room at the hall
	Come along to hear updates on the running of the hall and plans for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome.	
Sunday 25th	Holy Communion	11.15 am St Matthew's
Tuesday 27th	Tues Get Together	11-1.00 pm Village Hall
	Then every 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday – social gathering with refreshments for all	
Thursday 29th	Walk with a Doc	2.00 pm at the hall.

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Diary dates for Leavenheath

Thursday 19 November	Quiz in the Hare and Hounds pub. <i>Postponed to the new year</i>
Sunday 29 November	Christmas Fayre <i>Stall holders wanted.</i>
If you are interested in booking a stall please contact villagehallatleavenheath@gmail.com or via the website www.leavenheathvillage.com . £15.00 for a six foot table.	
Sunday 20 December	Children's film show 3.00 pm Leavenheath village hall
Thursday 31 December	New Year's Eve Party Leavenheath village hall

Further Afield in October

Fri 2nd	1st year Anniversary	7.00 pm	Elvis tribute at Shoulder of Mutton, Assington
Sat 3rd	Craft Fair	10 – 3 pm	First Site, Lewis Gardens, Colchester CO1 1JH
Sun 4th	Men's Walk & Talk	10.00 am	Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Sudbury CO10 2SU
Tue 6th	Life Support Training	6.30 pm	Church Hall, Bear Street Nayland – Free
Wed 7th	Working Party	10 – 12.30 pm	St Mary's churchyard, Polstead, bring gloves
Thu 8 & 22	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30 am	Assington Village Hall. £3 per family 07747 124592
Fri 9/Sat 10	Moon, Magic, Mystery		Colchester Castle – explore the unexplained
Sat 10th	Free Family Fun Day	10 – 3 pm	Ipswich Park & Ride, London Road, inc bike checks
Sat 10/Sun 11	Pick Your Own Pumpkins	and 17/18 th	and in half term – Siam Hall, Boxford CO10 5LA
Sat 10th	Jumble Sale	2.00 pm	Community Centre, Bures St Mary
Sun 11th	Craft Market	10 – 3 pm	Arts Centre, Market Square, Sudbury
Sun 11th	Afternoon tea & fizz	2.30 pm	St Mary's Kersey with "The Three Chordettes" Tickets £25 from fosmkersey@gmail.com or 07721 625932
Sat 17th	Sudbury Guided Tour	11.00 am	Tickets from Tourist Information Centre CO10 1TL
Wed 21st	Life Support Training	6.30 pm	Nayland Village Hall – Free
Wed 21-Sun 25	Circus		The Green Long Melford – www.circusfantasia.co.uk
Fri 23rd	Polstead Cinema	7.00 pm	"The Devil Wears Prada 2" – Polstead village hall
Sat 24th	Hallowe'en Drag Bingo	7.00 pm	Long Melford Football Club CO10 9JZ www.eventbrite.com/e/1987003454822?aff=oddtcreator
Sun 25th	Antiques/Vintage Fair	10 – 3 pm	Arts Centre, Market Square, Sudbury
Wed 28th	The Alice Project	7.30 pm	Colchester Arts Centre, Church St CO1 1NF A musical journey through the wonderland of Alice: https://www.colchesterartscentre.com
Fri 30th	Dracula the Panto	7.30 pm	Quay Theatre, Sudbury. "A hilarious spoof" £15
Fri 30th	Nayland Cinema	7.30 pm	"Is this Thing On?" Nayland Village Hall

To let us know of any events for the November or December issues contact us at jill.dunkley@yahoo.co.uk