



LAVENHAM

# VILLAGE HALL TIMES

WHAT'S ON GUIDE

Autumn 2016



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PRESENTS

# PROGRESSIVE CHICAGO BRIDGE

OPEN TO ALL

**23rd November**

**2pm - 5pm**

**£7.50 per player**  
including Tea,  
Sandwiches & Cake

**Purchasing your tickets in advance  
will secure your places!**

For further information please contact  
Lavenham Village Hall, Church St, Lavenham CO10 9QT  
Tel:01787 248599

# Lavenham Village Hall - What's On

## Regular Weekly Events

### Monday

Zumba	6.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing	8.00pm

### Tuesday

Carpet Bowls	10.00am-12.30pm
Taoist Tai Chi	1.00pm- 4.00pm
Badminton	8.00pm-10.30pm
Friendship Club	2.00pm- 4.00pm

*Every other week*

### Wednesday

Art for Fun	10.00am-12.30pm
Strength & Balance	1.00pm- 2.00pm

### Thursday

Coffee Morning	10.30am- 12 noon
<i>coffee,bacon rolls,chat..all welcome</i>	
Badminton	9.30am-12.30pm
Slimming World	3.30,5.30 & 7.30pm
Carpet Bowls	7.30pm-10.00pm

### Friday

*\*term time only*

Yoga*	10.00am
Slimming World	10.00am
Beavers* <i>every other week</i>	6.15pm
Cubs, Scouts & Explorers*	6.30pm

### For further information...

...on these or any other events held at Lavenham Village Hall or the sports Pavilion please go to our website:

[lavenhamvillagehall.com](http://lavenhamvillagehall.com)

## Monthly Events

### Wednesday (Every First)

Flix in the Stix	7.30pm
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### Wednesday (Every Second)

Oddfellows	7pm - 10pm
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### Wednesday (Every Third)

Lavenham Art Society	7pm - 10pm
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### Tuesday (Every Fourth)

Gardening Club	7.30pm
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### Sunday (Every Fourth)

Farmers' Market	10am - 1.30pm
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## Other Regular Events

Craft Fairs  
Lavenham Players Performances  
Dances & Parties  
Antiques' Fairs  
Sales & Shopping Days  
Auctions  
Fetes & Fund Raising Events  
Festivals  
Songs of Praise & Carols  
Talks & Lectures

## Special & Private Events

Weddings  
Business Events  
Conferences  
Training Days  
Private Parties  
Family Functions

### Library Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Friday	2pm -5pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	12.30pm-4pm

### Village Hall Office Opening Hours

Monday	9am-1pm	Thursday	9am-4pm
Tuesday	9am-4pm	Friday	9am-4pm
Wednesday	9am-1pm	Weekend	Closed

If you do find the office closed please either telephone 01787248599 and leave a message or e-mail us at:

[lavenhamvh@btconnect.com](mailto:lavenhamvh@btconnect.com)



## FILM NIGHT IS FLIX IN THE STIX NIGHT

First Wednesday of every month in the main hall come and see all the latest releases. Films start at 7.30pm but the doors and bar are open at 7pm. **REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

# FLIX IN THE STIX -- COMING SOON



## Florence Foster Jenkins - 7th December

In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is quite lousy. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes that he's facing his greatest challenge yet.

## Absolutely Fabulous - 4th January

Publicist Edina Monsoon and best friend Patsy Stone are still shopping, drinking and clubbing their way around London's trendiest hot spots. While attending an elite party, they wind up knocking supermodel Kate Moss into the River Thames. Her untimely demise creates a media firestorm, leading the paparazzi to relentlessly pursue the hapless duo. Seeking refuge, the gals flee to the French Riviera where they hatch a plan to make their escape permanent and live the high life forever.



## Our Kind Of Traitor - 1st February

While on holiday in Marrakech, an ordinary English couple, Perry and Gail, befriend a flamboyant and charismatic Russian, Dima, who unbeknownst to them is a kingpin money launderer for the Russian mafia. When Dima asks for their help to deliver classified information to the British Secret Services, Perry and Gail get caught in a dangerous world of international espionage and dirty politics. The couple is propelled on a perilous journey through Paris and Bern, a safe house in the French Alps, to the murky corners of the City of London and an alliance with the British Government via a ruthless and

## Bridget Jones's Baby - 1st March

Breaking up with Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) leaves Bridget Jones (Renée Zellweger) over 40 and single again. Feeling that she has everything under control, Jones decides to focus on her career as a top news producer. Suddenly, her love life comes back from the dead when she meets a dashing and handsome American named Jack (Patrick Dempsey). Things couldn't be better, until Bridget discovers that she is pregnant. Now, the befuddled mom-to-be must figure out if the proud papa is Mark or Jack.



Films are subject to change so please check with the Village Hall first

# Lavenham Christmas

## Friday 2nd , Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th December

The Christmas Street Fair brings welcome visitors and tourists to the village keeping the village vibrant and businesses buoyant over the winter period.

Last year's event was the most successful so far and, as victims of our own success, there are a few more hoops to jump through this year. Namely, traffic management, signage and public parking areas. These have been reviewed and additional arrangements

made but will require 'volunteer bodies' to guide and marshal traffic.

It is envisaged as a 1 or 2 hour rota over the period at 3 or 4 parking areas.

Any additional volunteers would be welcomed to make Lavenham Street Fair another successful event with no traffic problems.

Please contact if you can help in any way: Bruce Goddard 07764 890320

Thank you,

Christmas Street Fair Team

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## Vintage 1940s Commemorative Weekend 19th – 22nd May 2017

In spring 2017, Lavenham will host a wonderful weekend celebrating all things 1940s. The events are being led by The Swan at Lavenham Hotel & Spa who have joined up with 'The Baker Boy Collective' (a vintage events group), to host a series of 1940s events across the village to commemorate the 75th anniversary of US Forces starting to arrive in the East of England in support of World War II.



The vintage events will help to support SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity and Lavenham Community Council, which is raising funds to construct a new pre-school building. If you'd like to receive a full itinerary of the weekend's activities, please get in touch by emailing [reply@theswanatlavenham.co.uk](mailto:reply@theswanatlavenham.co.uk)

Over 19th – 22nd May 2017 many events will take place in Lavenham, including:

- A 1940s swing dance (at Lavenham Village Hall) – on Sat 20th May. For further details and to book, please contact Lavenham Village Hall on 01787 248599 or email: [lavenhamvh@btconnect.com](mailto:lavenhamvh@btconnect.com)
- Vintage afternoon tea (at The Swan) – on Fri 19th May
- Film show
- Commemorative church service – on Fri 19th May
- A history talk about the 487th Bombardment Group, 8th USAAF (United States Army Air Force)
- Vintage military history and vehicles display

It is anticipated that these Vintage 1940s Commemorative events will continue to be held annually in Lavenham during May leading up to the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2020.

For further details, please see: <http://theswanatlavenham.co.uk/explore/vintage-weekend/>

# ***Suddenly at Home***

**What a fantastic show this was to direct, produce and bring to the Stage at Lavenham Village Hall.**



I can confirm that the show 'sold out' which is just wonderful for the cast. We spent over two months rehearsing and I was delighted with the end result. Lavenham Players have spent the last few years delighting audiences with their productions, which we hope will continue well into the future.

Suddenly at home was full of twists and turns and left our audience 'gasping' at some of the unexpected 'affairs' our main character Glenn was having. We went into the interval with lots of chat around 'what do you think is going to happen?' and 'well I never saw that coming!' I really hope that you managed to see the show and if not please keep your eye out for our Summer Production

of 'As You Like It' being staged at Lavenham Hall, tickets will be on sale at the Village Hall closer to the event. Sadly, for some it was too late to get tickets for Suddenly at Home and I could not accommodate all who wanted to see it, we could have easily sold another night!

We were complemented on our

'set' our 'costumes' and above all our 'professional' show which certainly makes all the extremely hard work pay off. Two members of the cast were new to Lavenham Players and thoroughly enjoyed



their experience with us, one had not acted since school so understandably were 'nervous and excited' all at the same time! I would like to think that if you are sitting at home and reading this thinking, 'I would love to do that' that you will consider joining the Players. We are a friendly

# Francis Durbridge

bunch of people who all have full time jobs, families and many other commitments, but we do what we do, because we love it. If this is you, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team, I can be contacted on 07920147452 or anytime at the Village Hall during office hours. There are many jobs to be done while producing a show, from prompting the actors while they are learning their lines, to set design and building, operating lights or sound, stage managing, poster design, ticket and programme design, if you have a flair for any of the above we would love to hear from you! All of these jobs are done by regular people; I don't think any of our members or helpers have worked in any professional capacity in theatre. I hope that this will encourage you to come forward to be a part of our successful, friendly group.

Our Summer production is going to be holding two workshops detailed in our poster within this



edition, do come along and enjoy the workshop, you do not have to audition afterwards, it just might give you a flavour of what we do and get to know us a little better. Our workshops are always fun filled and Director Robert Crighton will encourage you all the way. Robert is very approachable and if you are 'not sure' about attending a workshop or audition do give Robert a ring and he will be happy to discuss this with you. Robert can be contacted on 07946652196.

*Sue Clark*

07920147452



  
Lavenham Players

# The Lavenham Carnival & Motor Show

The Lavenham Carnival Committee is pleased to announce that the 2016 Lavenham Carnival raised £17,250. Therefore the event successfully covered the production costs, which were £15,100, and produced a profit of £2,150 for the Lavenham Community Council, to contribute towards the new pre-school building planned as an extension to the existing Village Hall.

The Carnival grounds welcomed over 1300 visitors through the gates and over 400 entries for the Motor Show, on the day.

The List below demonstrates just how much support the Carnival receives from all parts of the local community. Producing an event of this scale and reporting the financial outcome above would not be possible without the generosity of the local businesses and residents of Lavenham, so thank you all.

**Sponsors:** Lavenham Parish Council, Sworders, Lavenham Press, Project Orange and Residents of Lavenham.

**Food and beverage stalls donating 50 to 100% profits:** Number 10 Wine Bar and Kitchen, Lavenham Butchers, Cafe Nini, The Swan and The Good Food Army.

**Donors of raffle, tombola and competition Prizes:** Cirque du Soleil, The Priory, The Great House, The Greyhound, Samuel Lloyd Master Barbers, The Lavenham Clinic, Retail Therapy, The

Nutcracker, The Beauty Gallery, Curiosity Corner, Water Street Glass, East Of England Co-op, The Wildlife Gallery, Grannie's Attic, The Co-Op, Elizabeth Gash, A R Heeks and Son, Lavenham Pharmacy, Marshbeck Reproduction Furniture, Timbers, The Lion Gallery, The Contemporary Gallery, Kemp's Printing Service, and The Ladies Who Lunch.

**Donors of equipment, material and services:** The Lavenham Pre-School, Sparling and Faiers Bakery, The Lavenham Forum, The National Theatre, Howdens, Howlett of Lavenham, Sage and Onion, GRH Catering, Turner Access Hire, WA Deacon and Sons Ltd, Anthony Faulkner and Kate Denton, ShoeEnts, Nick and Rosemary Thomson, John Day, Beth's Princess Parties, The Cock Horse Inn, The Priory, The Lavenham British Legion Club, The Tourist Information Centre, Henry Lane, James Cracknell, Tim Partridge and Lavenham Church.

**Advertisers:** The Greyhound, Marshbeck Reproduction Furniture, Angel Gallery, WA Deacon Funeral Services, Kemp's Printing Service, J and J Baker Antiques and The Wildlife Gallery.

**Set up and on the day volunteers:** John Knight, Sue Knight, Kirsten Shiell, Matt Hay, Paul Wanklin, Bruce Goddard, Paul Stevens, Toby Schuster, Richard Summers, Caroline Kinch, The Denton family, Jane Hodges, Patrick Murphy, Alan Gilpin, Alan and Josh Smith, Matt Panton, Chris Twitchett, Giles Deacon, Grant

Eves, Dan Upton, Diane Page, Carolyn Grave, Gary Chapman, Aide Perry, John Fisher, Sophie Bourne, Ben Levett, Sue Cooper, Anne and Michael Percival, Philip Gibson, Graham Pattrick, John Kingston, Mandy Warner and Slimming World, Fern Percival and Lavenham Zumba Group, Sue Marszal, Sue Diggins, Jayne Williams, Peter Francis, Lucy and Giles Allen, Dinah James, Geraldine and Tim Rose, Rosie Osborne, Sarah Hardingham, Chris Darch, Rose Bates, Colin Eves, Melanie Twitchett, Leigh-ann Green, Amie Long and Pre-school staff, committee and parents who ran the children's tent.

**Special supporters throughout and on the day:** Clive Faiers, Anne Faiers, Rick Faiers, Albert Sparling, Nadia Lakhani, Martin Weaver, Justine Corney, Lionel Baker, Sue Clark, Bryan Panton, Mervyn Cochrane, Alison Bourne, John Purser, Katherine Eves, Rod Benson, Jo Knight, Caroline Eves, Eamon Boland, Doreen Twitchett, Ruby Sayed and Jonathan Hill.

**From the Carnival Committee,**

Annie Eves-Boland, John Denton, John O'Mahony, Philip Snelling, Keith Purvis, John Perkins and Chris Hardingham.

## LAVENHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Good Neighbour Scheme progresses very well as we approach the end of our 3rd year. We have now provided help for local residents with over 400 'missions' completed. If you would like to let us try and help you in some way call 07922 850002.

After the success of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, we are now holding 'A CHRISTMAS PARTY' in the Village Hall on Thursday December 8th from 3pm to 5pm. If you would like to come along collect your free ticket from the Village Hall, or you could phone 07922 850082, to let us know you would like to come along.

**THE SALVATION ARMY  
LAVENHAM**




**INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN WITH**

# VILLAGE CAROL CONCERT

**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER  
4.00pm**

## LAVENHAM VILLAGE HALL



With the

**CHILDREN FROM  
LAVENHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
&  
PRE-SCHOOL**



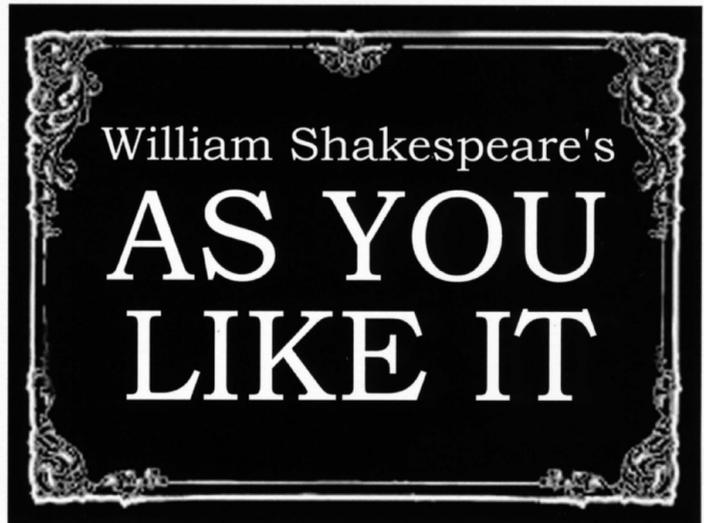
**MUSIC BY ELMSETT BRASS BAND**

**FREE ENTRY      REFRESHMENTS**

Announcement of  
**WORKSHOP & AUDITIONS** for the next  
Lavenham  
Players  
production

As You Like It is a beautiful and funny comedy about exile in a forest – as well as love, adventure and some more love.

Performed in the grounds of Lavenham Hall, this is the third outdoor production by Lavenham Players and our biggest yet.



Auditions will be in November – starting with an open workshop all about comedy - led by director Robert Crighton as a fun way of playing with the comic situations of the play.

Anyone can come to the workshop, regardless as to whether you want to be in the play or not - auditions are two weeks later.

If you want to look at the play it's available online with a quick google search - sample scenes will be available from the Village Hall

### WORKSHOP, AUDITION & PRODUCTION DATES

Comedy Workshop - Sunday 6th November at 2.00pm

Auditions - Sunday 20th November at 2.00pm and  
Monday 21st November at 7.30pm

Rehearsals begin in May with performances  
the week beginning 17th July 2017

Any questions don't hesitate to contact Robert at  
[milkbottleproductions@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:milkbottleproductions@yahoo.co.uk) or on 07946 652 196

# Hastoe



Proposed New Build properties

**Former SSC Highways Depot,  
Melford Road, Lavenham**

## OPEN MEETING

Monday 14th November

'Drop in' anytime between 4 - 6.30pm at

Lavenham Village Hall, St Peter & St Paul Room,  
Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9QT

Hastoe Housing Association, Lavenham Community Land Trust and Babergh District Council have been working together to identify a site for affordable housing, for people local to Lavenham

Hastoe Housing Association is proposing to build 18 properties at the former Suffolk County Council Highways Depot, off Melford Road. The 18 properties will provide a mix of affordable rent and shared ownership. The affordable homes will only be available for local people or people with strong local connections in perpetuity – priority for these dwellings will be given to applicants from Lavenham.

This will be another opportunity for you to look at plans.

You will also be able to obtain application forms.

Staff will be on hand to answer any queries you may have.

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If you are unable to attend, but would like further details, please contact Hastoe Housing on

**01799 532130**, or e-mail [eastdev@hastoe.com](mailto:eastdev@hastoe.com)

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## FUNDRAISING AND CALENDARS!

Fundraising for the new building to house our Preschool children is progressing well, we have received an anonymous donation from the Village for £20,000 which is greatly appreciated. Grants are still being applied for and in some instances awaiting outcomes. Currently £270,000 is pledged, we still have a long way to go and your help would be enormously appreciated.

Our Calendars are on sale now at various outlets in the village, please support us and buy a Calendar! at just £10.00 every penny goes into the fund. We are also looking for a volunteer or two to have some space at the Christmas Fair and promote our calendars, if you have a few hours to spare and can help us I would love to hear from you.

Our village hall remains a busy building, with lots planned for now and the New Year. We will be hosting our very own Craft Fair on April 22nd 2017, if you are interested in having a stall or know someone who is please

contact the village hall to secure your space. With lots to look forward to including our indoor car boot sale on 19th February plus our very own bridge drive in November 23rd, I would be delighted to see as many of you as possible at our local events. If you wish to book for any of the above or anything else advertised at the Village Hall please do pop in and see me or give me a ring.

Our Games Night was well attended, thank you to all who helped, participated in any way and made the event such good fun. Sametime same



place next year folks! The winning team were The Gladiators (Pictured) and the team who came last were given the engraved 'Wooden Spoon', great fun was had by all.

Sue Clark  
01787 248599

# Burns Ceilidh

Lavenham Village Hall  
Saturday 28th January 2017  
6.30 for 7.00 to 11.30 pm



**Burns Supper**  
**with Haggis & Piper**

Dancing with  
**The Caledonian Reelers**  
& Caller



Tickets from  
Angel Gallery,  
Market Place.

**£22** & Lavenham Village Hall

**NO ALCOHOL TO be brought on to the premises**

**Tel: 01787 248417**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## Lavenham Community Emergency Planning

Enclosed with this edition is a leaflet telling you about the Lavenham Community Emergency Plan. The leaflet also refers to a form, also included, which you can complete if you wish to offer time or resources to this project. The form also allows you to advise us if you are or know of

a vulnerable resident.

On **23rd November at 7:30 PM** there will be an informal meeting about the plan in the Village Hall, where you can hear more details and have the opportunity to ask questions.

We look forward to seeing you.