

# 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY 2015

## LAVENHAM LIST OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY 8TH MAY

- 1000 hrs: Church - Memorial Service at St Peter & St Paul's Church (church bells will ring from 0930hrs) \*
- 1130 hrs: The Swan - After the church service meet at the Airmen's Bar in The Swan for VE Day drinks
- 1500 hrs: National 2 minute silence, marking the moment Winston Churchill announced the end of the war
- 1900hrs: The Swan - VE Day Celebration dinner £39.50 per person. Please pre-book on 01787 247477

### SATURDAY 9TH MAY

- 1100-1600hrs: Little Hall, Lavenham – Archive films, Project Exhibition & Wartime Memories Workshop by 8th in the East (donations to Little Hall)
- 1400-1600hrs: Little Hall - American Aviation Exhibition by Imperial War Museum Duxford (donations to Little Hall)
- 1100-1600hrs: The Swan - 'Hank the Yank' in person & view WWII memorabilia in The Swan's Airmen's Bar \*
- 1900hrs: Lavenham Village Hall - Talk on the 487th Bomb Group by Dennis Duffy
- 1930hrs: Lavenham Village Hall - Film 'Twelve O'Clock High' – the film has links with the 487th and Lavenham Airfield
- Eve: Come and enjoy a pie and a pint at the Royal British Legion Club, High St., Lavenham and watch the BBC VE day footage. Please check BBC schedules nearer the time, for programme details/times

### SUNDAY 10TH MAY

- 1000-1030hrs: Market Place, Lavenham - Memorial Service and wreath laying ceremony organised by the Royal British Legion (please meet in the Market Place from 0930hrs) – You are most welcome to pop in to the Royal British Legion afterwards for a cup of tea, if you wish
- 1100-1600hrs: Little Hall, Lavenham - Archive films, Project Exhibition & Wartime Memories Workshop by 8th in the East (donations to Little Hall)
- 1050hrs: Lavenham Airfield (map & directions available from Lavenham TIC) **PLEASE BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY & YOUR OWN PICNIC** This event is especially for 487th veterans, their families & local Lavenham residents. US & UK serving and ex-forces will be made most welcome
- 1100hrs: Guided tour of Lavenham Airfield (meet at the Control Tower) – donations gratefully received \*
- 1200hrs: Talk at Clapstile Farm – Dennis Duffy, John Broughton & John Cashmore (Military Vehicle Trust)
- 1230hrs: Arrive back at the Control Tower The Military Vehicle Trust will have some of their WW11 vehicles on show \*
- 1300hrs: Plaque Dedication Ceremony in memory of the 487th Bomb Group
- 1400hrs: Lunch and chatting. Sweetmeats' ice cream wagon will be at the Airfield
- 1445hrs: Raffle will be drawn. Tickets on sale now at Lavenham Tourist Information Centre (TIC) \*
- 1500hrs: Close & return to Lavenham, to visit exhibitions at Little Hall (open until 1600hrs)
- 1610hrs: Meet in the Airmen's Bar of the Swan Hotel for a final VE Weekend Celebration

Timings on the Sunday at the airfield are weather dependent and may vary – please bring umbrellas just in case  
Throughout the weekend Lavenham TIC will have their wartime photos on display & relevant history books for sale  
\* Church service collection, donations during the weekend and the proceeds of the raffle, will go to the following forces charities

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