

JULY 2017

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Heathlands 7.30pm

EVENTS

Don't forget the next Heathlands Tea and Cuppa afternoon is on July 25th from 2-4pm. It's been lovely to see new faces and we look forward to seeing more of you in July. The money we have raised will go into the Heathlands Building Fund, and we thank you for your help and support.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE - Saturday July 8th Doors open at 2.00pm.
Jumble welcome from noon. Come and enjoy our summer Jumble Sale.

HEATHLANDS SUMMER FAIR - Sunday July 16th
Come and join in the fun, we have lots of attractions planned and plenty of food to eat. BBQ, Tea Tent, Indian Food, Candy Floss, Ice-Cream. The Beer Festival in full swing so lots of Ales to drink. Pimms Tent, always a popular one. Games to play, Beat the Goalie, Coconut Shy, Quoits, Bowling, Tombola Stalls, Bottle stall, Plant stall, books and much more.

Centre ring :- We have our own Dimension School of Dance performing, Bollywood Dancers, and Dog Display. So lots to do and see, so please come and support us.

THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC ON THE FIELD ON FRIDAY 14th and SATURDAY 15th JULY

The Police and Broadland Licensing Department have been informed.
The music will stop at 11.00pm as our Licence states.

HEATHLANDS BINGO

Fridays

7th July and 21st July

7pm for a 7.30 start

All Welcome

**Great Prizes and CASH to WIN
Refreshments & Drinks**

HEATHLANDS FAMILY NIGHT - Friday 21st July, come and join us before you all go off on your holidays. BBQ 6.30pm.

NOTICES

RECYCLE YOUR BOTTLES at Heathlands, as the revenue goes to help the running of your Community Centre.

DISABLED PARKING PLACES at Heathlands are for Blue Badge holders only. At all times.

Thank you all for your co-operation in this.

DOGS are not permitted anywhere on the field.

BUS SERVICE UPDATE.

We've been made aware of a new service #74 operated by 'Our Bus' which runs on Wednesdays from Little Plumstead through to Great Yarmouth and back again. The timetable is available on the Blofield Parish Council website - <http://parishcouncil.blofield.net/welcome/bus-services/>

It picks up at Little Plumstead, Stanford Crescent at 9.31am, Hemblington, Mill Field Close 9.35am, Blofield Heath approx 9.37am opposite 'Tamarind', Blofield opposite Garden Road at 9.40am before moving onto Brundall, Strumpshaw, Lingwood, Beighton, Acle, arriving at Great Yarmouth at 10.38am. The service then departs Great Yarmouth at 1.42pm for travel back to Blofield, Blofield Heath and Little Plumstead for requested stops when boarding.

PEDHAM VILLAGE GREEN

The telephone box (having been decommissioned by B.T.) has been adopted by Hemblington Parish Council and will now house a defibrillator donated by The British Heart Foundation. To help raise funds, Pedham is hosting a 'Mini Fete' on Pedham Village Green on Saturday 29th July starting at 12 noon. BBQ, cake stall, tombola, bric-a-brac stall, tea and coffee, soft drinks, raspberries and cream, a raffle and other fund raising games to try. Bring your picnic blankets and sandwiches and enjoy a fun afternoon on our village green.

STRUMPSHAW TREE FAIR.

A Blofield family will be running a lovely fair on 22nd and 23rd July at Strumpshaw Museum and park. Only £8 for adults and they can shop, listen to music, try new crafts (pottery, mosaics, papercuts, pole lathe, scorched wood art, crochet, knitting and even oil painting!!!) and meet all those talented makers. Anyone under 16 (must be accompanied by an adult) is free!! So a great, fun, informative, cheap and unusual day out for local families.

BLOFIELD COURTHOUSE VILLAGE SCREEN.

We are having a summer break but will be back with a film on September 8th. Jazz will return on September 15th. Details to be published in this magazine nearer the time. We hope you enjoy your summer. All enquiries to 01603 715253.

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON.

Membership of the group is open to all - you don't need to attend church to want to help keep the building and its grounds in good repair! Membership costs £10 p.a. The group has planned a tour of churches with wall paintings (12th August) but that is now full. Alternatively if you would like to see the best UK example of a medieval wall painting of the life of St Christopher, then we could offer a short film and discussion at the church. If you are interested in this, please contact the Friends' Secretary on hemblington@gmail.com or 01603 715804.

SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE CHURCHES OF BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON & NORTH BURLINGHAM.

8.00am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
9.30am	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th All Saints	Hemblington
9.30am (2 nd July only) Joint service for All Saints, Hemblington and St Andrew's North Burlingham at North Burlingham.		
Rev Alison Atkinson is preaching		
11.00am	St Andrew and St Peter – Rev Alison Atkinson is preaching	Blofield
Tuesdays	Benefice Morning Prayer at 9.00am	Blofield
Wednesdays	Benefice Midweek worship (Holy Communion)	Blofield
Thursdays	Benefice Morning Prayer at 9.00am	Hemblington
Thursdays	'Come to the stillness' Prayer time at 4.15pm	Blofield
3rd Saturday	Benefice Morning Prayer at 9.00am (15 th July)	North Burlingham
3rd Saturday	Croissants, Coffee and Prayer at 9.00am (15 th July)	Hemblington

Rector, Rev Kevin M Billson Tel: 01603 712299 kevin.billson@eraith.net
Details of church wardens can be found on the following websites;
www.blofieldchurch.org.uk www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk www.achurchnearyou.com

CREAM TEA AT THE RECTORY - The Rev'd Kevin Billson and Helene are hosting a cream tea event at The Rectory, Oak Wood on Sunday 16th July from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The cost will be £3 per cream tea. There will also be a trampoline in the garden for the more energetic!! Proceeds will go towards church funds.

BLOFIELD CHURCH.

Wednesday, July 12th from 10.15am. Please come and join us for tea/coffee and tempting cakes in our West End Cafe and enjoy a special opportunity to hear Brenda Dawson speak in her inimitable way. Brenda will relate many unusual and amusing events in her interesting life in and around Norwich [and abroad] over the past eight decades. There will be no charge but a bowl for donations if you wish.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH.

MAKE AND MARDLE

The next Make and Mardle at the church is on Tuesday 18th July, 10.00am to 12noon: All are very welcome. Coffee, cake and chat provided - craft optional!

COMPLINE AROUND THE DEANERY,

Compline is a short, simple and gentle church service to end the day, being held in various churches in the area over the summer. They start at 8.00pm.

Please come and join us.

Monday 17th July at All Saints, Panxworth (NB open air!) Thursday 10th August at All Saints, Hemblington.

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS (OR WALKERS):

On Saturday 9th September the Norfolk Churches Trust organise an annual cycle ride around the Norwich and Norfolk churches to raise money for their funds as well as a local nominated church. Would you like to do this for us please? For more details call Catherine on 01603 270360.

POPIES COMMUNITY CAFE.

We meet every Wednesday from 10.00am until 12.00 noon in Blofield Courthouse. There is disabled parking and a ramp for easy entry. Come and join us for good food, company and friendship. You will be offered a selection of savouries, cakes, biscuits and tea or coffee, all for a small donation which helps to pay the rent. Come along each week for a happy time and a sing song.

BLOFIELD HEATH MONDAY CLUB.

Once again we would be most grateful for any donations of vegetables or fruit which are surplus to your requirements. Please ring Barbara on 01603 712374 or Jackie on 01603 717382. Many thanks.

THE BRAINS OF BLOFIELD

Blofield Church presents an 'INDIAN SUMMER QUIZ AND CHILLI NIGHT' at the Margaret Harker Hall - 6.30pm start on Saturday 30th September.

To register your team call 01603 716703 or 01603 211931

Tickets £9. Teams of up to 6.

'PLAY CHURCH' TODDLER GROUP is held every Wednesday during term time in Blofield Church – it's fun, friendly and free! 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome to come and join this successful and friendly toddler group where the children learn in a welcoming, safe and well-resourced setting. Refreshments provided for adults and children. On Wednesday 19th July at 12.30pm we will be having a picnic lunch (hopefully in the churchyard) to celebrate the end of the summer term. Please bring a picnic, we will provide drinks and outdoor activities. Contact Yvonne on 01603 715213 or Barbara on 01603 714519 for further information.

BAD PLAYERS' open auditions – are you a Mad Hatter or a March Hare? The BAD Players will be performing 'Alice in Wonderland' by Don Carroll in Blofield during February 2018 half term. Rehearsals start Thursday evenings from 7th September. We're looking for new cast members aged 12+ and set builders. There'll be further opportunities for children to join the under 12's chorus from November. Open auditions are being held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th July at Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. For more details email us at thebadplayers@outlook.com

BLOFIELD PARISH WALKS. Each year a report on the condition of the village footpaths is prepared for the Parish Council and as part of the report there will be two evening walks of the various paths in the village. If you would like to know a little more about some of the paths around the village you are invited to join the annual Village Footpath Walks which this year will take place on:

Monday 3rd July, meeting at 6.30pm at The Old CourtHouse, Blofield

Monday 10th July meeting at 6.30pm at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath

The walks are informal, families are welcome and dogs too!

WIN THE LOTTERY and support Blofield Primary School!!!

Everyone is invited to join our school's lottery for the chance to win a weekly cash prize, and free entry into the National £25,000 Jackpot draw! Tickets are only £1, and 40% of this goes directly to support our school. We've already had 5 local lucky winners...will the next one be you? For more details, and to register, please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Thanks for your support! Blofield Primary School PTA.

BRUNDALL AREA COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS. You are invited to attend a meeting of The Friends of our local Community First Responders, to be held at St Peter's Church, Church Road, Lingwood NR13 4TR on Wednesday, 5th July (7.30pm). First responders are volunteers, trained by the Ambulance Service, who attend people who have called for an ambulance. The Friends group publicises this work, encourages others to train to become a responder, and raises funds for equipment. This will be followed by the Responders' meeting and training to which you are also welcome to attend. More information available from Christine: 01603 713583.

BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP- Meets for its AGM on Thursday 20th July, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall. Vanessa Trevelyan, former Director of the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service, will talk about the work of the Norwich Society which aims to preserve, develop and improve the city's unique character and care for its beauty and history. All welcome. Phone 01603 713088 or visit www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk

KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL. We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking reasonably free of litter; we meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Litter-picks for July take place on:

Monday 3rd July, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

Monday 10th July, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am

Thanks, as ever, to walkers and others around the two villages who informally pick up litter, there is unfortunately no shortage of litter! If you have a little spare time do please join us, we would like to cover more of the village streets and lanes, we have plenty of black-bags so simply bring some gloves!

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

Wednesday 12th July: "Pelargoniums Explained", a talk by Ken Abel at 7.30pm, in Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. The evening competition will be to display a floral piece of china. New members are warmly welcomed. Visitors £2.00.

Saturday 15th July: The club's annual summer show will take place in the hall from 2.00pm. Admission free. Exhibits will include fruit, vegetables, cut and arranged flowers, shrubs, pot plants and home produce. Also plant, cake and bottle stalls, refreshments, raffle and an auction of show produce.

For details phone Sue Rowe 01603 715804 or visit www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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REPORT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER.

Hello to all readers of Focal Point, the crimes below were committed/reported during May.

We will be holding a surgery at Heathlands on Tuesday 15th August 2.00pm to 3.00pm., if you have any concerns please come along and have a chat.

BLOFIELD, 10 recorded crimes.

A domestic incident occurred on 3rd May.

A domestic incident occurred on 6th May.

A domestic incident occurred on 12th May.

An assault took place on 14th May in Woodbastwick Road.

A domestic incident occurred on 19th May.

Another domestic incident occurred on 19th May.

A domestic incident occurred on 27th May.

A domestic incident occurred on 28th May.

A domestic incident occurred on 29th May.

Theft of a motor vehicle occurred on 31st May on Bonds Road when a tractor was stolen.

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD, two recorded crimes.

A domestic incident occurred on 6th May.

A domestic incident occurred on 25th. May.

HEMBLINGTON, no recorded crimes.

Finally, if you have any concerns you wish to discuss please contact myself or a member of the Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team call the police non-emergency number 101 or e-mail sntacle@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

BADCOG ~ BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP.

Work parties on Saturday mornings are between 10.30am and 1.00pm.

July 1st Lingwood Churchyard. July 15th Blofield Churchyard. July 29th Jary's Meadow

Further details from Ernest on 01603 712913.

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB.

We are always pleased to welcome more new members into the club - you can pop along and meet us any Monday evening if you fancy finding out a bit more about us and what we get up to, but please contact our secretary Anne Kittle in advance on 07887 523071 to check the meeting details and to ensure we have food for you. Visit our web-site on www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk for more information and details of our exciting programme for 2017, or our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub or contact our new president, Joyce Plant on 01692 630152.

There is no better way to give something back to the local community...and no better time than now.

BLOFIELD HEATH W.I.

We had an interesting and informative afternoon in June when David Morton gave us a very comprehensive presentation about St. James's Palace and Clarence House.

St. James's Palace was built by Henry V 111 between 1531 and 1536 on the site of a leper hospital. It was the most senior royal palace in the U.K. It is, no longer the principal residence of the monarch but the ceremonial meeting place of the Accession Council and the London residence of several members of the royal family.

Clarence House was built between 1825 and 1827 for Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence. It is, today, the official residence of the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th July, at 2.00pm at Heathlands, when Anita Morton will be demonstrating the cooking of quiches. Visitors welcome.

GREAT & LITTLE PLUMSTEAD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the June meeting Bob Coutts talked about "Herbaceous Borders" showing slides of various stages and how to plant for colour and height etc., then finally answering questions from members. The flower of the month was won by Lynn O'Sullivan.

This was also the Flower and Domestic Table Show with Ruth Boden winning the Williamson Vase for the flower arrangement and Wendy Stevens the Challenge Cup for the cooking competition with Dennis Stevens winning the 'Men Only' entries for shortbread and buttonhole.

The next meeting is on Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm at St David's, Thorpe End; the speaker will be Mrs Harper on "Vegetables". The flower of the month can be one of members own choice.

Our summer show is at 2.00pm on Saturday 5th August at Brickworks House, Norwich Road, Little Plumstead, Norwich, members can invite family and friends to come along and see what they are growing in vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Staging from 9.00am to 11.00am on the day of the show. Members can pick up a schedule at the next meeting to enable them to select their items.

The meeting on Monday 7th August will be at Great Plumstead Village Hall at 7.30pm, the speaker will be Ian Bedford on "Butterflies".

BIG PLUM ART GROUP - Great Plumstead Village Hall.

There will be a demonstration of drawing with coloured pencils by local artist Roger Berney at the above hall on 4th August, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. £8, pay on the door. Tea and biscuits.

Roger specialises in animal portraiture, he will kindly donate his demo picture to be raffled.

On 11th August 2.00pm to 4.00pm, again at Great Plumstead Village Hall an acrylic demonstration by well known Cambridgeshire artist David Hyde. £8, pay on the door. Tea and biscuits. David will be painting an acrylic landscape and will kindly donate his demo picture for our raffle.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB - Guest Ales for July:

Wolf Golden Jackal 3.7%abv and Wolf Granny Wouldn't Like It 4.8%abv both priced at £2.60 pint Members and their Guests, £3.00 pint Non Members, EXCEPT 11th to 16th July, BEER FESTIVAL WEEK, when all 18 Ales and 2 Ciders will be £3.20 pint, Poker Chips on Ales, (available from our volunteer cashiers) and Cash on Bar.

Beer Festival Tasting Notes will be available from Social Club

HEATHLANDS 50/50 LOTTERY RESULTS

May 50/50 drawn at Heathlands Bingo on Friday 9th June:

1st No 47 Alan Oakes £30.00. 2nd No 306 Oliver Clarke £18.00. 3rd No 312 Terry Deacon £6.00.

Call The Promoter, Alan, on 07818 466473 for more information.

A JOLLY JULY AT THE MUSEUM

Summer is here and we have loads happening in July at The Museum of the Broads in Stalham. We're part of the Stalham Wherry Trail – a fun family trail right through the town.

July begins with our popular Art challenge on 1st July which really complements our Broadland in Pictures exhibition.

If you would like to take part then give us a ring on 01692 581681.

The big highlight of the month is our Grand Auction on 8th July. Viewing from 5pm, auction starts at 7pm.

Our Toys and Models day on 16th July is also worth a visit.

See: Trip Adviser, Facebook and Twitter @MuseumBroads. Full details of all events are on our website

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk. #makeitstalham this July.

DOG SHOW AND FAMILY FUN DAY.

To raise valuable funds for Wells Community Hospital Trust. Join us for a fabulous fun filled day for all the family ... two and four-legged ... at Creake Abbey from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 20th August 2017. Gates open and registration from 10.00am, with classes from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Lots of fun classes for your dog to enter together with a huge array of children's activities as well as various craft stalls and trade stands. Plus ... all the other fabulous facilities at Creake Abbey, shops, food hall and café

BLOFIELD PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP.

Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Telephone 01603 712498.

A friendly, committee run playgroup for children aged from 2 ½ years old. Free 'Early Education' funding for 3 and 4

year olds and full access to the 'Early Years Foundation Stage'. Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during term time.

Sessions available: 9.10am to 12.10pm, 12.10pm to 3.10pm or 9.10am to 3.10pm. Call us for more info or to book a visit.

Visit our FACEBOOK page: www.facebook.com/BlofieldPre-schoolPlaygroup or follow us on Twitter: @BlofieldPreSch

CRAFT FAYRE Sat 4th November 2017 10am-3pm. Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield NR13 4LE

Stallholders - Contact Jane on 07768 721766 for details and to book a table. Jewellery, Cards, Felting, Preserves, Plant Stall, Teas, Coffee, Sandwiches, Cakes and much much more. All proceeds to Blofield Tennis Club

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PRE-SCHOOL Reg. Charity 1022651

Little Plumstead Village Hall, Crowes Loke, Little Plumstead.

Our sessions are

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.15am to 12.15pm,

Tuesday 8.45am to 11.45am and 11.45am to 2.45pm,

Thursday 8.45am to 11.45am and 11.45am to 2.45pm,

We have places available for children from 2 years old, with funded spaces for those eligible. For further information or to book a visit, please contact Julie on 07500 423913 or email littleplumsteadpre-school@hotmail.com

1st HEMBLINGTON BROWNIES

This is a thriving and fun unit, we earn badges, go on adventures, sing songs, play games and most of all have a lot of fun along the way. Brownies is a fantastic opportunity for your daughter to meet new friends, face new challenges and experience nights away from home.

We go on sleepovers and Brownie holidays throughout the year!

For more information email diana.b.ley@icloud.com

phone 01603 270158 or 07742 876899

EADERS' LETTERS

PEACOCKS - Does anyone know who owns the beautiful peacocks that have settled in Hemblington. Although lovely to see they are becoming quite a nuisance to the residences in the area scratching in the garden killing chicks and calling in the early hours of the morning ie 3am. Does anyone have any idea what we can do to alleviate this problem as we are also concerned for their welfare. David Springall, 41 Cuttons Corner Hemblington.

CHARITY FUNDS. Many Thanks to all my Family and Friends who attended my BIG party recently and who helped me raise the fantastic amount of £400.00, which has been donated to the Dementia Support Team, at the NNUH. Alan Oakes.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Interesting news this month. Some of you may have seen works being carried out on the roadsides in Blofield and Brundall. Virgin Media has been installing cables and street cabinets in a number of places to expand its cable network. Very high speed fibre cables feed into the cabinets and then the local ends are carried via co-axial cable, which is capable of much higher speeds than the BT inherited 'GPO' copper telephone wires. It is regrettable that, as of now, the situation for Blofield Heath and Little Plumstead is not clear.

More news.

It has been heard on the grapevine that the recently installed second BT Fibre cabinet in Blofield Heath was not located in the correct place and may have to be moved!

DONATIONS TO FOCAL POINT

Very kind donations to Focal Point have been made by Brundall Local History Group and Blofield & District Gardening Club. Donations are very helpful and help us to continue to bring Focal Point to our villages. Thank you!
Focal Point is produced and delivered by some 60 volunteers who all give their time freely.

BABYSITTING & CHILDMINDING.

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER/dog-walker within local area. Available any evening or weekend.

Please Contact Letitia Gaskin mobile: 07896 796740

CASSIE CUSHING (24). BA (Hons) in Childhood Studies, first aid trained, experience with children of all ages including those with special educational needs. Available most weekends. 07881 207613 or 01603 714429

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER in Blofield Heath with a Good rating given in September 2016. Vacancies available on all days for children under the age of 5.

Please call Nina on 01603 716978 or email on nina-bowen@outlook.com for further information.

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Entries (except trade adverts) via email please to Andy Broad, andyb@focalpointonline.org.uk not forgetting to include your name and address. If you are to write your entry on paper, please deliver to Granville Hornsby, 11 Borton Rd, Blofield Heath, NR13 4RU.

CLOSING DATE for items for the August 2017 edition, BY (**NOT ON** please) the 14th July 2017.

ALL TRADE ADVERTISING

Final closing date is the 14th of the preceding month but we need your new booking & artwork by 10th please.

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