

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Clare Collins Davison (1969-2017)

It is with great sadness that the Management Committee of Heathlands Community Centre has to announce that Clare, our treasurer has passed away.

Clare gave so much to Heathlands in her short time on the committee and she kept our accounts in perfect order. Clare was an incredible lady whose courage, determination and unbelievable kindness touched us all and she will always remain in our thoughts.

Jill Willott H.M.C. Secretary

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday September 5th 7.30pm at Heathlands.
Summer Fair report as promised.

Although the rain came along during the afternoon, I am pleased to report that the event was a success.

We managed two of the centre ring attractions before the rain. The Bollywood Dancers gave a shorter production in the hall which was enjoyed by those that watched. (They are coming in February 2018 so watch Focal Point for information) Our thanks go to everybody that helped, selling on stalls, selling food or drink and all those that donated lovely things, my list goes on. Thank you.

Our thanks go to all the Companies that donated to our large Raffle. The First Prize went to Mrs Davey, Blofield Corner Road. All the other prizes have been distributed. Thank you also to everybody who helped erect Marquees, fencing and taking it all down again and Granville for the electrics.

We are pleased to report we have been able to bank £3525.37, so thank you all again.

HEATHLANDS BINGO
Fridays
September 1st, 15th & 29th
7pm for a 7.30 start
All Welcome
Great Prizes and CASH to WIN
Refreshments & Drinks

TEA AND CHAT AFTERNOONS

There will be NO tea and chat for September. We may be back in October, so watch this space. This was requested by villagers in the recent Questionnaire, so please come along to the next one and support us. Many thanks for all who have come along to the last three 'Tea and Chat' helping us raise a little more money for the refurbishment.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

SHORT MAT BOWLS - returns on Wednesday 27th September 8.00pm start.

Lovely to see more new faces, any questions please ring Chris on 01603 714164

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE - October 7th. Jumble from 12 noon, doors open at 2.00pm

TINA TURNER EVENING - November 11th Get your tickets at Heathlands Social Club or ring Jill on 01603 714164. £8.00 each, includes hot snack.

FOCAL POINT DELIVERY ORGANISER (standby) NEEDED FOR BLOFIELD HEATH.

Our team of volunteer delivery people is first class, but every so often we need extra help to cover sickness and holidays. We urgently need an able-bodied person to organise deliveries for Blofield Heath.

Own transport is essential. The organiser would receive bulk copies and would then deliver about 15 batches of these to our volunteers in the Blofield Heath. If you are willing to help, please contact the editor Granville Hornsby via email at editor@focalpointonline.org.uk or telephone 01603 713141.

BLOFIELD COURTHOUSE VILLAGE SCREEN.

On Friday 8th September, VICEROY'S HOUSE (12A) The final Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence, but meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change. Stars: Gillian Anderson, Michael Gambon, Hugh Bonneville, Manish Dayal. Matinee 2.30pm (tea and cakes) Evening 7.30pm (wine and drinks). Tickets £4.50 from S. and S. Mitchell, Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. All enquiries to 01603 715253.

JAZZ AT THE COURTHOUSE.

Friday 15th September SAVOIR FAIRE 8.00pm (7.30pm doors and bar).

Savoir Faire follow in the tradition of the Gypsy Jazz groups found playing in bars and clubs throughout Europe. Taking their inspiration from the music of Django Reinhardt, the set will contrast jazz standards with lyrical gypsy tunes. Savoir Faire are Dave Basham (solo guitar), Dave Pike (rhythm guitar) and Dave Pullin (double bass) with Mark Jolley (violin). Tickets £8.00 from S. and S. Mitchell, Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. or from www.wegotickets.com
Enquiries to 01603 715349, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4RQ.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, HEMBLINGTON.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: Thursday and Friday, 7th and 8th September: films and information about the history of the church and its locality. Also an exhibition of pictures created by local schoolchildren. Do look in!

THE BIG CRAFT FAIR.

Saturday, 7th October (10.00am to 2.00pm). Jewellery, pashminas, quilting, cards, paintings and lots more. Light refreshments. Free admission. If you would like to hold a table to sell your arts/crafts, contact Lynda 01603 713597.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS GIG.

Saturday, 2nd December at Heathlands. Blues, Country and Western, all your old favourites! Make a note in your diary now! Contact: hemblington@gmail.com or 01603 715804

PLAY CHURCH' TODDLER GROUP.

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 run by experienced, early years volunteers. Healthy snacks and refreshments are provided for adults and children. There is no fee for the session but a donation bowl is available if you wish to contribute. Please contact Yvonne on 01603 715213 or Barbara on 01603 714519 for further information or you can go to the Blofield Church website at www.blofieldchurch.org.uk

OLD, ROUND £1 COINS.

If you have any of these in your Children's Society collection box will you please return the box to me soon so that I can pay them in to the bank before mid October when they will cease to be accepted. Many thanks, Barbara Pilch

SEPTEMBER FOR THE BENEFICE CHURCHES OF BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON & NTH BURLINGHAM

8.00am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
9.30am	All Saints – Joint Service with North Burlingham	Hemblington
11.00am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
3.00pm	All Saints – Benefice Songs of Praise (3 rd September)	Hemblington
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 (16 th September)	N. Burlingham
3rd Saturday	Croissants, Coffee and Prayer at 9.00am (16 th September)	Hemb.

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

HERITAGE OPEN DAY EVENT AT BLOFIELD.

Saturday 9th September between 10.00am and 4.00pm, "Conserving Nature - Enhancing Wellbeing". Blofield churchyard has been managed for wildflower conservation for over 30 years by the church and by Blofield and District Conservation Group. See more of its local work. Norfolk Wildlife Trust has carried out wild flower surveys throughout the year. View the results.

A healing garden of medicinal herbs has been developed; a herbalist will explain their history and use. View results of a moth trap set up the previous evening. Discover connections to the famous Paston family, John Dryden the first Poet Laureate and Scots fisher girls. Free entry - Refreshments available.

MAKE AND MARDLE – Will be on Tuesday 19th September from 10.00am to 12noon at Hemblington Church: all are welcome. From October onwards Make and Mardle will move to Hemblington Hall for the winter months.

STEWARDS NEEDED please for Heritage Open Days and Cycle Ride:

Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th September.

If you could spare an hour or so anytime from 9.00am to 5.00pm on any of these three days, please sign the sheet that will be on the font at church or telephone Catherine on 01603 270360. Many thanks

CRAFT FAIR date for your Diary: at Hemblington Church - Saturday 7th October 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Please telephone 01603 713597 for more information.

THE REVE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION - The Trustees invite applications for grants from the above charity. Applicants must be resident in Blofield or Blofield Heath and should either have begun a course of Further Education or be about to begin such a course. Applications must be in writing and should give a brief outline of the course on which the applicant is, or about to be, engaged. Applications must be received no later than 31st October to Mrs Debbie Smith, Secretary to the Trustees at Pear Tree House, Globe Lane, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JW.

SHORT TENNIS.

Do you fancy playing on one of the best indoor surfaces, a wooden sprung floor, then come and join a small group of friendly men and women, who play short tennis in the Margaret Harker Hall every winter. We play every Wednesday from 9.00am to 11.00am, starting October 18th. We have a few spaces and would welcome new members. No previous experience or equipment required, just turn up at the hall or for more information contact Jenny Green 01603 712837 or Don Heath 01603 714084.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING (In Memory of Clare Collins Davison)

As part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event for Macmillan Cancer Support, there will be a coffee morning at Heathlands Social Club on Friday 22nd September from 11am to 3pm. Bring a smile in memory of a loved one and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat with like minded people in aid of a worthy cause. Any donations very welcome. For further information please contact Jackie on 01603 717382



BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU !!

Do you want to make a difference in your local community? Blofield Parish Council has 3 vacancies which we would like to fill with enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about the area they live. We are especially seeking residents from Blofield Heath to represent The Heath on the council to provide a voice for concerns, ideas and initiatives that could benefit your village. Full training about expectations of being a councillor is offered and time commitments vary, based on your level of involvement.

For further details, please contact the clerk at parishclerk@blofield.net or the chairman at chairman@blofield.net. Visit our website <http://parishcouncil.blofield.net> or follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/blofieldparishcouncil>

VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT BLOFIELD PARISH CLERK.

Blofield Parish Council is seeking an Assistant Parish Clerk from early January 2018. The Assistant Parish Clerk should have good communication, IT and organisational skills. Full details of the post, including a detailed job description and key attributes sought, is available on the parish council website under the council menu, Job Vacancy and is also available on the parish notice boards in Blofield and Blofield Heath. For further details or an informal chat please contact the Chair of the Council, Rob Christie on 01603 714226 or at chairman@blofield.net or the clerk, Sarah Osbaldeston at blofieldpc2@gmail.com. Closing date for applications Friday 13th October.

OPEN MORNING AT BREWSTER COURT BLOFIELD.

Are you over 60? Are you interested in finding out about sheltered housing at Brewster Court? Please come along to our Open Morning Monday 25th September 10.00am to 12noon. Meet the Trustees scheme manager and residents and find out about the community. A representative from Broadland District Council will be on hand to assist if you would like to apply to be considered for accommodation. Refreshments will be provided.

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 W.I.

20 members enjoyed a carvery meal at The Oaklands for our August meeting. Our next meeting is at Heathlands at 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th September when Martin Hosier will be talking about China and the Tibetan Plateau. Visitors are welcome.

HOW TO HELP!

Would you like to learn how to help if someone has had a heart attack?

Training is being offered by local Community First Responders at Blofield Courthouse on Monday afternoon, 16th October and Thursday morning, 19th October. No one is too young or too old to take this short but effective course! Cost: free – but donations to cover hall hire would be appreciated.

This is being organised by the Blofield Surgery Patient Participation Group and local Community First Responders. Telephone 01603 713583 for more information and to book your place.

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REPORT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER.

Hello to all readers of Focal Point, the crimes below were committed/reported during July 2017.

We will be holding a surgery at Heathlands on Tuesday 7th November between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, if you have any concerns please come along and have a chat.

BLOFIELD, seven recorded crimes.

1. A domestic incident occurred on 9th July.
2. Theft on 16th July, a sign was taken from Woodbastwick Road.
3. Burglary from a residential non-dwelling on West View Road occurred on 18th July when an office was entered and items removed.
4. Theft on 21st July on The Street, a purse was taken.
5. A domestic incident occurred on 24th July.
6. A domestic incident occurred on 30th July.
7. An assault occurred 31st July on the A47, a road rage incident culminated in an assault.

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD, two recorded crimes.

1. A domestic incident occurred on 20th July.
2. A domestic incident occurred on 31st July.

HEMBLINGTON, no recorded crime.

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 Until next time PCSO 8238 Bob Hall.

QUIZ AND CHIPS at Great Plumstead Bowls Club will be held on Friday 29th September, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Bar available. Book early as a popular event. Teams of up to 8. Contact Lilian or Eddie on 01603 439949

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 September take place on:

Monday 4th September, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

Monday 11th September, meet at the Old CourtHouse, Blofield at 9.30am

Anyone is welcome, we suggest that you may like to bring some gloves, we have plenty of black bags - there is never a shortage of litter!

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB:

Wednesday 13th September 7.30pm, Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Talk by Dr Tony Leech "Fungi Friends and Foes: The role of types of fungus in our gardens."

All welcome, visitors £2.00. Phone 01603 715804 or visit www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

WEA BLOFIELD. Autumn Course starts on Tuesday 26th September at 10.00am in Blofield Courthouse.

"RETURN TO THE RUSSIAN WORLD", with tutor Gail Carruthers, 7, 2-hour sessions. The fee is £50.40p. Enquiries 01603 713080.

BLAFELDA (BLOFIELD) PROBUS CLUB

This club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for gentlemen who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at The Kings Head, Station Road, Lingwood NR13 4AZ at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area, it is a good way to get to know people.

Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particular local interest.

We have vacancies for new members so if you think you may be interested, try us out by contacting : Alex Mason on 01603 716735, email: alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk or Hilary Hammond on 01603 717750, email:

handj.hammond@btinternet.com

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

BADCOG ~ BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP.

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

September 2nd Walsham Fen, September 16th Buckenham Woods, September 30th Howes Meadow

Contact Ernest on 01603 712913.

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB.

Our next big charity fund raiser takes place on Sunday September 10th from 2.00pm to 6.00pm – a picnic in the park at Sloley Hall, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Gorton, Hayley Moses and Terry Adams will be providing the music. It is 'bring your own picnic' but cakes, wine, teas and coffee will be on sale. Proceeds from this charity event will be going to Hope and other local charities. Tickets cost £10 for adults, children under 16 free, as is car parking.

Tickets from Hazel on 01692 670616, Anne on 07887 523071 and Abbots Estate Agents in Hoveton 01603 783838. We are always pleased to welcome new members into the club - you can pop along and meet us any Monday evening but 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 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.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB - Guest Ales for September 2017:

S&P Summer Sauvign, a Golden ale at 4% abv and S&P Shady Sadie, a mild at 4.4%abv.

Both priced at £2.60 pint Members, £3.00 pint Non Members.

These are both new ales from the S&P Brewery and for those of you who like a mild beer, an opportunity to try a mild which as you might know not many pubs/clubs offer in this age of Golden Ales & lagers.

Our selection of Lagers, Wines, Spirits and Soft Drinks makes the Social Club a superb meeting place. Not a Member?

Our Membership rates are low and are soon recouped with our very low prices.

New Members are always welcomed. We open Tuesday - Friday from 7.30pm & Saturday from 5.30pm – open until late.

GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The August meeting welcomed Ian Bedford, a Research Entomologist, who talked about "Butterflies" and showed slides describing their life cycle from a caterpillar how it develops and how important they are to research. This was a very informative and interesting topic.

The flower of the month was won by Derek Sheldrake..

The next meeting on Monday 4th September will be at 7.30pm at St David's, Thorpe End, the speaker will be Don Andrews on "Dahlia's". The flower of the month can be one of members own choice.

SEPTEMBER AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

We are open Sunday to Friday 1000 to 1630 and Saturday 1000 to 1300.

Take a steam boat river trip Tues to Thurs on our steam boat, Falcon.

Visit the Museum for FREE during the Heritage Open Days weekend, Saturday 09th and Sunday 10th September.

Falcon will be running and we'll also have the Wherry Yacht Norada, courtesy of the Wherry Yacht Charter Trust.

The Museum celebrates 21 years in 2017. There's the special exhibition, 'Broadland in Pictures' with work by local artists. We have some magnificent prizes in our 21st birthday raffle and look out for the souvenir magazine too!

Full details of all events are on our website www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

Museum of the Broads, Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA.

YOUNG MUSICIANS' CONCERT.

St Lawrence's Centre, South Walsham, Saturday 23rd September - 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (Friends £8) available from St George's Music Shop Telephone 01603 626414 or email suehitchcock6@gmail.com or telephone 01603 270212 or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stlawrenceconcertseries>

BLOFIELD ORCHARD CONSERVATION EVENT

Saturday 2nd September. 2pm to 5pm

As part of the development of our orchard we would like to invite everyone to join us making hay, scything, planting wildflowers and building bug hotels. All tools will be provided, just bring gloves? Come and have a look at a working orchard in the heart of Blofield. The access is via the allotments on Yarmouth Road. Free entry.

For further details, contact Richard on 01603 712844. (We are also collecting apples for juicing, so if you have any spare please get in touch).

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PRE-SCHOOL Charity 1022651

Little Plumstead Village Hall, Crowes Loke, Little Plumstead.

Our sessions are

Monday 9.15am to 12.15pm,

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

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

Friday 9.15am 12.15pm

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

EMMA NUULE IN CONCERT.

Saturday, 2nd September, South Walsham Village Hall – 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets, available from George Debbage on 01603 270225, £15 to include light supper.

THE LATE TONY ROPE

The funeral for Tony Rope was held at Blofield Church on Friday 11th August and was attended by well over 200 people who filled the church. The family appreciated the presence of so many and those who attended the wake, held at Street Farm Blofield. Three Keys Garage at Street Farm continues under Stephen Rope and is able to offer all the usual services.

READERS' LETTERS

I so enjoyed my 70th birthday but my health is not up to thanking people individually, so please accept my sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers, presents and good wishes from so many friends in the village. Carole Reilly.

BIRD IN HAND OPEN GARDEN

The Open garden on Sunday the 13th August was a fantastic day. We had glorious weather and a huge number of people who kindly came to spend the afternoon enjoying the late summer colours with either a cup of tea or a pint of Woodforde's. With the support of so many we managed to raise £3000 which will be divided between Heathlands and All Saints Church Hemblington. I would just like to say a big thank you to all of you who came and of course to my loyal band of helpers on the day. Claire Norton.

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.

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. Written entries; please deliver to Granville Hornsby, 11 Borton Rd, Blofield Heath, NR13 4RU.

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

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Delivery enquiries and volunteers, please contact Granville Hornsby 01603 713141 or editor@focalpointonline.org.uk

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