

MAY 2019

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 7th May 2019 - 7.30pm at Heathlands

GARAGE SALE - Sunday April 28th.

Come and buy a map (£1.00) at Heathlands Community Centre, have the morning wandering around the Garages that are open between 9.00 – 1.00pm. Refreshments are available at the Hall, so stop for a cuppa and cake!!

SCALEXTRIC at Heathlands Friday May 3rd - Between 7 & 9pm

Welcome back to Andy with his Scalextric cars and track in the main hall.

Come and have a go - boys and girls bring your Mums, Dads, Grandads, Grandmas and friends along.

HEATHLANDS BINGO - Don't forget its Eyes down for Bingo, alternate Friday evenings, April 26th, then its May 10th and May 24th. Come and join in the fun, Cash prizes to be won. Refreshments and raffle during the interval. Evening starts at 7.30pm

HEATHLANDS REFURBISHMENT is well under way, everything is on schedule and we look forward to reporting a "nearly there date" !! But in the meantime, don't forget that Heathlands Social Club is open as usual, Tuesday to Saturday.

JACK and JILL's TEA and CHAT AT HEATHLANDS - Tuesday April 30th & Tuesday May 23rd

Come and join us for a cuppa and chat. It was lovely to see so many of you at the beginning of April.

We open at 2.00pm - until 4.00pm, also lovely raffle to have a go at.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces - and more men !!

HEATHLANDS 50/50 LOTTERY DRAWS FOR MARCH

1st No 120 Mr Derek Forster £25.75. 2nd No 21 Alan Oakes(I KNOW) £15.45. 3rd No 211 S. Bussey £5.15. Draw took place at Heathlands Bingo on Friday 12th April 2019.

For information on the 50/50 Lottery or how to join, contact Alan Oakes, Promoter, on 07818 466473.

BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - During 2019 the Parish Council will usually hold two meetings a month. A monthly Council meeting for all matters arising and a monthly planning meeting dedicated to discussing and commenting on planning applications. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in Blofield Courthouse, Yarmouth Road. Monday 20th May 2019* Annual & Monthly *This meeting will be in the Judges Room at Blofield Courthouse The Annual Parish Council meeting starts at 7.00pm, followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm

PLANS TO RE-LOCATE BLOFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Invitation to all Parishioners to view plans for the future relocation of Blofield Primary School

On Thursday 23rd May at Blofield Primary School from 3pm to 7pm, there is an opportunity to view a draft plan for a potential site to host a new purpose built primary school that will meet the needs of current and future local children, alongside plans for the Doctors' Surgery and ideas from Blofield Parish Council about reuse of the existing school playing field, car park and external classroom.

An informal exhibition event will be held in the hall at Blofield Primary, where representatives from the School, NCC, Parish Council, Doctors' Surgery and other stakeholders will be on hand to listen to thoughts and answer any questions. This is an important event and we would encourage all parishioners to attend to help shape the future of that area of Blofield Parish.

BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - On Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm 'The Secrets of Secret Norwich': Author Elizabeth Walne takes us on a whistle-stop tour of lesser-known historic Norwich from urchins to acrobats and back again. Visitors £2.50, members free. www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk

BLOFIELD COURT HOUSE VILLAGE SCREEN.

Will be showing BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (12A) on Friday 10th May. The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985). Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Matinee 2.30 pm (Tea and Cakes) Evening 7.30 pm (Wine and drinks). Tickets £4.50 from S. and S. Mitchell, Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. All enquiries to 01603 712306

BLOFIELD CONSERVATION ORCHARD - BLOSSOM WALKS.

The orchard contains some 57 fruit trees comprising apples, pears, cherries and gages, all of local heritage varieties. Open to the public for BLOSSOM WALKS in May on Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. Members of the group will be present to welcome visitors. Disabled access by car to the orchard entrance. Entry through the Blofield Allotments on Hemblington Rd, just past Norwich Camping.

BLOFIELD HEATH W.I.

Everyone enjoyed our birthday party. We were pleased to welcome our visitors from our local W.I. group and our federation chairman, Margaret Collison. Helen McDermott kept us entertained, she told us her life story, beginning as a ballet dancer when she was 7 years old and changing to musicals, then going into hospital radio and working her way up to a television newsreader having started as a tea girl. Members provided delicious refreshments. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 2.00 pm at Heathlands, when Simon Partridge will be telling us about the How Hill Trust. This is also our resolutions meeting. Visitors are very welcome.

BENEFICE CHURCHES OF BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON & NORTH BURLINGHAM - Services For May.

NORMAL SERVICES

8.00 am	St Andrew and St Peter (Holy Communion)	Blofield
9.30 am	All Saints	Hemblington
9.30 am	St Andrew (5 th May)	North Burlingham
11.00 am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
11.00 am	Sunday 5 th May – Worship Lite, a contemporary service	Blofield
9.30 am	Wednesday Benefice Midweek worship (Holy Communion)	Blofield

Rector, Rev Kevin M Billson Tel: 01603 712299 kevin.billson@eraith.net

Details of church wardens and events can be found on the following websites; www.blofieldchurch.org.uk

www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk www.northburlinghamchurch.org.uk

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY?

RHYME TIME MINI MOVERS:

Rhymes, songs and music every week during term time

Brundall Library Mondays 9.15am

Blofield Library Wednesdays 9.15am

CRAFTY GROUP

Bring your own craft projects to do in the company of fellow crafters, swap ideas, make friends and enjoy a cuppa.

Alternate Mondays at 2.00pm at Blofield Library

Telephone 01603 712902 to check next session.

BLOFIELD AND BRUNDALL ONLINE BOOK GROUP.

Join our new book group either in branch or via our libraries Facebook page. Visit either Blofield or Brundall Library to pick up a copy of our chosen book. Be part of a book group in the comfort of your own home, ideal if you'd like to be part of a book group but don't have much spare time.

Like and follow 'Blofield and Brundall Libraries' on Facebook to keep up to date with all our library news.

UPDATE ON THE WALLED GARDEN COMMUNITY SHOP AND CAFÉ

Thanks for attending our Public meeting on the 16th of March! We had a full hall, and we were able to answer many questions about the project. Please see the minutes at www.thewalledgardenshop.co.uk

Our community group is now finalising the process of building the community shop and café, and we hope to be open by Christmas 2019. Would you like to volunteer to work in the shop, café or garden?

Please contact enquiries@thewalledgardenshop.co.uk

MAINTENANCE WORKS TO FOOTPATH THROUGH BLOFIELD CHURCHYARD

You may have noticed that there has been some activity happening around the footpath through Blofield Churchyard.

For a while now the Parish Council has been working closely with Blofield Church and the Diocese of Norwich to obtain permission to complete works to the footpath by realigning the path to its original position and laying mesh to allow grass to grow through it.

Permission has been obtained from the Diocese and works have begun. The Parish Council is working in partnership with The Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company which is providing the labour for the works whilst the Parish Council provides the material. By the time you see this it is hoped the works will be complete!

BADCOG ~ BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP.

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

Saturday May 11th - Jary's Meadow; Saturday June 1st - Buckenham Woods

Any changes will be published on the website www.badcog.co.uk

BLOFIELD CHURCH.

Blofield Church presents an 'Organ and Piano' afternoon tea concert on Sunday, May 5th at 2.30 pm given by John Farmer and Ben Garrod. Some pieces will be John's own compositions.

A mixture of musical delights awaits you and afternoon tea will be served. Tickets, £8 at the door, including tea.

GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB.

Our April meeting held at Thorpe End Church Hall was our Annual Spring Show and the entries for this were amazing. First prize went to Mrs Sylvia Goulding, second to Mrs Dorothy Hale and third to Derek Sheldrake.

Our next meeting on the 6th May will be at Great Plumstead Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. where the speaker will be Mr David Clayton talking on "A Journey through the Radio"

At every meeting we have plant sales, raffle and free coffee, tea and biscuits. Should you be interested we also run coach trips to a "House and Garden" and make evening visits to gardens in the local area. Visitors are welcome to join us.

For further information please ring 01603 720744

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

On Wednesday 8th May. "BADCOG – your local conservation group" with Tony McKie and Ernest Hoyos, Blofield and District Conservation Group. 7.30 pm, Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

All welcome, refreshments provided after the talk. Details www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk (Visitors are very welcome to attend any meeting for a fee of £2.00 per evening.)

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH.

COFFEE MORNING at Hemblington Church: Please join us on Saturday 18th May from 10.00 am to 12 noon. There will be all the usual things – cakes, bread, maybe some plants etc. Proceeds will be for Christian Aid.

MAKE AND MARDLE this month will be on Thursday 23rd May from 10.00 am to 12 noon at Hemblington Church.

BLOFIELD COURTHOUSE - PRIVATE FUNCTION BOOKINGS

Due to the lack of volunteer staff and retirement, there has recently been a short break in accepting bookings for private functions. This has now been resolved and bookings are now being accepted even though we are still short staffed and need additional volunteers. Enquires please to <http://www.blofieldcourthouse.org.uk/contact>

BLOFIELD 'PLAY CHURCH' BABY AND TODDLER GROUP.

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

Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome to come and join this successful, happy and friendly toddler group where babies and children learn and play 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

Play Church Leaflets are available from Blofield Church. NO SESSION 29th MAY HALF TERM.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

On Saturday June 8th from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, a collection of photographs capturing the life of Blofield Church, its people, special occasions and many celebrations during the last 15 years will be on display. See what you remember. New residents do come and view it and have fun with a small quiz based on the display.

During the day.

Breakfast 10.00 am until 2.00 pm;

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. The children's corner will be open.

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON.

Walking boots on, pencil to hand, it must be Hemblington Treasure Hunt time!

Entry forms are in All Saints Church (NR13 4EF) - just £5 per team. The prize of a "Candlelit dinner for two" will be awarded in September, as the closing date for completed entries is 31st August.

Thursday, 6th June (7.00 pm): All welcome to the joint Hemblington Parish Council/Friends AGM, when the main speaker will be that well known respected landscape historian Prof. Tom Williamson (UEA). His theme is "Trees and Woods of the Norfolk Landscape". Refreshments will be available.

Tuesday, 28th May (10.00 am – 12 noon) Surveying/recording of wildlife and plants in the churchyard.

If you would like to come along to see what happens, please do. All details on www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk hemblington@gmail.com

MARTY'S MARSH

Blofield Parish Council is pleased to announce, with assistance from Broadland DC, the purchase of land for community use and protection from development between Langham Green and Cremer's Meadow, off the Brundall/Blofield Road, which extends to the south of Blofield Churchyard. The land will eventually have community access via a path between Cremer's Meadow and Footpath 12.

The land requires work before being open to the public, which will probably take at least 18 months.

A 'Friends Group' is needed to work and maintain the site. Interested in participating? Please contact Blofield PC.

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

HEMBLINGTON PRE-SCHOOL.

Based at Heathlands Village Hall. Open:

Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm,

Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm,

Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Friendly, professional staff. Lovely light spacious hall, free flow play to outdoors area. Stimulating activities to develop your child's learning in line with Early Years Foundation Stage. Forest Friends activities. RECENT OFSTED (Feb 2018) RATED GOOD. "Children are motivated to learn." "Parents speak highly of the pre-school staff and are involved well in their children's learning." If you would like to arrange a visit and discuss your child's needs call 01603 712464 (office hours) or 07716 869506. VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE! - www.hemblingtonpreschool.com

MESSY MUSHROOMS.

A fun creative session for 0-5 year olds with a range of messy play activities. Heathlands Village Hall 10.00am to 11.30am every Friday. £3.50 1st child, additional children £1 each

Includes healthy snack and drink for children and refreshments will be available for adults.

Contact: messymushrooms@gmail.com

BLAFELDA (BLOFIELD) PROBUS 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 King's 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 members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason on 01603 716735 or email alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk

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

COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE.

Saturday 18th May - Coffee morning and plant sale from 10.00 am in the St Lawrence's Centre, South Walsham in aid of the refurbishment of St Lawrence's. For more information please contact Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212 or email suehitchcock6@gmail.com

SPRING AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

Take a river trip on our steam boat, Falcon, or our new electric boat, Marsh Harrier.

Don't miss our Boat and Fishing Jumble on Sunday 5th May. Doors open from 9am to noon and entry is £1 per person.

The Sheringham Shantymen are at Hoveton Village Hall, on Friday 24th May from 7pm. £12 per adult, £3 per child, and a bar is available.

Our popular Art Challenge is on Saturday 15th June. Entry is open to all artists, costs £10 and includes tuition and prizes for the winners. Don't miss our special exhibition, the Lost Railway of the Broads.

The Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681 www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

BLOFIELD CHURCH - Presents a concert by Broadland Youth Choir on Saturday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 at the door include refreshments. BYC has been involving young people in music since 1992. With a rich and varied repertoire BYC is fun and dynamic.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB – Guest Ales for May

Beestons "Worth The Wait" 4.2% abv, and Moongazer "Pintail" 3.9% abv both priced at £2.80 pint for Members, £3.20 pint Non Members, and Woodfordes "Nelsons Revenge" 4.5% abv priced at £3.00 pint Members, £3.40 pint Non Members

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.

Normal opening Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.30pm until 11pm (last orders 10.30pm.) Thursday & Friday from 7.30pm & Saturday from 5.30pm – open until late.

BLOFIELD PARISH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH needs you!

The speedwatch team has been out and about a few times but to be more effective the team would like a few more volunteers, especially from Blofield.

Time commitment would be about an hour per week, but with enough volunteers a rota could be worked out where it would be roughly an hour a fortnight.

Full training will be offered by the Speedwatch Coordinator.

If you're interested or would like further information, then please get in touch with the coordinator - Paul Culley-Barber at paulcb@blofield.net

DOG SHOW AND FAMILY FUN DAY.

Dog Show and Family Fun Day on 14th July between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm in aid of Wells Community Hospital Trust. We are happy to announce our fabulous fun filled day for all the family ... two and four-legged ... at the East Park, Holkham Estate - entry via the Golden Gates (B1105 Wells to Fakenham Road). Use postcode: NR23 1SF for Sat Nav directions.

FREE ENTRY, parking £3 per car. Gates open and registration from 10.00 am, with doggie classes from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. Lots of fun classes and activities for your dog to enter, together with a huge array of children's entertainment including circus acts, a climbing wall, pet 'cuddle corner', fun fair stalls and much, much more. Over 50 craft stalls and trade stands, 10 food outlets as well as a bar and 2 live bands! Fun for everyone!!

KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL.

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter, we meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking, anyone is welcome to join us, May litter-picks take place on:

Tuesday 7th May, (not Bank Holiday Monday) meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30 am

Monday 13th May, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30 am

Also, many thanks to quite a number of residents who pick litter informally during the month - it is much appreciated!

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB. At one of our recent Monday night meetings we were able to present cheques from monies raised at Christmas and other collections for £1000 each to two local charities – the East Anglia Air Ambulance and Nelson's Journey (a charity supporting bereaved children based in Norwich). To find out more about us and what we get up to, we meet every Monday evening at Wroxham Barns. Please contact our secretary Anne Kittle in advance on 07887 523071 to check the meeting details and so we can ensure we have food for you. Visit our web-site at www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk for more information and details of our exciting programme for 2019, or our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub or contact our president, Philip Plant on 01692 630152.

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STOP YOUR CHILDREN ACCESSING THE INTERNET Unsupervised.

It is important pay attention to parental controls on the computer, tablet or mobile 'phone. (Windows/Mac/Android/Iphone etc)

The internet can be a very dangerous place, especially for children who may access social media or file sharing sites.

We would not let our children out alone and/or unsupervised in a town or city - but some have access to the world in their own homes on computers, tablets and smart phones and just as bad or worse, in the school playground (Peer pressure).

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COMMENT - 'DIRTY DOG OWNERS'. Responsible owners keep their dogs under control, never allow their dog to run at children or adults, and ALWAYS clear up any mess! Broadland District Council have adopted a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - on the spot fine £100. A court case could mean a fine of £1000. This applies to ALL public areas and many other areas with public access. It is an offence for an owner to allow their dog to foul a public place and not pick it up (no exceptions!). If you witness it, avoid confronting the owner, give all evidence you can to Broadland District Council. Perhaps a stiff fine will change the minds of these rude and irresponsible dog owners?

Dogs do not know better - owners should!

Name and address supplied.

BABYSITTING, CHILDMINDING and PRE-SCHOOL

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER in Blofield Heath, awarded with a Good rating from Ofsted in September 2016. Immediate vacancies available on all days. 15 and 30 funded hours available. To find out more please call Nina on 01603 716978 or email nina-bowen@outlook.com

TEDDIES THORPE END PRE-SCHOOL: A friendly, Ofsted inspected pre-school at St David's Church Hall in Thorpe End.

BIG TEDS: Monday to Thursday sessions available during term time for children 2½ years old through to school age.

LITTLE TEDS: Stay and play sessions for 18+ months, every Friday during term time 9:30am to 11am

Call for more information on 07880 870757 or visit our website www.thorpeendteddies.co.uk

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BLOFIELD HEATH & Lt. PLUMSTEAD DELIVERY TEAM

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

BLOFIELD DELIVERY TEAM

Delivery enquiries and volunteers, please contact Mike Tetlow on 01603 715253 or miketetlow1@gmail.com

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Final closing date is the 13th of the preceding month but we need your new booking & artwork by 10th please.

Enquiries to; Granville Hornsby, 11 Borton Rd, Blofield Heath, NR13 4RU. Tel. 01603 713141.

Email: editor@focalpointonline.org.uk

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or by Paypal: editor@focalpointonline.org.uk

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