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HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday November 7th at Heathlands from 7.30pm

Another successful Jumble Sale, thanks to everybody that came on the day and the helpers.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday November 25th - 2.00pm

Lots to do and things to buy, Fantastic Gift Stall, Cake Stall, Large Raffle, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Games for the children to take part in and lots more. Come and join us. Refreshments in the hall - and the Beer Festival will be in the Social Club, so the whole family can come and enjoy the Fair and then have a pint !!!!

If anybody would care to make a cake for us, that would be great. Bring along on the day or ring Jill on 01603 714164 and we can collect. Free admission.

TEA, CAKE AND CHAT AFTERNOON - Come and join us on Tuesday November 28th between 2 & 4pm

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY - This is on Saturday December 16th from 2.00 to 4.00pm

Please get a ticket from Jo at Playgroup or Heathlands Social Club. This is usually a sell out, so you need a ticket. Entertainment, light tea, and a request has been put in for Father Christmas to call.

BOLLYWOOD DANCERS are coming to entertain us, also the chance to have a go yourself. Saturday February 10th - make a note in your diaries and book early. Tickets from Social Club or Jill on 01603 714164

SHORT MAT BOWLS - come along and join in.

Every Wednesday starting at 8.00 pm in the main hall at Heathlands.

HEATHLANDS 50/50 LOTTERY RESULTS - September 2017 draw

1st No 23 Margaret Locke £28.75, 2nd No 135 James Porter £17.25, 3rd No 60 Lyn Cutting £5.75.

The draw took place at Heathlands Social Club, on Tuesday 10th October 2017.

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

THE MONDAY CLUB - is held at Heathlands on a completely voluntary basis. We are short of drivers and would be grateful for extra help. Please contact Pam Brooks 01603 715431 for details if you can help, either on a regular or an occasional basis.

BLOFIELD HEATH W.I.

At our October meeting members and visitors were entertained by Angela Bishop, who brought back many memories with her interactive presentation entitled "Fashion in the 1950's." She brought dresses, hats, bags, gloves, magazines, books and records and we joined in with songs, adverts and reminiscences of the time.

Our next meeting is at Heathlands on Tuesday 14th November at 2.00pm. It is our A.G.M. and is for members only.

SUNDAY BUS SERVICE BY KONNECTBUS

Thanks to funding by Norfolk County Council, a new 5A service operates between Blofield and Norwich on Sundays. For details please see www.konectbus.co.uk/news/servicechanges-september2017 or telephone 01362 851210

BLOFIELD COURT HOUSE VILLAGE SCREEN.

Friday 10th November **HAMPSTEAD (12A)** is a witty and charming drama in which an American widow develops a relationship with a man living a self-sufficient existence in a shack on Hampstead Heath. **CAST INCLUDES** Diane Keaton, Brendan Gleeson, James Norton, Jason Watkins, Lesley Manville, Simon Callow. Matinee 2.30pm (tea and cakes) Evening 7.30pm (wine and drinks). Tickets £4.50, S and S Mitchell, Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. All enquiries to 01603 715253.

HEATHLANDS BINGO
Fridays
November 10th & 24th
7pm for a 7.30 start
All Welcome
Great Prizes and CASH to WIN
Refreshments & Drinks

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH.

Make and Mardle will be on Tuesday 21st November from 10.00am to 12noon at Hemblington Hall, Hemblington Hall Road, NR13 4EF. After that we will meet again in 2018.

THE SOUND SYSTEM: Many people will be aware of the recent theft of the amplifier/sound system from Hemblington Church. This equipment has been vital in expanding the role of the church in the community and has enabled and enhanced musical and other events within the church.

We have been able to replace some of the equipment but are still £250 short of the funding necessary to complete the task. If anybody would like to donate specifically to this project we would be extremely grateful. Details of how to donate can be found on our website, www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

ACCESS to Hemblington parish records

We have recently added information on this on our website at www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk/?page_id=1588

LIGHT PARTY. Don't forget the Light Party at Hemblington church on Friday 10th November 6-8pm. Bring the family.

ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION SERVICE

All Souls Commemoration Service for the benefice churches of Blofield, Hemblington and North Burlingham. On Sunday 5th November there will be a commemoration service in Blofield Church at 4.00pm for those who wish to remember loved ones who have died and whose memory is still fondly held. If you wish loved ones to be remembered by name during the service please add their names to the lists at the back of the churches or email the rector at kevin.billson@eraith.net There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

BREAKFAST CLUB IN THE WEST END OF BLOFIELD CHURCH.

Come and join us on Sunday 5th November at 10.00am for a continental breakfast and a time to meet new friends before Morning Worship at 11.00am.

BLOFIELD CHURCH ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

Sunday 12th November at 10.55am. Beginning with the act of remembrance in front of the War Memorial in the churchyard. The uniformed groups are invited to attend this service.

NOVEMBER SERVICES, BENEFICE CHURCHES OF BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON & Nth BURLINGHAM

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
9.30am	All Saints	Hemblington
9.30am	St Andrew's (5 th November only)	North Burlingham
11.00am	St Andrew and St Peter	Blofield
4.00pm	St Andrew and St Peter (Benefice Memorial Service)	Blofield
Tuesdays	8.30 am Benefice Morning Prayer	Blofield
Wednesdays	9.30 am Benefice Midweek Worship (Holy Communion)	Blofield
Thursdays	9.00 am Benefice Morning Prayer	Hemblington
Thursdays	'Come to the stillness' Prayer time at 4.15pm	Blofield
Saturday	9.00 am Morning Prayer (18th November)	North Burlingham

All additional services, events and contacts are available from the websites:

www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk www.blofieldchurch.org.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/north-burlingham

'CHURCH LITE' Friday night in the west end at Blofield church on Friday 24th November 7.30pm. An informal time of modern worship in a relaxed atmosphere with light refreshments. 'Come to the stillness' – Prayer for all, 45 minutes in God's presence every Thursday 4.15pm at Blofield Church.

WINTER WALKING GROUP November-March.

Meet outside Blofield church every Thursday at 2.00pm and on Tuesdays 1.30pm at: Salhouse Church (1st week), Hemblington Church (2nd week), North Burlingham Church (3rd week) and Acle recreation ground car park (4th week). Walks last about 2 hours (4-5 miles). All welcome. Geoff 01603 713986

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES.

Multi Charity Christmas Shop, 12th October to 17th December outside The Forum (Portakabin), Norwich, open 7 days a week. Selling cards for more than 40 charities plus gifts, gift wrap, traditional advent calendars and lots more. Cards for Good Causes Limited (CFGCL) pays the participating charities (or their trading subsidiaries) at least 70p in every pound from card sales. The retained amount covers CFGCL's costs of running the temporary charity Christmas card shops. Cards for Good Causes Limited is the trading company of the 1959 Group of Charities (Registered Charity No. 249039)

CAN YOU SING FOR BIG C THIS CHRISTMAS?

Do you belong to a community choir or musical group? Join Norfolk's cancer charity, Big C and a host of choirs, singers and musicians and raise money at your Christmas performances for people in Norfolk and Waveney affected by cancer. If you are interested in holding a Christmas Carol event for Big C, please contact Claire Feek on 01603 964501 or claire.feek@big-c.co.uk

FUND RAISING COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Venue: Blofield Court House, Friday 1st December 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Two local sisters Jill and Valerie (nee Basey-Fisher) are again fund raising for Motor Neurone and Bloodwise (Leukaemia) associations. This is in memory of their two brothers Ian and Bernard Basey-Fisher. Ian passed away in 2013. More recently, Bernard passed away suddenly this year and lived in Western Australia. Please support us to raise funds for research into both these terrible diseases.

ROOFSTOCK!

Kick December off in style, come to the big live music benefit gig on Saturday, 2nd December from 7.30pm at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath.

Tickets a steal at £6 including nibbles. Licensed bar available. Not only a knock-out night with all the old classics, but a good opportunity to support Hemblington Church repairs – buying a ticket is literally practical support! Tickets from Heathlands or contact Sue on 01603 715804.

You could also buy membership of the Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington, as a gift: £10 p.a. or £100 for life. Now that is a present worth receiving!

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

Annual Bonfire and Firework display Sandhole Lane recreation ground Sunday 05th November. Gate opens 6pm Fireworks at 7pm. Hot food and licensed bar. Admission £4.50 Adult £3.00 Child

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

It's that time of year again! If you have one of my home collection boxes for the Children's Society this is the time of year when I open the boxes. The contents are sent off to help the work of the society with so many children who have problems and needs. Please bring me your box when it is convenient. If other people would like to have a box at home to collect loose change please speak to me.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP.

Meets on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall

Barbara Miller presents an illustrated talk on "Georgian Norwich". The 18th century was a pivotal time when Norwich was ranked second to London in wealth and influence.

A strong radical non-conformist core lobbied for many social changes, including the abolition of slavery and penal reform. Everyone welcome, visitors £2.50. Phone 01603 713088 or visit www.brundallvillagehistory

Join our 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS on Saturday 2nd, December, 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the Memorial Hall lounge. Displays, local books, cards and refreshments. Admission free.

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm at Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. Helen Worvill will give an illustrated talk about "Winter Interest Plants". There will be lots of ideas to keep our gardens full of colour as the days get shorter. The competition will be "A Christmas Present for the Birds". Everyone is welcome. Visitors £2.00.

We will be taking a winter break from December to February and will reconvene at our AGM on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Visit www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk or contact Sue Rowe 01603 715804

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 November take place on:

Monday 6th November, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

Monday 13th November, 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 and there is never a shortage of litter!

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REPORT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER.

Hello to all readers of Focal Point. The crimes below were committed/reported during September.

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

BLOFIELD, two recorded crimes.

1. A domestic incident occurred on 28th September.
2. On 15th September a public order offence occurred on Mill Road, threats were made.

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD, two recorded crimes.

1. Criminal damage to a motor vehicle took place on 5th September on Lakeland Close, when paint was poured over a car.
2. A domestic incident occurred on 20th August.

HEMBLINGTON, one recorded crime.

1. A domestic incident occurred on 13th September.

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.

BLOFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR "Your one stop shop for Christmas".

Bar, Food, Raffle, Stalls, Music, Games and much more. Children, come and visit our Winter Wonderland and send your magical letter to Santa. Friday 1st Dec 4pm-8pm Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Rd, Blofield.

A QUIZ FOR WINTER EVENINGS - A light hearted quiz for you, your family and friends to enjoy. Why not enclose one with a Christmas card? Quiz £1 ~ prize £15. Proceeds to Blofield Church. Available from at Blofield Church and from the side porch at The White House, The Street, Blofield.

THE ANGELINI HEALING CENTRE

A new group (Mondays 10.30 - 12) for those who feel they would like to learn how to relax and become less stressful with everyday living, both in mind and body, helping to cope with life's unexpected experiences which seem to crop up more often. We work with the vibration of the Angels and Universal Energy to keep us focussed in any situation. The morning concludes with refreshments and always a good chat about life in general. Telephone me find out more – and leave a message if I am out. Angelini is situated at Three Keys Garage (where I live), next to Harmony Hair, The Street, Blofield NR13 4AA. Tel; 01603 713264 or 07710 567278. Maria Zagni-Rope.

W.E.A. SPRING COURSE.

"Famous Scientists" with tutor Glen Barrett. Looking at work, lives and challenges of some of the great scientists. Seven sessions starting on Tuesday, 23rd January 10.00am to 12noon at Blofield Courthouse. The fee is £50.40p. For more details please call 01603 713080.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW - Delicious refreshments, free entry.

At Blofield Church on Saturday November 4th 10.00am to 4.0pm, A LOCAL HISTORY DAY with hundreds of photographs of people and places; old maps and documents. See how the village used to be. Where were the butcher, baker, bicycle shop, the forges, farms, fruit fields? Meet costumed Paston re-enactors and a medieval wise woman. Try calligraphy, weaving, games, paper making and herb use. Discover links with Pastons, John Dryden and Margaret Harker. Find out what the church has to offer you, families and children with news of exciting activities.

BADCOG ~ BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP.

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

Saturday Nov. 11th, Strumpshaw Stone-pit; Saturday Nov. 25th, Snowdrop Acre

Further details from Ernest on 01603 712913.

BLOFIELD CHURCH.

Richard Hobbs will entertain us with nature notes from his travels.

Friday, November 10th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel rooms in Chapel Road, Lingwood.

Visitors are welcome and refreshments are served.

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.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB - Guest Ales for November.

Wolf Golden Jackal 3.7%abv and and Wolf Sirius Dog Star 4.4%abv, both priced at £2.60 pint for Members and their Guests, and £3.00 pint Non Members. We also now stock Guinness Hop House 13 at £3.00 pint Members, and £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. New Members are always welcomed. Loyalty Card system is to continue for the Month of November, and applies to Members Only, AND WILL NOT APPLY to the week of the Winter Beer Festival, Tuesday 21st to Sunday 26th November.

Apologies for not supplying Grannie Wouldn't Like It as advertised in last month's Focal Point, this was beyond our control. We open Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.30pm until 11pm (last orders 10.30pm.) Thursday & Friday from 7.30pm & Saturday from 5.30pm – open until late.

GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The next meeting on Monday 6th November will be at 7.30pm at Great Plumstead Village Hall, the speaker will be PC Robert Hall on "Crime Prevention".

Please note there will be a Beetle Drive on Saturday 11th November at 7.30 pm at Great Plumstead Village Hall admission is £6 with a raffle, the evening will be really good fun, everyone will be most welcome so please come along and have an enjoyable time with the gardening club.

The meeting on Monday 5th December will be at St David's Church Hall, Thorpe End at 7.00pm prompt as this will be the AGM which will be followed by refreshments and entertainment by "Bob and Connie".

BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER.

Alfie Hewitt wins the wheelchair doubles at the US Open. Alfie Hewitt, from Cantley, supported by our club, won the US Open wheelchair doubles title beating top seeds. They won 7-5 6-4.

Your old or broken spectacles put to good use.

Our collection points are: the Doctors' Surgeries at Ludham and Acle, Hoveton Medical Centre, Caister Methodist Church and Emily Faith Charity Shop in Stalham. We collect all unwanted glasses including broken frames. This funds Vision Aid Overseas (VAO). In the last year they did 53,406 eye tests and prescribed 28,890 pairs of glasses!

<https://www.visionaidoverseas.org/recycling>.

BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB QUIZ NIGHT. Hoveton Village Hall, Stalham Road, Hoveton on Friday, 24th November, 7.00pm arrival, Quiz Starts 7.30pm. annchantryprice@gmail.com Telephone: 01603 270478 / 01296 660202

A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA AT BLOFIELD CHURCH.

Saturday November 25th 10.30am to 2.00pm. Free entry. Quality cakes, a galaxy of gifts, many varied crafts stalls with perfect presents for Christmas. Textiles, bags, cleverly recycled items, stationery, trays, mugs etc at very competitive prices and more. Seasonal refreshments including lunch will be served in our West End café.

Children come along for crafty activities and the chance to meet Santa in his snow house!

OLD BLOFIELD CALENDARS 2018

Calendars with views of 'Old Blofield and Hemblington' are on sale at £5 from the Post Office shops in Blofield and Blofield Heath. Proceeds from their sale will help the Hand in Hand Foundation with its work among underprivileged children in Zimbabwe. A gift for yourself or a friend and a benefit for a needy child.

LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PRE-SCHOOL Charity 1022651

Little Plumstead Village Hall, Crowes Loke, Little Plumstead. Telephone 07500 423913.

info@littleplumsteadpreschool.org We have places available for children from 2 years old.

Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during term time. Sessions available 9am-12noon, 12noon-3pm or 9am-3pm.

Please ring or email for more information or to arrange a visit.

READERS' LETTERS

INTERNET ISSUES IN THE BLOFIELD HEATH AREA

As you may be aware, there are some issues that residents in the Blofield Heath area have to choose from, relating to internet options. Virgin however has created a system called Cable My Street which tells the company what areas would like to receive Virgin. If they receive enough requests then they have a higher chance of prioritising the area face.

Simply go to <http://www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet/>

Chris, Blofield

SPEEDING MOTORISTS

Dear reader of Focal Point, I am writing this article as I am concerned about the speed some motorists drive at on Pedham Road. I have had two cats killed on the road, one in July the other one in September, I have only had them 8 months. I am not disputing that cats do random things and may have jumped out into the road, but someone out there has killed them and left me really upset. Please slow down at the top of Pedham Road, and obey the 30 miles-an-hour speed notices along the road, they are there for a reason. Thankyou.

Jane, Hemblington.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at this event.

"A" is for Awesome. As usual The "A" team did a wonderful job and worked really hard to make this event a huge success, without them it would not have happened, so my thanks go to them. Thank you also to everyone else who donated their time, cakes, raffle and/or Tombola prizes. Also my grateful thanks to Heathlands for the venue. Last, but not least thanks to my husband for all his help, patience and understanding and a brilliant butternut squash soup!. Total raised for 2017 is £2160
Jackie Kearns

Editors note: Your letters are very welcome but please be aware that we must have the sender's full contact details for verification (not for publishing). **Letters without contact details will not be published.**

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.

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