

HEATHLANDS

NEWS

VE Day VJ Day Celebrations

Sunday 4th May 2pm

BBQ

Music

Details about our VE/VJ Celebrations inside.

Issue 2

Blofield Heath, Pedham, Hemblington, Little and Great Plumstead

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Free

Heathlands Community Centre

Welcome to our second edition of Heathlands News!

Thank you for the positive feedback following our first issue of Heathlands News.

Committee meetings:

Heathlands Social Club – Monday 12th May, 7pm


Heathlands Management Committee – Tuesday 13th May, 7.30pm

VE/VJ Day celebrations – Sunday 4th May, 2pm onwards


Come and join us, entry is free, we're hoping the weather will be kind!

- BBQ from 1.45pm, the bar will be open from 2pm.
- Tea and cakes in the hall (if anybody would like to make a cake, please bring on the day or drop off to Claire at The Bird in Hand, Mill Road).
- Big Band will be playing in the hall from 3-4pm, then Sandra Baxter will be singing some classic songs for us to join in with.
- Super raffle with lots of lovely prizes, including luxury hamper, gin, chocs, wine and lots more.

If you or a relative have any memorabilia to display, please either get in touch with Claire on 01603 713101 or bring on the day.




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Upcoming Events

Tea and chat – Tuesday 20th May, 2-4pm

Lots of lovely cakes, tea and coffee and plenty of chat. Do come and join us.

Bingo – Friday 9th and Friday 23rd May, eyes down at 7.30pm

The bar will be open, there'll be cash bingo prizes and great raffle prizes.

Recycling

Don't forget to use our bottle banks and waste paper bins! Proceeds from recycling collections go towards maintaining Heathlands.

Rubbish

We are seeing lots more rubbish laying about the field, please use the bins provided or take it home with you, thank you.

No Dogs Policy

Our no dogs policy health and safety rule was set in place many years ago by our Committee, on the basis that Heathlands is a recreation ground for families in Blofield Heath and surrounding parishes, including children.

Therefore, acting in the best interests of health and safety, our no dogs policy was introduced to ensure the safety for all members of the public that use Heathlands.

The Monday Club (Blofield Heath Day Centre)

The Monday Club which meets every two weeks at the Heathlands Community Centre is desperate for an able bodied friend to put tables and chairs away at the end of each meeting. This takes about 30 minutes at 2.30pm.

If you can help please ring Sarah on 01603 714800 or Barbara on 01603 712374.



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Heathlands Social Club

It's great to have seen so many people using the bar at Heathlands during April. Now that the clocks have changed and we're having some warmer and lighter evenings, we're looking forward to seeing many more of you joining us for a drink.

We will start to put out some umbrellas to make it more pleasant for you on those really hot days and we're also looking at changing some opening hours based on feedback received – we'll provide updates via our Facebook page and website.

Our bar quiz continues to be successful and well supported. We still have spaces for a few more teams so let us know if you'd like to enter.

Calling all Pool players! Looking for a game? Come along on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. Please contact Leroy on 07704 523612 for more information.

Finally, the Social Club has just celebrated its 36th year as it was founded in April 1989, that's quite an achievement!

Paul Grainger - Chair of Heathlands Social Club

Social Club Opening Hours:



Tuesday – Thursday, doors open 7.30pm
Friday – doors open 4.30pm
Saturday – doors open 5.30pm
Sunday – doors open 2pm



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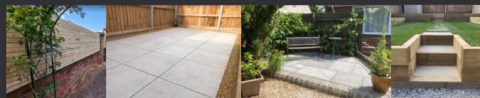
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Your Bar in Blofield Heath

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We usually have three ales on tap from various local breweries (currently Lacons Encore, Grain Best & Woodfordes Great Eastern) plus Lagers (Birra Moretti, Stella Artois, Carlsberg), Guinness, Woodfordes Adder and Lacons LGR. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks.

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New memberships are always welcome and forms are available in the Bar.

Bar Quiz – Thursday 15th May, 7.30pm. Still some spaces left!

Early opening – Thursday 8th May, 4.30pm. We're doing this as a pilot based on feedback, if successful, we will consider more.

Quiz Night – Saturday 31 May, 7.30pm. In aid of Dystonia UK. Book your place for £5 by contacting Michelle on 07484 334160 or wilmoremichelle7@gmail.com.

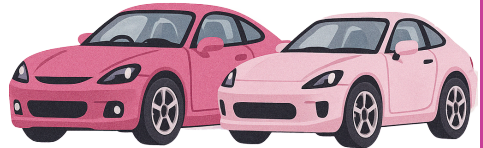
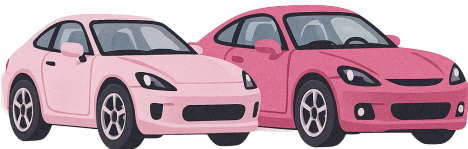
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Village Updates

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON

Sunday 4th May VE Day Service

Our VE service at Hemblington Church on 4th May at 9.30am will be attended by Henry Cator one of our Deputy Lieutenants for Norfolk. He is representing the Lord Lieutenant and ultimately the King, so that will be very special for our little church. Do come and join us, everyone will be welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

2025 is the 80th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. The 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day falls on Thursday 8th May 2025. There will be many events to commemorate this important date, including the special Church Service (above) and afternoon tea at Heathlands Community Centre the same day. Do look out for notices about both these events.

The Great Big Green Week runs between Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th June this year. The Friends will be organising a small exhibition in Hemblington Church. The highlight of the week will be on Saturday 7th June when our 'resident naturalist' David Bryant will give a free talk 'Wildlife in a Country Churchyard'. This will be followed by an hour's wildlife survey in the churchyard. The Annual General Meeting of the Friends group will follow. These are free events and open to all. Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to know more about the activities of the Friends group, please contact the Secretary on 01603 715804 or see the website hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

Make & Mardle dates

Thursday 22nd May, Thursday 19th June, Tuesday 22nd July – from 10am to 12 noon.

A warm welcome and open invitation to everyone to come along for coffee, cake, chat and optional craft. For more information call Catherine on 01603 270360.

WOODBASTWICK CHURCH

Woodbastwick Church is now part of our enlarged benefice of churches (eight in all now).

Flower Festival over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd August: Come along and visit the Flower Festival at the lovely Woodbastwick Church, 10am to 4.30pm. Donations are welcome, tea and coffee will be served.

There will be an Evensong service on Sunday 3rd August at 6.30pm with the Very Rev'd Andrew Braddock, Dean of Norwich Cathedral.

Latest from our local groups

NORTH BURLINGHAM CHURCH

Songs of Praise – Sunday 11th May at 3pm. Please come and join in Songs of Praise in this beautiful church. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards and hopefully there should be a fine display of bluebells in the churchyard. northburlinghamchurch.org.uk

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 14th May, 7.30pm – Meeting at the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. Sarah Hammond will be discussing 'English Peonies'. The members' competition will be 'a stem of a flowering shrub'. All are very welcome to our meetings – members free, visitors £2.50 which includes light refreshment.

Saturday 24th May, 10am to 12 noon at Blofield Church – Plant sale, Church wildflower trail, children's planting activities and coffee morning. Come along to help fill up the gaps in your garden, there'll be plenty of good plants and garden items for sale at very reasonable prices. Profits from plant sales will benefit the Blofield & District Gardening Club funds, those from the refreshments will go to the Blofield Church fund.

Enquiries to 01603 715804, website: blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

BADCOG – BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties and is an active group aiming to promote interest in Norfolk's natural history and to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation. Work parties start at 10.30am and finish no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do. The next work parties will be: **Saturday 17th May – Jary's Meadow** and **Saturday 31st May – Buckenham Woods**.

There will be no evening meetings until the autumn. For any changes to work party plans please see the website badcog.co.uk.



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BLOFIELD HEATH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 8th April 2025, Blofield Heath WI held a very special meeting as it was celebrating its 60th Birthday.

The speaker for this celebration was Jane Hoggar, who had for many years enjoyed a career as a Bluebell Girl. Jane, an Ipswich born girl, captivated us by recalling the life she enjoyed as a dancer for many years which took her not only to London and Paris, but Australia and Japan too. Our members were enthralled with her talk, it was a pleasure to see so many members laughing at some of her exploits, she also demonstrated her dancing skills too.

Afterwards a delicious birthday tea was enjoyed, together with the celebratory cake made by our very own Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th May 2025**.

KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL

Our small group of volunteers meet each month helping to keep our villages reasonably free of litter. The dates for litter-picks in May are:

Monday 12th May, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

Monday 19th May, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! We also occasionally meet in the evening to plan forward litter picking dates and to discuss ideas that would help Keep Blofield Special. Please feel free to come along, new ideas are always welcome! Our next evening meeting is on **Monday 12th May at Heathlands at 7pm**.

Join our 50/50 lottery at Heathlands!

A great way to have fun and support Heathlands.

We currently have 158 members, generating a pot of £79 per month.

50% goes towards Heathlands, 5% goes towards the Christmas draw and 45% is paid out in the monthly prize draw.

Ask for more details inside the Social Club!

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