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VE DAY AT HEATHLANDS


The Victory in Europe celebrations at Heathlands on Sunday 4th May, in conjunction with Hemblington Church, was an amazing event, if not even a little emotional at times. Our concerns about the weather were completely unfounded as so many people very kindly turned up and hopefully enjoyed three hours of fun.

Our resident band, under the leadership of Dave Osborn, entertained us with music from the 1940s, culminating with a solo rendition by Les Riley of the “Last Post”, followed by an emotional one minute’s silence. This was followed by our magnificent soloist, Sandra Baxter, who entertained us for a further hour with beautiful songs bringing the whole event to a wonderful conclusion.


We had a great display inside of Wartime memorabilia and outside a beautifully restored World War 2 BSA motorbike, which was so kindly ridden all the way from Taverham by Scott. The BBQ managed to run at capacity and the Social Club Bar was vibrant all afternoon. Tea, coffee and cakes were available and the whole event was free to everybody, so thank you to all who kindly gave a donation.

The Committee would like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped put on this event in whatever way, but also to say an even bigger thank you to everybody who came and supported us on the the day.

Claire Norton, Chair Heathlands Management Committee

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Heathlands Social Club

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It's been another successful month in the Social Club with some really busy Friday nights in the bar. The bar quiz continues to be popular with more teams coming along, please let us know if you'd like to book a table for the next one.

We have changed one of our keg lines on the bar now and by popular request, have installed Cruzcampo lager which you will hopefully enjoy. The next ales we will have on at the club are:

Woodfordes Phoenix IPA, 4.2%
Grain Best Bitter, 4.2%

Lacons Brewers Series (Goody), 4.3%

We've also received some great ideas from you, please keep them coming.

Sunday 8th June 1.30pm - An afternoon with the Addictive Mix band, with summer BBQ!

Thursday 19th June - Bar quiz, starting at 8pm. Free entry, just come along. Maximum six per team, with a free round of drinks for the winning team! Prize raffle.

Tuesday 17th June 2pm till 4pm - Tea and Chat - lots of lovely cakes, tea and coffee!

We are showing some selected matches from the British & Irish Lions tour.

Paul Grainger, Chairman of Heathlands Social Club

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HEATHLANDS CRIBBAGE

Did you know that the Heathlands Social Club hosted a cribbage team this last season? Our team consists of eight players plus substitutes and originates from the Cantley Cock pub and has been established for more than 40 years.

We are part of the Broadland Cribbage league and play during the season on a Wednesday evening. Currently there are only five teams in the league, and we play each other three times during the season on a home and away basis. Annually we play an Open Tournament on our presentation night which this year was held on 13th May in the hall at Heathlands. Proceeds from the evening's raffle etc. go to a chosen charity which last year was the MND Association. Our season finishes at the end April and restarts normally in October.

We have a strong team and are considering forming a second one, so if anybody is interested in learning more about cribbage, or would like to know more about joining a team they are welcome to get in touch with the team captain Tony Baker who can be reached by e-mail: tonybaker@bushlite.co.uk.

BLOFIELD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

“Flower arranging using flowers and foliage from the garden” is the title of the talk to be given by Jenni Baker on Wednesday evening, 11th June at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Members’ competition will be “A posy of garden flowers”.

Guests are welcome to all Club meetings - £2.50 including refreshments and chat. Membership is just £10 per year. Raffle and a £1 bring and buy stall at each meeting.

Date for your diary: the Annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday afternoon, 12th July at the Margaret Harker Hall – always a great social event.





Local contact for enquiries: 01603 715804 email: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com website: blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.



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Latest from our local groups

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 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.

KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking free of litter, we meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Our next litter picks are:

Monday 2nd June, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am
Monday 9th June, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately!

ALLOTMENTS IN BLOFIELD

Have you ever wished you could grow your own fruit and vegetables but have not got the space in your garden? Maybe an allotment could provide the perfect solution.

We currently have two plots available for those of you who live within the parish of Blofield (covering Blofield Heath and Blofield).

To find out more, please e-mail us for details: blofieldallotment@btinternet.com.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF LAURENCE (TOM) FULLER

A celebration of the life of Laurence (Tom) Fuller will be held at Heathlands on Friday 25th July from 2pm. Anyone wishing to attend should please RSVP to the family by email: sefuller@hotmail.com.



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON

The Great Big Green Week

The Great Big Green Week is being held from Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th June.

The Friends of Hemblington Church will organise a small exhibition in the church highlighting its ongoing work with local conservation groups and encouraging reuse, recycling and sustainable living within the community.

The highlight will be **Saturday 7th June at 12 noon**, when everyone is invited to hear a free talk by our 'resident naturalist' David Bryant. Wildlife in a Country Churchyard is an illustrated presentation on the birds, butterflies, dragonflies, mammals and more he has spotted and photographed in our churchyard.

This will be followed by an hour's wildlife survey. A small team usually carries this out monthly, but for Great Big Green Week we're inviting a whole crowd to help spot birds and butterflies, and enjoy the wildflowers.

Do join us. These events are free and open to all. Refreshments will be available – if it's Hemblington, there will be cake!

The AGM of the Friends group will follow – it would be lovely if you could stay.

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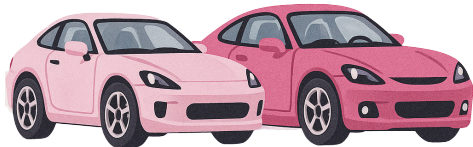
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Latest from our local groups

Becoming a Friend of Hemblington Church helps ensure funds are available for repairs and conservation. Contact the Secretary on 01603 715804, or get in touch via: hemblington@gmail.com or hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

Sunday 15th June, 9.30am – Morning Service in church to celebrate World Environment Day.

Make & Mardle dates

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.

BLOFIELD CHURCH'S SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday July 5th between 1pm and 4pm - Free Entry

Bring your teddy for parachuting fun. Wind him on a rope up the side of the tower and watch him float down. Also many garden games and treasure hunts with prizes galore. Teas and cakes will be available!



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GREAT & LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, two monthly meetings are held at St David's Church Hall and in the third month we meet at Great Plumstead Village Hall. **Dates for your diary:**

Monday June 2nd, 7.30pm – meeting at St David's Church Hall when we welcome Andrew with a talk on Cottage Cures and Superstitions.

Monday July 7th, 7.30pm – meeting at St David's Church Hall on the subject of Pond Maintenance.

Sunday 15th June – Mystery Day Trip, with lunch included. If anyone would like to join us there are a few places still available.

Saturday 12th July, 2pm – Summer Show at Great Plumstead Village Hall. Everyone welcome to attend, teas, raffle and plants will be available.

This year is the 80th Anniversary of the Club and we are planning celebrations.

We looking forward to meeting and welcoming new members. Contact our chair Annette on 01603 453584, or our secretary on 01603 721906.

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 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 14th June – Hemblington Church and Saturday 28th June – Lingwood Church

For any changes to work party plans please see the website badcog.co.uk



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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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