

HEATHLANDS

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Your community newsletter

Heathlands Community Centre

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm at Heathlands.

50/50 Lottery Club

Heathlands Community Centre's 50/50 Lottery Club annual membership subscriptions are due in July - see the back page for details!

May winners: Pauline Hendry - £19.75, James Porter - £11.85, A Barrick - £3.95


June winners: Sharon Sadler - £19.75, Robin Tuthill - £11.85, James Porter - £3.95


Macmillan Cancer Support & Coffee Morning

How time flies, and I'm sure you're all busy in your gardens and allotments, so please can I ask if anyone has an abundance of fruit or vegetables this year could they consider donating it to Jackie so she can carry on producing jams and chutneys in aid of "Macmillan Cancer Support"?

Please also make a note in your diaries that this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning will be at Heathlands on Saturday 20th September between 12-3pm.

Contact Jackie on 01603 717382 or 07928 584113.

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Heathlands Social Club

Welcome to Heathlands Social Club! Members benefit from cheaper bar prices, and guests are always welcome to visit. Want to become a member? We offer family memberships for £10, including children under 17. A single membership is £7 for the year.

Enjoy Sky Sports throughout the week on our two large TVs - check our Facebook page for listings!

SOCIAL CLUB UPDATES

We continue to try new things in the Social Club such as different opening hours and we have a new lager, Cruzcampo, by popular request which is going really well. We are currently looking at how we could staff some different opening hours on a more permanent basis and will keep you updated.

June started with some well supported events and we all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our annual Summer Beer Festival which runs from Tuesday 15th to Sunday 20th July.

Thanks for all your support.

Paul Grainger – Chair of Heathlands Social Club

Social Club Opening Hours

Check our Facebook page/website for latest updates



Tuesday – doors open 7.30pm
Wednesday – doors open 4.30pm
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Saturday – doors open 5.30pm
Sunday – doors open 2pm



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Upcoming Events at Heathlands

Bingo

There will only be one date for Bingo in July – Friday 4th July (the one on the 18th July has been cancelled). Doors open at 6:45pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. Our following bingo game will be on Friday 1st August.

Bar Quiz

Join us for our monthly bar quiz on Thursday 24th July, starting at 8pm. Free entry, just come along. Maximum six per team, with a free round of drinks for the winning team! Prize raffle.

Heathlands Jumble Sale

Our very popular jumble sale is back on Saturday 12th July, doors open at 2pm. Donations of your jumble and bric a brac are very welcome from 12 noon at the Hall.

Beer Festival

Join us for our Summer Beer Festival from Tuesday 15th July to Sunday 20th July!

Friday 18th July:

Live music with Simon Howard and Something for the Weekend band, performing from 7:30pm. Nippy Chippy onsite.

Saturday 19th July:

Live music with Lee Vasey in the afternoon. The O'Fenders band from 7pm till 10pm. BBQ on the field.

Sunday 20th July:

Live music with The Lovin' Handful from 2.30pm. BBQ on the field.

Tea and Chat

Tea and Chat will be taking a summer break in July, August and September – returning in October.

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Heathlands Updates

HEATHLANDS' LITTER PICK

Our Beaver Colony (2nd Brundall) attended Heathlands on the evening of Monday 19th May to do a litter pick around the woodland area (as a local resident I was aware how much litter is left in the 'bike track' area so suggested this would be a good area to focus on) as part of their community impact badge. The young children collected several bags of rubbish – I think you'd agree they all did a fabulous job!

Perhaps it wouldn't go amiss to remind parents of those children using this area to encourage them to take their litter home or be responsible enough to collect it and bin it when they leave.

Julie Swift – Group Lead Volunteer/Group Scout Leader, 2nd Brundall Scout Group



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 (note correction).

We showcase local businesses with rolling TV adverts in Heathlands Social Club.

Interested? Call Jill on 01603 714164.

Village Updates

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON

Many thanks to all who supported our “Great Big Green Week” in June and especially to David Bryant for his well-illustrated talk “Wildlife in a Country Churchyard”. The number of birds, mammals, butterflies, dragonflies and bees that have been observed, recorded and photographed in and around the churchyard is quite amazing, and David’s talk, providing background information on them, was very well received.

Thanks also to those who stayed on for the AGM of the Friends Group. We were able to review all the events undertaken in 2024, and those planned for 2025. Funds raised are spent on any repairs required inside or outside the church, and on helping to manage the conservation of the churchyards. All buildings need constant review and upkeep, magnified when it is 1,000 years old. If you have family connections to the church do please consider becoming a Friend – just £10 per year – so that it can continue to serve our community well into the future.

80th Commemoration of Victory over Japan – Saturday, 16th August at 2pm

All are invited to hear well-known local historian Neil Storey give an illustrated presentation about The War in the Far East. Hear Neil’s account of the combat and eventual ending of the war including personal family reminiscences. A further talk “HMS Persimmon in the Indian Ocean 1943-1946” will follow. Free entry for the talks. Refreshments will be available.

Local Friends group contact: 01603 715804, Website: hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Make & Mardle - Tuesday 22nd July, 10am to 12 noon

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Woodbastwick Church is now part of our Blofield and Broadland benefices 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.

BLOFIELD CHURCH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 5th July 1pm – 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.

Garden games and treasure hunts with prizes galore. Plus teas and cakes!



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:

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Saturday 26th July – Howes Meadow

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Village Updates

BLOFIELD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 9th July, 7.30pm “Jewels in the Clouds – alpiners in gardens and in the wild” a talk by Rosemary Ward. All very welcome – guest fee £2.50. Members’ competition: An alpine in a pot. Also £1 bring and buy table, raffle and refreshments.

Saturday 12th July from 2pm – the Club’s Annual Summer Show. See members’ exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables plus home produce. Plant sales, refreshments, raffle and tombola stalls. Free entry. A proper village show - do come along!

All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield.

Local contact for enquiries: 01603 715804

Email: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com Website: blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

GREAT & LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The summer is well under way and the gardens are almost at their best now, we look forward to our forthcoming events at the Garden Club.

Monday 7th July, 7.30pm meeting at Thorpe End Church Hall – we welcome Rosemary Ward with a talk, “Plants for Autumn colour”.

Saturday 12th July, 2pm- 4.30pm at Great Plumstead Village Hall – our annual Summer Show, with teas, cakes, raffle, plants and tombola. Please come and join us, let’s hope the Midsummer weather will be kind!

Monday 4th August, 7.30pm meeting at Great Plumstead Village Hall – we look forward to meeting ‘Brian’ with a talk entitled “Farming Bygones”.

Sunday 17th August – we have a coach trip to Audley End for a day out. If you would like to join this day trip, please get in touch to secure a place.

For more information about our events or becoming a member, please call Annette Cross on 01603 434584 or our secretary Cherry on 01603 721906.

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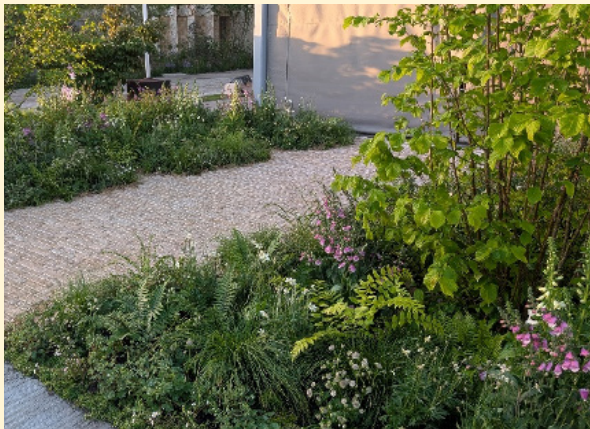
CAMSCAPES - LOCAL LANDSCAPER AT THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

In May, local landscaper Chris Millward was involved in building a garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. "The opportunity came about as two companies I had worked with previously: Victoria Wade Landscape Architecture and GRDN Design, were collaborating on a small garden outside the RHS Hub on the event's Main Avenue." Having only launched Chris' business (Camscapes Landscaping) in 2023, he was 'shocked but honoured' to have been asked to work with them on the project.



Chris explained: "Working at RHS Chelsea was an amazing experience from start to finish. Our garden was situated directly in between Kazuyuki Ishihara's Garden of the year winning 'Japanese Tea Garden' and Tom Massey & Je Ahn's Gold medal winning 'Avanade Intelligent Garden'. Our garden was not a judged show garden but certainly did not look out of place amongst the other gardens on Main Avenue, which included Monty Don's Radio 2 Dog Garden." Victoria's design was inspired by forest walks in her native South Wales, featuring hazel trees, ferns and foxgloves (plus lots more) either side of a white limestone cobbled path.

Our local area was well represented at the show. As well as Chris, Suffolk-based designer Tom Hoblyn, Holt-based Laura and Joe Carey and, of course, Attleborough-based Peter Beales were present at the show; all bringing a little piece of East Anglian inspiration with them.



So what does the future hold for Chris? "I am back in Blofield at the moment and heading into the busy summer period. I will be completing some exciting projects in Blofield Heath and Brundall during June and July. It is early days with regards to another Flower Show appearance but the wheels may well be in motion on a plan for next year, so watch this space!"

Village Updates

KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages reasonably free of litter, the July dates for litter-picks are:

Monday 7th July, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

Monday 14th July, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am

Anyone is welcome to join us, plenty of black bags will be available and there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! As usual, many thanks to residents, walkers and dog-walkers who kindly pick up litter informally, it is appreciated.

ANNUAL FOOTPATH WALKS

Blofield Parish Council Footpath Wardens invite you to join them on their Annual Footpath Walks around the parish. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 10th July at 6.30pm meeting at Blofield Courthouse

Thursday 17th July at 6.30pm meeting at Heathlands, Blofield Heath

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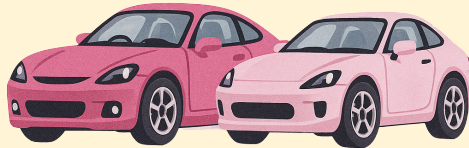
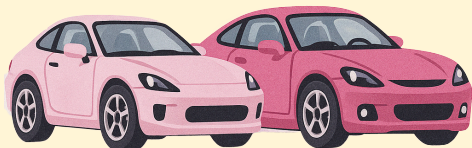
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Latest from our local groups

BLOFIELD HEATH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On the 10th June Bollywood came to the Blofield Heath WI! Tina, who presented Bollywood, Jaya dancing, did an excellent job of teaching us the dance steps.

A good number of our WI members including several Committee members and our President joined in and did a superb dance for the sitting audience. They even dressed up in very colourful costumes. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

The previous monthly meeting (May) also had an Indian theme when Juyna Lewis gave a very informative talk about a Norfolk Indian Princess.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July.



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