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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? Memberships are now reduced to a half year rate: a family membership is £7 and a single membership is £4.


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


I do hope you're all enjoying the fine summer weather, it's been hot out there! We've had some really busy nights at the club which has been great to see and thanks for all your ongoing support. We've got our annual cricket match on 17th August from 12pm, last year was very successful and please do come along and support if you can. We've also been trying some different opening hours, so we're now open from 4.30pm on Wednesdays, closing slightly earlier at 9.00pm. Why not finish work or other plans early and come and enjoy a few cold drinks outside at the club. Looking forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

*Paul Grainger – Chair of Heathlands Social Club*

## Bingo

Friday 1st August & Friday 15th August. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Great raffle with cash prizes. Bar open.

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## Heathlands Community Centre

### Hemblington Pre-School Move

The management team at Hemblington Pre-School has given notice to Heathlands that they will be moving to Hemblington Primary School at the end of July 2025. We are sorry to lose them after such a long and happy relationship.

*This means that the main hall is now available to let for other activities during the week.* The use of the kitchen, toilet and Committee Room will be included if required.

Hemblington Pre-School's Forest School in the wooded area beside the front field will also be available to rent. It's a reasonably large area and has secure fencing all around it.

If you are interested in booking the hall for your group or event or renting the fenced area of woodland, please call Jill Willlott on 07947881969 or 01603 714164 in the first instance.

### Heathlands Management Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 5th August at 7.30pm at Heathlands.

### Challenge Cricket Match and family day at Heathlands – Sunday 17th August

Come and enjoy a summer Sunday afternoon with friends and family, with great food and drink and outdoor fun. The Tamarind Fine Indian Dining vs Silverline Limousines/Norfolk Premier Gold X1.

Bar opens at noon, cricket starts at noon on the top field.

Indian food from 1pm to 3.30pm on the top field

Family rounders on the front field from 2pm

Music from 4pm



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## Upcoming Events at Heathlands

### **BROADBEAT CHOIR AT HEATHLANDS – FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025**

Join us on Wednesday afternoons (1:30pm till 3:30pm) for BroadBeat, a fun, friendly community choir open to all abilities. We sing songs from shows, charts and films using backing tracks.

New members get 2 free sessions, then it's £7 per session (£6 each for household members attending together). Bring a mug for the tea break!

Contact Sandra on 07899 676560 or [slbaxter@yahoo.com](mailto:slbaxter@yahoo.com)

### **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 9th August – Walsham Fen

Saturday 30th August – Jary's Meadow

For any changes to work party plans please see the website [badcog.co.uk](http://badcog.co.uk)

### **CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS**

I am hoping to start a monthly book club at Heathlands this autumn.

If you love reading and would enjoy socialising with like minded people, then please get in touch with me for details.

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# Village Updates

## **FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HEMBLINGTON**

Thanks to BADCOG and the Bure Valley Conservation Group for cutting and raking the churchyards earlier this summer. The wildflowers were a joy to see, but cutting and raking are needed to help them return next year. Work parties will be arranged later in the year for hedge trimming and general maintenance. If you'd like to help, please contact the Friends group – details below.

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

All are welcome to hear local historian Neil Storey's illustrated talk on The War in the Far East, including personal family stories. A second talk, HMS Persimmon in the Indian Ocean 1943–1946, will follow. Free entry. Refreshments available.

### Art in a Country Church – 20th–21st September

Enjoy a free exhibition by the Great Yarmouth Guild of Artists, featuring paintings, glasswork and crafts – all for sale. Level church entry and accessible WC. Homemade refreshments served.

### Make & Mardle

Next sessions: Thursday 21st August and Tuesday 23rd September, 10am–12 noon at All Saints Church. Coffee, cake, chat, and optional craft. Call Catherine on 01603 270360 for details.

01603 715804 (local contact) | [hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)

## **WOODBASTWICK CHURCH**

**Flower Festival - 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.





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### **GREAT & LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

How amazing this summer has been so far!

Keep up the watering of your tomatoes and cucumbers for a good crop.

**Monday 4th August, 7.30pm meeting at Great Plumstead Village Hall** – we welcome Brian with a talk entitled ‘Farming Bygones’.

**Sunday 17th August** – we look forward to a trip to Audley End House and Gardens, with lovely air conditioning on the coach to keep everyone cool.

**Monday 1st September, 7.30pm, meeting at Thorpe End Church Hall** – a talk on ‘Medical Dogs’ given by Norma.

Newcomers are welcome to any of our meetings and events.

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

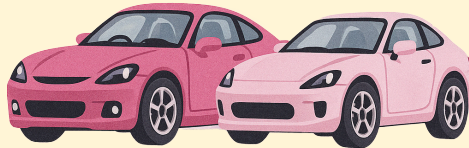
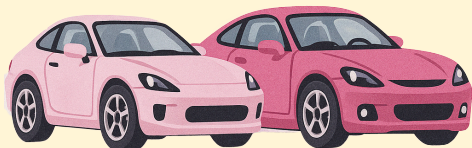
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## Latest from our local groups

### **BLOFIELD HEATH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Glastonbury may be over, but on 8th July at Blofield Heath WI, we enjoyed a lively performance from the BroadBeat Choir, led by Sandra Baxter, one of our Committee members. A mixed choir of women and men, they opened with Jerusalem, which we sang together. This was followed by a variety of songs from musicals to pop – including a classic ABBA number. Members joined in with singing and hand clapping. We ended the afternoon with tea, coffee, cakes and savouries, kindly provided by our members.

**Our next meeting is on 12th August** – our Summer Tea Party. Bring on the strawberries, cream and Victoria sponges!

### **JIMMY BRUCE MEMORIAL CUP**

South Walsham FC are arranging a special 'cup' game in memory of Jimmy Bruce. The game will be played on Saturday afternoon 2nd August at our home ground in Lingwood. The game will be between South Walsham and a chosen invitation team.

We intend to make this a special day in honour of Jimmy. Kick off is at 2pm at Lingwood. All welcome!



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**KEEP BLOFIELD SPECIAL**

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages reasonably free of litter. August litter-pick dates:

**Monday 4th August**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

**Monday 11th August**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am

All are welcome to join us - black bags provided - there's always litter to collect!

**Join our 50/50 lottery at Heathlands!**



We currently have 158 members, generating a pot of £79 per month. 50% goes towards Heathlands and 50% is paid out in cash prizes, including a big Christmas draw!

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