

BLOFIELD NEWS

The parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter, Blofield;
All Saints, Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham

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WELCOME

Blofield News is the monthly parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter Blofield, All Saints Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham. It is sold in these churches and in local shops. If you live in one of our parishes and purchase a year's subscription we can probably deliver it to your home free of charge. If you live outside the parishes you can have copies sent to your home either by post or by email. A large print version is available to anyone who is having difficulty reading our standard publication.

For more information, please contact the editor, Gill, whose contact details are on the back page. The last date for submissions is the **15th of the previous month.**

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK;

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

28th May, Daphne Balls aged 87, Blofield Church

THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE

Caring for our church family

Looking after our church family and the wider community is very important to us. Our churches are open every day for you to visit.

If you or someone you know needs support, would like a phone call, or who has something special to celebrate please let Revd. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact. Contact for matters relating to pastoral support, contact Revd. Sue Shillam (details above).

AUGUST RECTOR'S LETTER



At the end of July, I had the privilege of being part of a diocesan team that led a group of young people on a pilgrimage to Taizé. This trip takes place annually in our diocese and, having been to Taizé twice before, I was keen to offer what experience I have to give others the opportunity to go to this very special place. Taizé is a small rural village situated north of Lyon, France. It is home to an ecumenical monastic community of brothers who have a particular ministry to young people and welcome hundreds, often thousands, of young adults to join in their rhythm of life every week.

The daily pattern of life at Taizé typically involves prayer in church three times a day, bible study, meals and the fulfilling of a job to contribute towards the successful running of the whole site. The style of worship at Taizé is simple and straightforward, characterised by the singing of their famous chants which are used all over the world, and also by extended periods of silence.

In the middle of each act of worship, there is about seven minutes of silence held which, at the start of a week's stay at Taizé, can seem like an extraordinarily long time and yet, by the end of the week, it can seem to pass very quickly indeed. Perhaps this is due to the 'slowing down' that one almost inevitably has to do upon arrival at Taizé, given how frantic and fast-paced our lives can usually be. Silence is like Marmite for many people, in that it is something one either finds helpful and enriching, or deeply uncomfortable and even excruciating. Either way, there is something profound about a church filled with hundreds of young people, all being absolutely silent and waiting on the Holy Spirit of God.

It is my belief that silence is something much needed amid our busy lives today. How often do we take time to be quiet, to be still with our own thoughts and feelings, to simply 'be'? Rather than being a waste of time, building quiet time into our daily routines can be of great value. It was in the sheer silence that Elijah found the still small voice of God upon mount Horeb and likewise, it is in those moments when we choose to slow down and to be still that we are perhaps able to encounter God most clearly in our own lives too.

If you are keen to experience the kind of worship that takes place in Taizé, do come along to our benefice Taizé service to be held at Hemblington church at 3.30pm on Sunday 16th August.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

August

Prayers and reflections for each week

This month our readings are all things that Jesus said about himself.....
the 'I ams'

Week 1

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10: 14

Ponder: A good shepherd knows his/her sheep and protects them and cares for them, young or old. Jesus is our shepherd and he knows us and cares for us through all the seasons of our life.

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for being my shepherd, for walking with me and for looking after me; help me to trust you and follow you. Amen.

Week 2

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life. John 8: 12

Ponder: Light shines in the darkness and shows our path ahead and dispels our fears; Jesus brings his light into our life and, keeping us safe, he shows us the way, even in dark times and places.

Pray: Lord Jesus, help me when I walk through the darkness, guide my feet and keep me safe. Amen.

Week 3

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6: 35

Ponder: Bread is a basic food in the diets of most cultures. It nourishes us and gives us strength. Jesus promises that when we come to him, he will meet our basic needs – physical, mental and spiritual and that he will always provide for us.

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you that you fill me with good things and that if I turn to you, you will feed my body, mind and spirit and strengthen me each day. Amen.

Week 4

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me John 14: 6

Ponder: Jesus is our Satnav, he shows us the way through life and to relationship with God, He is the truth and we can rely on his words and his life. He is the life, and his life flows in us and through us by his Spirit, until we see him face to face in heaven.

Pray: Lord Jesus, show me the way, teach me your truth and fill my life with your goodness and mercy, this week and every week. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

**THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER
BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM
SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026**

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
2nd August	10.30am JOINT BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT UPTON CHURCH A service of Confirmation with The Bishop of Thetford		
9th August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
16th August	Morning Worship	Holy Communion (9.30am) Taizé Service 3.30pm	Joint at Hemblington
23rd August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
30th August	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington

Morning Prayer is at Hemblington Church on Thursdays at 9.00am

Home Communion

For the arrangement of home communion, in cases of illness or where a person is unable to leave their home, please contact a member of the ministry team (telephone numbers on page 2).

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in AUGUST

Wednesday, 19th August - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 20th August - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 26th August - at Brewster Court at 11am

COLLECTIONS AND GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

We are grateful for all the offerings, gifts and donations that we receive each month. These can be given at each service (both Blofield and Hemblington Churches now have secure card readers) or online by using BACS or standing order. Bank details for each church are detailed below:

BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON	ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM
Sort Code: 09 01 55 Account No. 31794180	Sort Code: 30 96 17 Account No. 00040822	Sort Code: 30 99 97 Account No. 30101668

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



5th August - Morning Worship

12th August - Holy Communion

19th August - Morning Worship

26th August - Holy Communion

The service is followed by coffee and chat
in the West End - All welcome.

OPEN TO GOD

Open to God is held on the second Sunday of every month as a ministry of listening, prayer and gentle support. If you feel drawn to come, or even just a little curious, you will be received with warmth and respect. Open to God is there to give you a listening space, support and a sense of God's gentle presence as you navigate whatever life is holding for you. You don't need to prepare anything or to know what to say. Just come as you are. Our role is simply to accompany you, to listen with compassion and to offer prayer that is sensitive, hopeful and enfolded in God's love.

Future dates are **Sunday, 9th August and Sunday, 13th September.**



Maureen and Liz

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND TO GIVE THANKS MONDAY MORNING 9.00AM – 9.45AM

Blofield church is open every day for people to visit or to be still and pray for the work of the church, our families, our own community and the wider world. On Monday mornings, we come together, to help carry the burden through prayer and faith, for those in need of healing in our church family and known to us as individuals. All are welcome to join for this quiet time of prayer.



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)



PLAY CHURCH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church
Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA

The group is run by experienced early years volunteers and the leaders are DBS checked.

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time.

THE AUTUMN TERM BEGINS ON 9TH SEPTEMBER

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome to help with heating costs and to replace equipment.

Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or yvonnemack60@gmail.com or Barbara on 01603 714519.

END OF TERM TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

A wonderful afternoon of messy play and a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the churchyard to celebrate all the enjoyment of the past year. We've welcomed new families as well as those we've known for some time but it was also a time to say a sad farewell to four children who will be starting BIG school in September. We wish them lots of fun and happiness in the year ahead, but we will miss all the fun and laughter that they brought to this great group.



FOODBANK

Another shout out for Foodbank please!

Your donations are gratefully received by both Blofield Church and the Foodbank in Norwich. We are extremely grateful to all the people in our community and our church members who contribute so generously.

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment, please give what you can spare. Your generosity helps families who are going through particularly difficult times. You can also donate directly to:

Located in: [Henderson Business Centre](#)

Address: 14, 51 Ivy Rd, Norwich NR5 8BF; Phone: [0300 365 1123](tel:03003651123)

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.



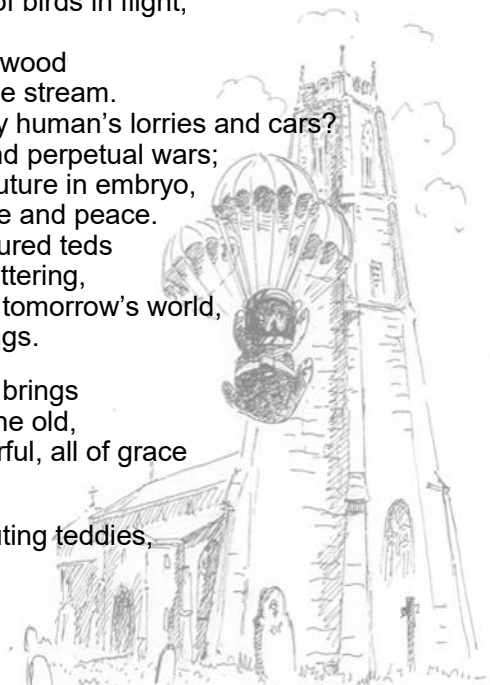
TEDDIES PARACHUTING

Teddies on parachutes float across the grey sky,
soft landing on treetops, sitting on the church roof,
settling in next door's garden,
calm down blustery wind. where will you carry them next?
Will you show them this ancient church,
as they pass by her grey tower, and tell them why it's there?
Of prayer-soaked walls, and the blessing cup?
The ordinary, and the great lie here in silent waiting.
Will you tell them of human's varied lives, good deeds and bad?
Their cares and doubts, their joys and griefs?
These cuddly floating bears know nothing of these things.
Where do you come from, wild wind. where do you head, who knows?
Tell them powerful wind, bending trees,
and troublesome church bats, of birds in flight,
soaring your thermals.
Then there's the wily fox in the wood
and wriggly fish swimming in the stream.
Will you carry them over greedy human's lorries and cars?
Tell them of climate change, and perpetual wars;
of children of all nations, their future in embryo,
of compassion and truth, of love and peace.
I ask you to tell these multicoloured teds
of boys scrapping and girls chattering,
of Mums and Dads anxious for tomorrow's world,
tell them of these everyday things.

Then of Him whose Spirit-wind brings
new worlds to birth, renewing the old,
with gifts awesome and wonderful, all of grace
to a world He loves.

Float gently to ground, parachuting teddies,
children will remember you!

Paul Oliver
July 2025



Cleaning
Team



Cleaning of Blofield Church

Normally, cleaning takes place on the first Monday of the month, but there is an **August holiday break**. We will meet again on Monday, 7th September *from 10.00am*.



Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2026

We normally meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 12.00 for a two course lunch when everyone is welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and activities.

There is an **August holiday break**.

We will meet again on **Thursday, 3rd September**.

For further information please contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or Sarah on 07584638854

A quiz for Summer Leisure Time

A light hearted quiz for you, your family & friends to enjoy.

Quiz £2 ~ prize £20.

You have until 11th September to puzzle over it.

Available at Blofield Church when there are services and from the side porch at The White House, The Street, Blofield.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Thanks to all who exhibited in, and visited our Summer Show in July. An amazing array of fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants, especially considering the very strange spring and summer weather that we have "enjoyed". The Club does not meet in August.

Wednesday evening, 9th September (7:30pm) is our next meeting. All you ever wanted to know about companion planting will be covered by the very popular and knowledgeable Dr Ian Bedford in his talk entitled **"Companion planting for a balanced garden"**.

All our meetings are held in the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Free light refreshments are offered after our evening gardening-related talks. Do join us! It is £10 annual membership which includes 8 talks and exhibiting in the Summer Show, or a guest fee is £2:50 per evening meeting.

Local contact: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, (01603) 715804.

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

The ‘National Bats in Churches Study’ as part of the ‘Bats in Churches Partnership Project’

The Bats in Churches study was a national, partnership-led research effort (2019–2022) embedded in a bigger conservation programme (2019–2023), led by Natural England and major heritage and wildlife bodies (including Church of England), with the Bat Conservation Trust playing a central role in delivering the science.

The Study found that:

- Around half of churches surveyed had bats, rising to approx.78% in older churches.
- Estimated 8,000+ churches nationally host bats.
- 12 species recorded out of the 18 native species resident in England.
- Churches act as critical refuges, especially in intensively farmed landscapes.

It also looked at human attitudes:

- Most church representatives felt positively or indifferent about bats.
- Only 10% recorded negative responses when bats were present.
- But problems (droppings, damage, cleaning burden) influenced negative views.

The Core Research Publication was published in September 2025 in the People and Nature Journal. **Search online for “Understanding Bats in Churches: A citizen Science approach” by C Boothby.**

The research was just one “workstream” of a broader programme that aimed to:

- Help churches cope with bat-related issues (damage, hygiene, usability)
- Develop practical mitigation solutions
- Train volunteers and professionals
- Build a national evidence base for policy and licensing

The full project worked directly with 100+ churches and ran for approx. 5 years (2019–2023). The Final Evaluation Report was published in November 2023. Search online for “Bats in Churches Final Evaluation”.

See also: <https://batsinchurches.org.uk/reports-and-resources/>



DO YOU KNOW WHERE OUR BAT ROOST ENTRANCE / EXIT IS?



In June 2021, **St Andrew and St Peter in Blofield** took part in The National Bats in Churches Study (some background on this is on the previous page for those interested). As a volunteer for the study, I put ultrasonic audio recording devices in the church overnight for two nights and managed to find some droppings just before the usual church clean took place. Analysis of these found evidence of 5 species of

bat:

Both audio and DNA evidence:	Audio evidence:
Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Common pipistrelle)	Pipistrellus pygmaeus (Soprano pipistrelle)
Myotis nattereri (Natterer's bat)	Eptesicus serotinus (Serotine)
Myotis brandtii (Brandt's bat)	

I would love to continue monitoring the church via taking part in the annual June emergence Roost Count survey with the National Bat Monitoring Programme run by the Bat Conservation Trust. **But I cannot find the Roost exit!** I've spent many an evening over the years walking laps around the church, waiting to see that rush of bats as they leave but have yet to see it. **Does anyone know where it is** (or they are – could be more than one exit)? There will be a high number of bats leaving in a very short period of time around sunset, so if you see it, you'll know. Whilst the above survey did not give us information on how many bats, the audio recording only got halfway through the second night as the device batteries ran out – an indication of a lot of audio recording and thus a fair number of bats.

If you know where the roost exit might be, please can you call or message Lucy O'Brien on 07941 398 717, or let Gill or Tony O'Brien know (contact as on the last page of the magazine).

Many thanks! Lucy O'Brien

Blofield Fuel Charity

The Trustees of the Blofield Fuel Charity have agreed to open the applications for this Charity. They will be available from the **31st August 2026**. Please complete them and **return them by the 5th October 2026**. They will be available from Blofield Newsagents and Blofield Heath Post Office.

There are set requirements for the application, so if you have any queries, please contact the Clerk.

Sarah Russen
Clerk to the Charity

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH



The Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington,
are proud to invite you to attend
an illustrated presentation by the well-
respected Medieval historian,
Imogen Corrigan

The Bayeux Tapestry



The tapestry, over 900 years old but still exciting and vibrant,
tells the story of the most famous battle in English history.

Saturday afternoon, 1st August 2026
at 2:00 p.m.

**at All Saints Church, Church Lane,
off Hemblington Hall Road, HEMBLINGTON,
near Blofield, Norfolk NR13 4EF**



Corporate Companion:



Tickets including the talk and refreshments
are available from the Friends Secretary:

Email: hemblington@gmail.com

or phone (01603) 715804.

£10 per person in advance

£12 at the door - space permitting

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Saturday afternoon, 1st August: Popular, well-respected Medieval scholar and presenter, Imogen Corrigan, will offer an illustrated talk in church, on **The Bayeux Tapestry**. This will be very helpful for anyone planning to see the exhibition being held at the British Museum between this September and July 2027. Tickets, including refreshments, are £10 in advance, or £12 "at the door", spacing allowing.

Weekend of the 12th and 13th September: "Coast & Country" - an exhibition of paintings by John S. Applegate. Do come along to this free exhibition in church - a second opportunity to enjoy the skill of this much-admired local artist and see the church in a new light, adorned by wonderful works of art, with the added pleasure of home-made refreshments too!

If you would like to learn more about these events, book a ticket for the Bayeux Tapestry talk, and find what the Friends group has to offer, please contact the secretary on (01603) 715804 or email: hemblington@gmail.com or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

"COAST & COUNTRY" **An Exhibition of Oil Paintings** **By John S. Applegate**



**FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS
PAINTINGS FOR SALE**

Saturday, 12th September 10am - 4.30pm

Sunday, 13th September 11am - 4.30pm

**All Saints Church, Church Lane,
Hemblington, NR13 4EF**

www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next few **Make & Mardle** sessions are at
All Saints Church Hemblington from 10am to 12noon are:

- Thursday, 20th August
- Tuesday, 22nd September

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

NOTICE BOARD

Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at The Stag, 3 Lower Street, Salhouse NR13 6RW at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people. Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason at alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

A club with a 100 years' history, that looks to the future.

Start or get back into the sport at this friendly club. We welcome new members of all standards to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. We offer:

- Five high quality courts, three grass, two hard.
- Daytime and evening social play.
- Group and individual adult and junior coaching with LTA licenced coaches.
- Mixed ability fun tournaments.
- League team play.
- Family, adult and junior membership packages.

Call Colin & Dawn Stocker 07483 211926 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

Website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4LE

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

A friendly, committee-run playgroup for children aged from 2½ years old. Free 'Early Education' funding for 3 and 4 year olds and full access to the 'Early Years Foundation Stage'. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during term time. Sessions available 9.10am – 12.10pm, 12.10pm – 3.10pm, or 9.10am – 3.10pm. Call us on 01603 712498 for more information or to arrange a visit. For further details follow us on Twitter: @BlofieldPreSch or visit our Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/BlofieldPreSchoolPlaygroup>.

If you would like your child to be added to our Waiting List, please email us on blofieldpreschool@outlook.com.

Blofield CREATIVE Club for Arts and Crafts at Margaret Harker Hall

New Club! - Blofield CREATIVE Club for Arts and Crafts every Wednesday at 1pm - 3pm in the Margaret Harker Hall. Free entry - donations welcome. Bring your art or crafts along and enjoy company, good chat and a cup of tea & biscuit. More information on www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

An active group which undertakes site management of local wildlife habitats. BADCOG holds fortnightly **work parties** on Saturday mornings starting at 10.30am and finishing no later than 1.00pm. The next working parties will be: **Saturday 8th August at Howe's Meadow; 22nd August at Jary's Meadow and 5th September at Walsham Fen.**

Anyone is welcome to come and join in for as little or as long as they like, or just to see what we do and admire these sites in their summer splendour.

For more details please consult the website www.badcog.co.uk

Blofield Court House Village Screen

There are no films during August, but back in September after the summer break.

Enquiries to 01603 712306 or email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

We welcome you to come and join a friendly group who enjoy a short period of exercise twice a month strolling about our villages for about an hour's litter-picking. Simple equipment of high-vis waistcoats, litter pickers and bags are available for you. We aim to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. August litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 3rd August, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 10th August, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

The informal collecting done by residents when they are out and about is much appreciated.

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings. The Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm on **Monday, 17th August in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield Florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

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Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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Brundall Local History Group

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. There are no meetings during August. Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors, who are very welcome. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Forget Me Not Café

This meets each Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm in the **St Laurence Centre at Brundall Church** for a time of chat and activities over a cup of tea and cake. Everybody is welcome, especially those on the dementia pathway and their carers. Any enquiries to Peta Cunnane, email: petac@btinternet.com.

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

If you need practical support with small light jobs in or around your home, local lifts to appointments, shopping, prescription collection, or maybe just a chat - give us a call and we will do our best to help. Please call us on **Freephone 08006889677** to speak to a Duty Officer or leave a message.

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? It's local, rewarding and flexible, and will fit around your life. We have vacancies in the Blofield area now. Please contact one of our Duty Officers for more information on Freephone 08006889677 or leave a message.

Heathlands

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 per couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up-to-date news at:

www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)

Our club meets every two weeks. Our catchment area is Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, Little Plumstead and Brundall. We welcome lonely, isolated, elderly and disabled people. Coffee, hot lunch and afternoon refreshments are available as well as activities, entertainment and outings, and most of all companionship. If you or anyone you know would benefit from joining us please ring Sarah Russen on 01603 714800 for a friendly chat. We are always short of voluntary drivers, if you would be happy to help on a regular or occasional basis, please ring Sarah. Also, we are looking for able people to help put chairs and tables away at the end of each meeting. This only takes half an hour. Please ring Sarah on 714800 or Barbara on 712374 if you can help.

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Hemblington Pre-school, Hemblington Primary School

Spaces Now Available at Hemblington Preschool.

A warm, caring, and fun start to your child's learning journey. Looking for a nurturing and affordable place for your little one to grow, play, and learn? Hemblington Preschool is a charity-run pre-school offering a safe, supportive environment for children aged 2 to 4 years.

- * Experienced, caring staff.
- * Play-based learning and outdoor fun.
- * Affordable fees and funding options.
- * Inspiring curiosity.

Located in Blofield Heath - Hemblington Primary School. Limited spaces for 3 years until September 2026 and immediate spaces available for 2 years from now, or join our waiting list for September 2026.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

New Melody Memories Cafe

Come and sing for pleasure in a relaxed setting, have a cuppa and meet new friends. All welcome to this dementia friendly cafe. It will be from 2.30pm - 4.00pm at the **Blofield Courthouse** on the last Thursday of the month. Entry is free and donations kindly received. For more information, please email Suzanne on zanniewilliams@gmail.com or call 01603 716268. The cafe is supported by Norfolk charity Playing for Cake.

Blofield Heath W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2.00pm.

Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. There is no meeting in August - the next meeting will be on **28th September**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website:

<http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **3rd August**. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome. From time to time, as funds allow, we donate to various charities and often have raffles in aid of specific causes, for example, Macmillan, Breast Cancer and Great Yarmouth foodbank. A warm welcome is extended to people in the Benefice, we would love to see you. Just come along any month.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Meeting is Tuesday, 4th August at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming Events for August

MUSIC OUTSIDE on **Friday, 7th August** - UMGAWA KAGOOGA from 6.30pm, Come and enjoy.

IN THE SOCIAL CLUB:

SAM SINGING - **Saturday, 8th August** from 7.30pm. Come and enjoy.

LIBBY TAYLOR SINGING - **Saturday, 15th August** from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ - **Thursday, 20th August** at 8pm.

BINGO DATES:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BINGO dates are **7th August and 21st August**, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS are **14th August and 28th August**. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Fun evening, great raffle, and Bar is open.

Heathlands Social Club: Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00

MacMillan Cancer Support

MacMillan Produce



If anyone has a surplus of fruit or vegetables in their garden or allotments, would you please consider donating it to me (Jackie) so that I can make preserves to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support?

Please contact Jackie on 01603 717382, or 07928584113. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year's coffee morning in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT will be held at **Heathlands Community Centre**

On Saturday, 19th September - noon until 3.00pm.

There will be lots of tea, coffee and treats to eat, a big raffle, tombola, homemade preserves and a 'white elephant' stall. Please come and support this very worthy cause as all donations raised go towards Macmillan's vital work.

Anyone who would like to donate a raffle/tombola prize or bake a cake, please contact Jackie on 01603 717382, or 07928584113.

Thank you.

Margaret Harker Hall

Event to record in your diaries:

11th August: The Railway Children, by Paperback Theatre.

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Ranworth

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Come join us as
Kett's Consort and
Revd Andrew Tapsell
leads a service of
BCP Evensong

You are warmly invited to refreshments after service .

The People's Emergency Briefing film

This film was shown at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath, on Thursday evening, 2nd July. It had been organised by the Hemblington church eco-team, a small group of people working towards a more sustainable and ecologically friendly approach to life within the church and the local community. 70 people watched the film, with the majority staying on for group discussions concerning their reaction to the film, what struck them most or inspired them, their thoughts on what a local response might look like, and how people might use their skills and resources to contribute to a local response.

The eco-team will be reviewing the feedback from attendees and will be considering what can be proposed locally. This might include trying to ensure that more people understand the threats that climate change is bringing, and what approaches may be made to mitigate against them.

If you would like to learn more about the Briefing film, and perhaps, organise a screening in your local area, please look at their website:

<https://www.nebriefing.org/>



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*The solution will be in next month's
(September) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

SOLUTION TO
JULY 2026 SUDOKU

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August Diary

01 Saturday	Talk on Bayeux Tapestry	Hemblington Church
03 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
04 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
07 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
07 Friday	Outside Music	Heathlands
08 Saturday	Social Club Singing (Sam)	Heathlands
08 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
09 Sunday	Bell Ringers - A Service of Thanksgiving	St Helen's Church, Ranworth
10 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
11 Tuesday	The Railway Children	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
15 Saturday	Social Club Singing (Libby Taylor)	Heathlands
17 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
17 Monday	Blofield PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
19 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
20 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
20 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
20 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
21 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
22 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
26 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
28 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
29 to 31	Art Exhibition	St Helen's Church, Ranworth

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