

# BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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## *Christmas Greetings*



## **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**

11th November, Harold Plumbly aged 91, at St Faith's Crematorium.

## **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).

## DECEMBER MINISTER'S LETTER

Christmas and New Year: a time for joy and celebration! A season, also, to take stock, to look back at the year that has passed and ahead to the year to come. However, there is much that is currently taking place, especially at an international and global level, that can make it very difficult to maintain a sense of gratitude for all that has been, a sense of joy for all that is, and a sense of excitement for all that will be.



While we may find some comfort in the familiar traditions of Christmas and New Year such as family meals, present-giving and fireworks, there is a greater encouragement to be found at this time of year in the form of our community. Despite our increasingly individualistic society, community remains an enormously valuable part of our lives, but only if it is fostered and invested in. Each of us is a part of our shared community and at this time of year, there are plenty of opportunities to come together.

The twelve-day festival of Christmas tells us a familiar story, one which we have likely heard many times before, but we love to hear a good story again and again, because stories are at the heart of communities and this particular story has community at its heart. Christmas tells of how God came to be in communion with creation and how, at the nativity of that communion, people from different backgrounds, cultures and communities were overjoyed at the Good News of God's love being with us. That same warmth of love is still offered to us today, and it is the passion of the local church to provide time and space in which we can come together as a community to rejoice in that love. You are therefore, warmly invited to your church's services and events this Christmas season and beyond.

So much in our society and in our fractured world can have the effect of deepening existing divisions between people, framing our differences as negative, and enflaming our anxieties. We may therefore, need to work harder to remind ourselves of our common humanity in order to preserve our sense of community. Perhaps, the deepest of all shared human experience is the need to be loved, which is why Christmas, a celebration of God's love for each of us, is such a wonderful opportunity for us to rejoice as a community. It is in communal living, in the encouragement and building-up of one another, that we find divisions are bridged, barriers are torn down, and a culture of love is born within our midst.

May God's blessing be poured out on our communal life this Christmas, that together we may experience renewed thankfulness, joyfulness and hope in all that we hold dear. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.

**Revd. Andrew Tapsell**

## **December 2025**

### **Prayers and Reflections for each week**

In December, we celebrate the feast of the Incarnation, when God came into our world as a human being – Jesus – to make visible the invisible God.

**Week 1: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.** **John 1: 14**

***Ponder:*** Christmas is a time when we give presents to one another with love and in celebration; in this verse, we think of how God gave us his present of Jesus with love and in celebration – the greatest present of all.

***Pray:*** Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Saviour, who lived as one of us and gave himself for us. Amen.

**Week 2: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** **John 1: 3 & 4**

***Ponder:*** In his coming to earth, Jesus was a symbol of light and life in all its fulness. Today, he still brings light and life in all its fulness to us as we seek to find our way in this troubled world.

***Pray:*** Loving God, as Jesus came to bring light and life to all, help us to open our hearts to him this Christmas, and shine your light through us to the world around us. Amen.

**Week 3: For to us a child is born, to us a child is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.** **Isaiah 9: 6**

***Ponder:*** In the Incarnation, God gives himself to us as a child, but a child who will change the world and who will bring goodness, justice and peace to all.

***Pray:*** Loving God, You give yourself to us with generosity; thank you that we do not need to earn or deserve your love, but just to receive it and in that, to receive your son, Jesus – child grown to man – who died and rose again. Amen.

**Week 4: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it...The true light, that gives light to every man, was coming into the world.** **John 1: 5 & 9**

***Ponder:*** There is much darkness in our world today; what comfort that God's light still shines in the darkest places in the world and in our lives and is available for everyone.

***Pray:*** Loving God, bring your light to darkness wherever it reigns. Bring your light and peace to the world; bring your light and peace to our lives and our hearts, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Rev. Canon Judith Wilson***

# THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2025

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
7th December	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	With Hemblington
14th December	Holy Communion	<b>Carols by Candlelight 4pm</b> <i>No morning service</i>	With Hemblington
19th December			<b>Carol Service 6pm</b>
21st December	Carol Service	Holy Communion	With Hemblington
24th December	<b>Christingle 2pm Christingle 4pm Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight at Bethlehem Holy Communion 9pm</b>	With Hemblington
25th December	<b>Morning Worship Christmas Day 10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Christmas Day 9.30am</b>	With Hemblington
28th December	Joint Benefice Service for all 8 churches <b>SOUTH WALSHAM 10.30am</b>		

***There will be no Thursday morning services at Hemblington Church until March. There will be a service at Rev. Sue Shillam's house in January and February, still at 9am. Please contact her if you need her address.***

## 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 DECEMBER

**17th December - at Manor House (Carol Service).**

**17th December - at Brewster Court (Carol Service).**

**18th December - at Burlingham House (Carol Service).**

## BLOFIELD CHURCH

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



**3rd December - Morning Worship**  
**10th December - Holy Communion**  
**17th December - Morning Worship**  
**24th December - NO SERVICE**  
**31st December - Holy Communion**

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

### OPEN TO GOD

We are grateful that as we grow to depend on God more in a relationship of love, so we will experience His healing presence in our lives as a gift. That is what lies behind our listening prayer-time; please know that everyone is welcome.

***The future dates are Sunday, 14th December and Sunday, 11th January at the High Altar, after the morning service.***



***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.

### FOODBANK

We are extremely grateful to the people of Blofield, Blofield Heath and our church folk for their contributions to the Foodbank.

As we lead up to Christmas, donations of Christmas luxury foods would be appreciated along with the general basic items we send regularly.

**Please donate early so that families can benefit for Christmas.**

The following items are most wanted, please:

***Long life milk, tinned meat, fruit juice, tinned potatoes, peanut butter, tinned tomatoes, instant mash and sponge puddings.***

***They have a surplus of baked beans and pasta!***

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.





# PLAY CHURCH

## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

**Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time.  
Toddler Nativity, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



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

**THE TERM ENDS FOR 2025 ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
WITH THE PLAY CHURCH NATIVITY AT 2PM.**

**Friends and family are warmly invited to come along and  
stay for tea and cake**

**The new term begins on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome  
Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or [yvonnemack60@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnemack60@gmail.com) or  
Barbara on 01603 714519.

## Small Stones

In recent years, as we approach Christmas, around the streets and lanes of Blofield appear a variety of pebbles painted with a swaddled baby. These are Jesus stones.

Look out for them, suggest your children try to spot them.  
Keep one for yourself, or give it to someone who might be  
feeling alone, ill or sad.

We enjoy creating them and we send them out in  
love from Blofield Church.



Blofield Church presents a

# Christmas Concert



by Mundesley Community Choir  
with some audience participation



**3 pm Sunday December 7th**

**Tickets £10 at the door**

payable by cash or card

**include afternoon tea**



Contact us at [blofieldchurch.org.uk](http://blofieldchurch.org.uk) or Friends of Blofield Church on Facebook

Blofield Church

**OPEN DOORS 2025**

Everyone's welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and activities

*We meet on*

The first and third Thursday at 12.00

Two course lunch is provided

This month the dates are: **4th December and 18th December.**

***4th December is our Annual Christmas Lunch***

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

## Cleaning of the church



We welcome anyone who is able to give us just 30 minutes of their time to come and help clean Blofield Church on the first Monday of the month.

*This month, it will be the **1st December** from 10.00am.*





The  
Children's  
Society

# Christingle Services @ Blofield Church

24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve  
2pm and 4pm  
All Welcome



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## Christingle Making Workshop

2pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
@ Blofield Church

Help make the Christingles in preparation for this year's  
Christingle services.

Enjoy refreshments and Christmas crafts too!

We need your help  
transforming oranges  
into Christingles. Do  
come along.  
There will be oranges,  
sweets and fruits,  
ribbon and candles to  
assemble and many  
hands will make light  
and sociable work of it.  
All ages are very  
welcome, preparing for  
the two Christingle  
services on Christmas  
Eve at 2pm and 4pm.

## A QUIZ FOR WINTER EVENINGS

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

Why not enclose one with a Christmas card?

**Quiz £2 ~ prize £20.**

**Proceeds to Blofield Church.**

Available from the side porch at The White House, The Street, Blofield and Blofield Church during services and events.



## DATE FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY

Valentines Quiz with Chilli supper  
(Proceeds to Blofield Church)

***Saturday, 14th February at Margaret Harker Hall.***

Further details in January Blofield News.



## HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

### Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

You will find details about the Advent and Christmas services being held at Hemblington in local newsletters and on posters. The Carol Service is on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm.

Once the winter is nearing its end, the Friends will help to organise a churchyard working party, so please keep a look out for the details. Although we will not be holding a formal birdwatch at the church during the RSPB's garden birdwatch weekend in January, we will be continuing to organise a one-hour wildlife survey each month. Please let the secretary know if you are interested in joining in with this.

Please also think about becoming a Friend of the church. The group helps to keep the building watertight and in good condition, plus supports the work in keeping the churchyard as a wildlife haven. Whether you visit the churchyard to remember family or friends, enjoy the peacefulness of the church and churchyard, or are fascinated by the wall painting and other pre-Reformation architecture, we would welcome your support. Please contact the secretary by email: [hemblington@gmail.com](mailto:hemblington@gmail.com) / phone: (01603) 715804. Membership is just £10 per year and would mean a lot to the whole team.

With all good wishes for the Festive Season from the Friends committee.

The church website is: [www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk).

## Christmas Boxes

From  
Blofield  
Hemblington  
North Burlingham  
Churches



Dear Friends

It's that time of year again. We are now starting our annual project of collecting **Christmas boxes** which will go to the distribution centre in Great Yarmouth. The boxes can be left in Blofield and Hemblington Churches.

Please wrap the two parts of the box, but you don't need to wrap the gifts inside. Please put a post it note on the top to say who the box might go to. For example, Adult female, teenager, child (with age range).

What to put in?

Adults: Toiletries, other hygiene items, gloves, scarves, treats, and whatever else you can think of. No alcohol or tobacco please.

Children: gloves, scarves, treats, small toys, school items and whatever else you can think of.

Many thanks if you can help those with so little this Christmas time.

**The cut-off date is Friday 12 December.**

***Compassion and love through giving***

*Thank you.*

*Rev'd. Sue*

## Hemblington Make & Mardle Gatherings

In December, we are taking a break & meet again on  
**Tuesday, 27th January & then Thursday, 26th February.**

These are held at

**Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington**  
from 10am to 12noon.

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft, you will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

# "Why do we say that?"

wea.org.uk

WEA Blofield is offering this 6 week course at Blofield Court House, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield NR13 4JU with tutor Janet Wilson.

This course is an exploration into idioms, accents and expressions of English. It is perfect for anyone who is interested in the history and use of the language. You will learn about some of the established and newer accents of British English, explore everyday and literary idioms, and consider the form and use of some very interesting historical and contemporary slangs and secret languages.

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £96.

*If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.*

To enrol online: go to [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/)



or scan this QR code to access the homepage

and quote Course reference Q00024509

or 'phone 0300 303 3464 quoting the Course reference Q00024509

*Please contact the Blofield branch with any queries:*  
[blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk](mailto:blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk) or telephone 01603 537029

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# Humanities

**WEA**  
Adult Learning  
Within Reach

The course format is called 'Hybrid' by the WEA, and it allows a range of courses to be offered to rural branches where there are few tutors available in their area. Do, please, come along and try this course. Your branch volunteers will be present to ensure all goes as smoothly as possible, and we'll all have a chat over coffee as usual.

## 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 RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP 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 ([alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk)/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole ([mikecole@uwclub.net](mailto:mikecole@uwclub.net)/Tel. 01603 713839).

### **Blofield Court House Village Screen**

Matinee 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice-creams); Evening 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-creams). Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. Enquiries email: [info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk](mailto:info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk). There are no films showing during December and January.

### **Blofield and District Gardening Club**

The Club is hibernating now. Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening, **11th March, 2026**. All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Local contact for information: Tel: 01603 715804; Club website: [www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk)

### **Blofield Parish Council**

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The next meeting is on the **8th December**. 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](http://www.blofield-pc.gov.uk) or email: [clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk).

### **Keep Blofield Special**

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Litter-picks for December take place on:

**Monday, 1st December**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

**Monday, 8th December**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

As the year closes, special thanks to walkers and dog-walkers and everyone who informally pick up litter during the year. We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New year.

### **WEA Blofield Branch**

The Blofield branch offers interesting short courses to local people. The Court House is comfortable and well-ventilated, and all will be offered a warm welcome as well as an interesting excursion into a fascinating culture. If you would like to know more about the WEA locally, please contact the local branch: [Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk](mailto:Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk) or 'phone 01603 537029.

## NOTICE BOARD

### **BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.**

BADCOG is a group of keen volunteers undertaking wildlife conservation management at 14 sites in and around the Blofield area. All sites have a wildlife value, some greater than others. If left unmanaged, the wildlife value would quickly decline, and they would become inaccessible to the public. BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties on Saturday mornings starting at 10.30am and finishing 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 working parties will be: **6th December – Walsham Fen; 20th December – Railway Wood; 3rd January 2026 - Lingwood pond.** Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website: [www.badcog.co.uk](http://www.badcog.co.uk).

No Friday evening talks until January 2026.

### **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](mailto:blofieldpreschool@outlook.com).

### **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](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

Email: [blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com](mailto:blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com).

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

## NOTICE BOARD

### **Brundall Local History Group**

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors who are very welcome. The next meeting is on the **3rd January 2026** with an illustrated talk on 'Norwich's Hidden Industrial Past'. For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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. £7.00 for a family including children under 17, Single membership £4.00 until the end of the year. 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/](http://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.



## NOTICE BOARD

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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. The next meeting is on the **13th January**.

### **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. The next meeting will be on **26th January 2026**. 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 **8th December**. 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 2nd DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Our last Jumble sale made a great profit of £660. Thank you to everybody that helped or attended.

We have also just received money from the Bottle Bank of £962.00. We are extremely grateful for this money, as Heathlands have just had to have a new boiler fitted for the main hall, so this will go towards the bill for that. So, please keep filling the bottle banks up, we appreciate your support.

Also, a reminder that the Textile Bin is in place next to the Bottle Banks.

## **Forthcoming Events:**

**BINGO DATES:** Bingo dates in December are 5th December, which will be The Christmas Bingo and the last one this year is 19th December, then back in 2026 on the 2nd January. Eyes down 7.30pm.

Hopefully we will continue in the New year with afternoon bingo starting 9th January at 2.00pm. Please ring 01603 714164 with any queries.

**TEA & CHAT:** December date is 2nd December, 2-4pm. Come and join us. Then back in on the 20th January from 2-4pm. Lots of lovely things to eat. Raffle and plenty of chat as well. Please join us and bring a friend.

**Tuesday** in the Social Club we have a **Friendly crib evening**. 7.30pm start, come along. It is not competitive just enjoyment of the game.

**Thursday** in the Main hall - **Short Mat Bowls**, again, just a friendly evening playing bowls, 7.45pm start.

The new **Book Club** on a Thursday evening - is proving very successful, so, if you enjoy reading, come along. The next one is 11th December. This is held in the Committee Room from 7.30pm. They meet once a month.

**December 60's night** by the Ofenders - sorry to say, all tickets have been sold.

**JUMBLE SALE** for Heathlands is booked for Saturday, 17th January 2026. Time for a sort out after Christmas.

## **DOG POO**

Please can we all be responsible owners and clear up after your animals, a lot as been reported at Mill Road and Blofield Corner Road area, making it hard for the children walking to school. Thank you for understanding.

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## Blofield Heath WI

The October meeting of Blofield Heath WI was held on 14th October 2025. A very informative talk was given by two volunteers who work with Horsey Seals, everything from the mating and pupping season was covered. Our members were very interested in the talk, and a good number donated their old unwanted towels, which were gratefully received.

The AGM was held at the 11th November meeting together with a Christmas Cookery demonstration. In December, there is no meeting at Heathlands, but a Christmas lunch is being held at The Hotel Wroxham. Our next full meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th January 2026.

On behalf of the Committee and our members, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.

## Blofield & District Gardening Club

The Club is hibernating now for a while – our next meeting will be Wednesday evening, 11th March, 2026. However, there is a lot to be considering during these quieter months: looking forward to seeing the spring bulbs flowering (*as you will no doubt have already planted them!*); planning what vegetables to grow, or a new layout of part of your garden. Should you also wish to suggest talks on certain aspects of gardening, please let us know. The Club is there to encourage all facets of gardening, indoor too, of course, so please send in any suggestions for future topics to our email address: [www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](mailto:www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk).

Wishing you all the best for the Festive Season,  
the Blofield & District Gardening Club committee

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C.S. Lewis

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## SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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			2	6				4
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*The solution will be in next month's  
(January 2026) Blofield News.  
Good luck!*

## SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER SUDOKU

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5	2	8	6	1	3	7	9	4
3	4	6	7	9	5	8	2	1
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2	5	1	8	3	6	4	7	9

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01 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
01 Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
02 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
02 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
04 Thursday	Open Doors (Christmas Lunch)	Blofield Church
05 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
06 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
07 Sunday	Mundesley Community Choir Concert	Blofield Church
07 Dec. to 04 Jan, 2026	Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary's Church, South Walsham
08 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
08 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
08 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
11 Thursday	Book Club	Heathlands
17 Wednesday	Play Church Toddler Nativity	Blofield Church
17 Wednesday	Residential Service (Carol Service)	Brewster Court
17 Wednesday	Residential Service (Carol Service)	Manor House
18 Thursday	Residential Service (Carol Service)	Burlingham House
18 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
20 Saturday	BADCOG	Railway Wood

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