

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.

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).

“Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you: and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.” (Genesis 9 : 3, RSV)

JULY RECTOR'S LETTER

During these summer months, there are many village, church and school fêtes held up and down the country, including in our own parishes. These are wonderful events that are the fruit of much work by a few dedicated people and to those who have been instrumental in bringing together such fêtes for our own communities, I would like to extend my thanks and deep gratitude.

Whenever I attend gatherings of this nature, I am struck by the sense of togetherness and community that they foster. Amid a society that has, in many ways, become increasingly individualistic over time, I frequently observe a longing within people for more of this togetherness, for stronger community identity and for a real sense of communal belonging.

However, as much as we might want greater community cohesion in principle, I also observe a lack of people willing to give their time and energy to make it a reality in practice. While there are many wonderful community organisations and groups that enrich our corporate life together, it is often the case that they struggle to recruit volunteers or people to govern them. Over time, and in many different places, I have witnessed several much valued and well-utilised community events and organisations fold due to a lack of people to run them.

Much of the issue, I believe, is down to how stretched so many of us are in present times. The pandemic drove home to us how valuable our time is, the cost-of-living crisis is straining household incomes, and businesses seem to put much pressure upon the productivity and availability of staff in the pursuit of making profit, while employing as few people as possible. Dual-income family households, among those of working age, are much more common than they once were, partly due to greater vocational opportunities for all compared with years gone by, but I suspect it is also increasingly necessary in order to meet ever-rising costs.

Under such circumstances, we are, of course, hesitant to give our time and energy to voluntary community endeavours. However, becoming involved in community events and groups is not something that will simply drain us, but it is something that will also give us life. It is not simply a part of life that we should relegate to being a 'desirable' or an 'extra', for it is more fundamental than that. We all long to feel a sense of belonging, and community cultivates belonging. The triune nature of God is a community of love. The incarnation of God in Christ demonstrates the importance God places upon the practice of 'being with'. In Acts chapter 2, the early church set out a vision for what healthy community can look like.

I would therefore encourage everyone, no matter how stretched you may feel, to consider giving some of your time and energy to community endeavours in some way, no matter how small. For when we all play our part, community spirit flourishes and we are all gifted with a greater sense of belonging.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell



July – Summer warmth and rest

Prayers and reflections for each week

Believing the best

Read: *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor. 13: 4-7)*

Ask yourself: Do you bring out the good in people or the bad? Do you help them to discover their potential or crush their confidence?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, as you have seen the good in me, so help me to see the good in others, for your name's sake. Amen.

A God who never sleeps

Read: *I will look up towards the hills – from where will my help come? It comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to stumble, for he who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord will guard your going out and coming in, now and always. (Psalm 121 [part])*

Ask yourself: Have you lost sight of the fact that God is always keeping watch? Have you mistakenly imagined he has turned his back on you or is no longer interested in your welfare?

Pray: Gracious God, for the constancy of your love, the faithfulness of your guidance and the certainty of your help, receive my thanks and praise, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Kingdom within

Read: *He said to them, 'when you pray, use words like these': "Our Father in heaven, to you be praise and honour. May your kingdom come and your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven". (Matthew 6: 9-10)*

Ask yourself: do you see the kingdom of God as something that will come in the distant future or as already having begun here on earth? What are you doing to help make that kingdom more real?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, instead of looking for your kingdom, may I help to build it, through your grace. Amen.

Just as I am

Read: *While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9: 10-13)*

Ask yourself: Do you still, deep down, feel that you must earn God's forgiveness?

Pray: Gracious God, you know what I have been, you know what I want to be, but above all you value what I am. May that truth teach me to value myself and others, and above all, to value you and your great love in Christ. Amen.

Rev'd Sue

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
5th July	Morning Worship	Holy Communion Banns	Joint at Hemblington
12th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship Banns	Joint at Hemblington
19th July	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
26th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

***Morning Prayer is at Hemblington Church on Thursdays at 9.00am
(except for 2nd July)***

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 JUNE

Wednesday, 15th July - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 16th July - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 22nd July - 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



1st July - Holy Communion
8th July - Morning Worship
15th July - Holy Communion
22nd July - Morning Worship
29th July - Holy Communion

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

OPEN TO GOD

"Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you," said St. Peter. How completely amazing that knowledge of each of us is carried deep within the heart of God!

This is why we offer an opportunity each month to bring to God our concerns - medical, emotional and spiritual. By His Spirit, God can bring the gift of trust and dependence. So, we face our problems daily within the perspective of God's deep care for us as individuals.

Future dates are Sunday, 12th July and 9th August.

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

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](tel:07720942955).



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.

SUMMER TERM ENDS ON.....

**15th July with an end of year *Teddy Bear's picnic* in the
churchyard (weather permitting) Bring a packed lunch,
suncream and a rug. We'll provide activities and lots of fun.**

**We will be taking a mini toddler group and activities to
BLOFIELD SCHOOL SUMMER FETE and MARGARET
HARKER HALL SUMMER FAYRE as well as our very own.**

**BLOFIELD CHURCH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY. Don't forget
to bring your teddy for its parachute ride from the tower.**

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.

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2026

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

We meet on The first and third Thursday at 12.00 for a two course lunch.

This month, the dates are:

2nd July: This will be a Fund Raising Event with Raffle.

We have a visiting chef from Manor House Nursing Home who has kindly
offered to provide lunch for us as a 'Thank You'.

16th July: Greek Themed Lunch.

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

Blofield Church's Summer Garden Party Saturday July 4th 1pm to 4pm

FREE ENTRY

Come and enjoy a host of garden games, competitions, treasure hunts & crafts for children, Teas, cakes & icecreams.



**Also extraordinary parachuting
Teddy bears**



A quiz for Summer Leisure Time

Proceeds to Blofield Church to help us replace our heating boiler and continue to extend a warm welcome to all visitors.

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

The Annual Footpath Walks In Blofield and Blofield Heath



You are invited by the Footpath Wardens to join them on the annual footpath walks at:

Blofield on Thursday, 9th July at 18.30, meeting at Blofield Courthouse.
and

Blofield Heath on Thursday, 16th July at 18.30, meeting at Heathlands.

Hoping to see you for an evening stroll, Yvonne and Tricia.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Saturday afternoon, 1st August: Imogen Corrigan, will offer an illustrated talk on **The Bayeux Tapestry** in church. This will be very helpful for anyone planning to see the exhibition being held at the British Museum between September and next July. **Tickets including refreshments - £10 in advance, or £12 on the day, space allowing. Please book your seat soon - contact details below.**

Weekend of 12th and 13th September: "Coast & Country" An exhibition of paintings by John S. Applegate. Free entry, and a great opportunity to enjoy the skill of this much-admired local artist. Refreshments available. This is part of the Heritage Open Days events.

Although the church is open every day, these events offer a good opportunity to enjoy the church with its round tower, impressive Medieval wall painting and coloured font, and the well-managed churchyard too. There is level access into the church and a wheelchair-friendly WC. If you would like to learn more about these events, and what the Friends group has to offer, please contact the secretary on 01603 715804, email: hemblington@gmail.com, or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

"A Market for our Times"

The Friends group was very pleased to welcome over 50 people into Hemblington church on Saturday afternoon, 6th June, to hear the history of that central meeting point in the fine city of Norwich - its marketplace. Illustrated by early drawings, paintings, later photographs and interviews with current stall holders, earlier architects, and others involved with the market over many years, the presentation was a lively and well-researched history of how the market has changed over the centuries, and what is being proposed for its future.

The Friends group is very grateful to Frances and Michael Holmes for offering this well illustrated talk to mark the beginning of Great Big Green Week at Hemblington, and as a precursor to their Annual General Meeting. The group would also like to thank all the people who attended the presentation, and generously donated to the Church Repair Fund.





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

The People's National Emergency Briefing film Heathlands Community Centre on Thursday evening, 2nd July (7.00pm)

Please come to see this very important film, which highlights scientists' concerns regarding climate change - how it affects us all, and what we can do now to help mitigate future effects. It is part of a wider programme of screenings taking place across the UK, designed to help communities understand the climate and nature crisis, and discuss what it means locally. The event will include a short, facilitated discussion afterwards.

The screening has been organised by the Friends and the eco-team of Hemblington church, but it is supported by many national organisations and is apolitical. Whether you understand and believe that climate change is happening or not, this is an important discussion to hold. You are all invited to see the film and take part in the discussion, to which our local MP, and county and parish councillors have also been invited. It is a free event, and one of the most important issues of our lifetime.

Please book your free seat on the Ticket Tailor website via the following link: <https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofallsaintschurchehmbingtonnorfolk/2255553> or contact the organiser on (01603) 715804/ hembington@gmail.com

Blofield Heath WI

On the 9th June, we held our June meeting. The Speaker, Mrs Jackie Noy, from East Coast Truckers, gave us an insight into the excellent work undertaken by the charity to help underprivileged and disabled children. It first started in 1981. It has grown and is widely recognised and appreciated today. The charity is run totally on volunteers, drivers, helpers, and Marshalls who do not get paid, but give up their time. The success of the charity has expanded into a holiday park too, which enables families to enjoy a holiday. Christmas activities also take place, a visit to the circus complete with a visit from Santa with a gift, and a Christmas meal which brings great delight. Our members were very generous and contributed to the donation box and to the small display of gifts. The meeting concluded, yet again, with superb cakes and savouries, alongside tea and coffee provided by our tea hostesses.

The next meeting will be held on the **14th July**, when Phyllida Scrivens, the Speaker, will talk about Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich. New members are more than welcome.

Whilst writing, Heathlands are holding an 'Auction of Promises' on the 4th July 2026 at 7.30pm. Blofield WI are participating in a Cake-a-Thon - to the lucky bidder, they will receive a superbly made cake for 6 months. The cakes will be: *July - Coffee and Walnut; August - Apricot Fruit Cake; September - Lemon Drizzle cake; October - Ginger cake; November - Caramel cake; December - Chocolate cake.* Please give this event support if you can.

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

NOTICE BOARD

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. Annual cuts and clearances of these two churchyards on: **Saturday 11th July at Blofield Churchyard and 25th July at Hemblington Churchyard.**

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 July and August, but back in September after the summer break.

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

Keep Blofield Special

Meeting twice monthly for about an hour's litter-picking, we aim to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. You are welcome to join us, we are never short of litter! July litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 6th July, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 13th July, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

We also much appreciate the informal collecting by residents when dog walking or out and about.

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings. The Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm on **Monday, 20th July 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

All our meetings are held in the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, starting at 7:30pm. Free light refreshments are offered after our gardening-related talks. £10 annual membership which includes 8 talks and exhibiting products in the Summer Show, or guest fee is £2:50 per meeting. Free light refreshments are offered after our gardening-related talks. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday evening, 8th July**. There will be no meeting in August.

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

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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. The next meeting is on the **11th July** with an illustrated talk by Charles Lewis, on "Norfolk in the Stagecoach Age". 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. The next meeting is on **14th July**.

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 **29th July**. 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 **6th July**. 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.

Annual **SUMMER SHOW**

*Margaret Harker Hall,
Yarmouth Road, Blofield*

Saturday 11 July 2026 2.00pm



EXHIBITS:

Fruit & vegetables

Cut flowers

Home produce

Shrubs

Pot plants

Flower arrangements

**Auction of Show Produce -
Plant stall - Tombola -
Cake & Book stalls -
Raffle - Refreshments**



*Affiliated to the RHS & Norfolk &
Norwich Horticultural Society*

www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk



Blofield & District Gardening Club

On Wednesday evening, 8th July (7.30pm) - all you ever wanted to know about dahlias and begonias will be covered by Don Andrews with his talk entitled **"My life so far, Dahlias and Begonias"**.

Saturday afternoon, 11th July, from 2:00pm - all are invited to visit the Club's **Summer Show - Free entry to the show**. It is a lovely community event - do come along.

The Club does not meet in August; the next meeting will be on Wednesday evening, 9th September.

Keep Blofield Special

A few of our local litter pickers during the 'Great British Spring Clean' week.

You could be one of us.



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. There is simple equipment for litter pickers - high-vis waistcoats and bags are available. We aim to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. July litter-picks take place on:

Monday 6th July, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am

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We also much appreciate the informal collecting done by residents when they are out and about.

Make & Mardle Gatherings

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

- Tuesday, 28th July
- Thursday, 20th August

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Meeting is Tuesday, 7th July at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming Events for June

AUCTION OF PROMISES:

Tickets still available from Jill on 07947881969.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 11th July. Doors open at 2.00pm

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ

Thursday, 23rd July at 8pm. Teams of six.

CLAIRVOYANT:

1st August. Tickets available from Brenda on 01493 444527 or pay on the evening.

BEER FESTIVAL at Heathlands

14th to 19th July. 12 ales to come and try.

Live music on the field Friday from 6.00pm, Saturday afternoon and evening and also, Sunday from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

See heathlands facebook or website for times.

Nippy chippy on site on Friday; bbq and hopefully, pizza on Saturday; also, bbq on Sunday.

BINGO DATES:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BINGO dates are **10th July and 24th July**, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS are **3rd July and 17th July**. 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

BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Saturday 11th July 11 2026 at 2.30pm

In the Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall

There will be an illustrated talk by Charles Lewis, on “Norfolk in the Stagecoach Age” which will be preceded by the AGM.

The early 19th century was the golden age of the stagecoach, often romanticized in Dickensian Christmas scenes. Whip-cracking drivers, blunderbuss-wielding guards and, of course, the gentleman highwayman, are all part of the accepted picture, but what was coach travel really like during this period? Charles will show how roads, vehicles and services developed until the country was served by a network comparable to that later provided by the railways. We shall see what it was like to travel by coach, the delights and dangers, and whether highwaymen were really part of the story.

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11th August: The Railway Children, by Paperback Theatre.
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People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis



Blofield Heath

Film screening and discussion to which our MP Jerome Mayhew, local councillors, and many involved with wildlife conservation projects have been invited.

Heathlands Community Centre,
Woodbastick Road, Blofield Heath,
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Thursday, 2nd July at 7:00 p.m.

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

SOLUTION TO
JUNE 2026 SUDOKU

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July Diary

02 Thursday	National Emergency Briefing Film	Heathlands
02 Thursday	Open Doors (Fund raising Event)	Blofield Church
03 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
04 Saturday	Auction of Promises	Heathlands
06 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
06 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
07 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
08 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
09 Thursday	Blofield Annual Footpath Walk	Blofield Court House
10 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
11 Saturday	Jumble Sale	Heathlands
11 Saturday	Blofield & District Gardening Club Summer Show	Margaret Harker Hall
11 Saturday	BADCOG	Blofield Churchyard
11 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Mem. Hall
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
14 to 19th	Beer Festival	Heathlands
14 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
15 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
16 Thursday	Blofield Heath Annual Footpath Walk	Heathlands
16 Thursday	Open Doors (Greek Themed)	Blofield Church
16 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
17 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
18 Saturday	Summer Fayre	Margaret Harker Hall
18 Saturday	Evening Ceilidh	Margaret Harker Hall
20 Monday	Blofield PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
22 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
23 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
24 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
25 Saturday	BADCOG	Hemblington Churchyard
28 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
29 Wednesday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands

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