

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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*Painted Lady Summer: increased by
an incredible 335% compared to 2025
(Big Butterfly Count 2026)*

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

Weddings

21st August, Kseniya Spencer to Allan Degnan, 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).

OCTOBER RECTOR'S LETTER

Last month we said farewell to The Venerable Stephen Betts who served as Archdeacon of Norfolk for fourteen years. We now await the installation of Revd. Christopher Bunce on the third of December as our next archdeacon. Given this change in office-holder, I thought it might be a good opportunity to explore what the role of archdeacon is all about.



The Diocese of Norwich is divided into three archdeaconries, geographical areas each served by an archdeacon. The Archdeacon of Lynn is The Venerable Catherine Dobson, the Archdeacon of Norwich is The Venerable Keith James and the Archdeacon of Norfolk (somewhat misleadingly named given that it is just one part of the county), is, as has just been explained, currently a post between office-holders. Our diocese also happens to have three bishops, one diocesan bishop and two suffragan bishops who, broadly speaking, map their areas of focussed responsibility onto these archdeaconries as well (Jane Bishop of Lynn, Graham Bishop of Norwich, Ian Bishop of Thetford respectively).

Archdeacons are part of the diocesan senior leadership team, and support the bishops in the pastoral care, administration and governance of the diocese. They have a responsibility for ecclesiastical jurisdiction, ensuring churches are being governed well and offering guidance in certain legal matters. They are also priests with a responsibility for the pastoral care of the clergy and other ministers serving in their archdeaconries.

This final point about archdeacons being priests may strike you as odd given their title. Indeed, archdeacons historically used to be the chief person among the deacons of a diocese who assisted the bishop in their work, but for a long time now, it has been a requirement that the office of archdeacon is held by a priest despite the title.

Archdeacons offer a highly valuable ministry to many within the diocese, but particularly in their ecclesiastical and pastoral support to parish priests. Please join me in praying for Stephen as he begins his retirement and for Christopher as he prepares to take up his new role.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell



October

Prayers and reflections for each week as the season turns

Week 1

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Ponder: The seasons turn year by year and we are aware of the rhythm of life. A time to reflect on where we are and where we are going.

Pray: Father, as the autumn draws on, help me to take stock of my life's journey. Show me your path and give me your strength as I walk forward. Amen.

Week 2

God has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3: 11

Ponder: As the summer colours fade and the leaves turn, the colours of autumn delight us, let us praise God for his creation in all its colours and beauty that change with each season.

Pray: Father, we thank you for the variety and beauty of the world you have created. Help us to be good stewards and care for the world around us. Amen.

Week 3

God has also set eternity in the hearts of men.

Ecclesiastes 3: 11

Ponder: St Augustine said, "Our souls are restless until they find their rest in you." God has set eternity in our hearts that we might know true peace now and hope for the future.

Pray: Father, you have made us in your image, and you have set eternity in our hearts as a promise and hope. Help us to trust in you now and for the future. Amen.

Week 4

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalms 23: 6

Ponder: Familiar words to ponder and to trust in all the seasons of our life.

Pray: Father, thank you for the goodness and love that you have shown me so far. Help me to trust in your promises and to know that you are always with me. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
4th October	Harvest Festival Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
11th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
18th October	Morning Worship *** Family Service At 4.30pm	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
25th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	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 OCTOBER

Wednesday, 21st October - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 22nd October - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 28th October - 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

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT 2026/7

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE BLOFIELD AND BROADSIDE BENEFICE

In August 2023, **INEQE Safeguarding Group** was appointed by the Archbishops' Council to carry out the next round of independent external audits of the Church of England dioceses and cathedrals. The purpose of these audits is to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. The Diocese of Norwich will receive an audit visit in January 2027.

Over the last month, the Project Team have been travelling around the diocese visiting parishes. Keith Philpot, the Safeguarding Audit Manager, visited Blofield Church in June and met our Parish Safeguarding Officers: Yvonne Mack (Blofield), Sue Nichols (Hemblington), Joan Walker (South Walsham, Upton & Fishley), and Helen Thurtle (Ranworth), known as (PSO's,) with a view to understanding a little more about parish life, the role of PSO's and how we ensure people feel safe in our congregations, children's groups and lunch groups, as well as those who attend coffee mornings and events. The team are very grateful for the time given in helping them understand the parish perspectives on a whole range of safeguarding matters including the amount of work involved in very active churches. This information has been useful for both the audit and for the ongoing development of safeguarding processes in the future.

By preparing for this audit, it is also, a great opportunity for us to reflect on what is working well, and identify where we can strengthen safeguarding within our churches. If you hear something of concern, please pass it on to myself or the PSO for your parish church.

As part of the safeguarding audit being carried out, they will shortly be inviting everyone involved in parish life to take part in a short safeguarding survey. This includes all those who contribute to the life of our church community - whether through choir, bell ringing, volunteering, worship, toddlers, lunch groups and other roles. The survey is an opportunity to share your experience and help them understand what is working well and where to improve.

May I also ask you all to please familiarise yourselves with the safeguarding information on the notice board in church.

Do you know how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer?

Sue Brice on 079583777079 or sue.brice@dioceseofnorwich.org.

Do you know where to find Parish Support Information?

If you would like a **Safeguarding pocket guide** for easy reference, please let me know.

Can I please remind you that anything you hear that may be of concern, must be passed to myself or Revd. Andrew immediately? A full record of what has been said must also be written down within 24 hours and passed to the PSO please. This information is not for general discussion.

Yvonne Mack (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

My details are on the Notice Board inside the church



Pastoral Care

Blofield and Hemblington Churches are committed to caring for those within their congregations, but what is perhaps less well known is the pastoral support they offer throughout the wider village communities.

Each month, church teams, from both churches, lead services at Manor House, Brewster Court, and Burlingham House, bringing worship, fellowship, and companionship to residents who may be unable to attend church in person.

A dedicated team of volunteers also visits residents at Manor House, providing valuable one-to-one time, conversation, and friendship. These visits help to reduce loneliness and offer reassurance that people are remembered and cared for.

Pastoral support extends beyond residential settings into the wider community through home visits, particularly for those who are housebound, unwell, or facing difficult circumstances. 'Open Doors', twice monthly, at Blofield Church is a welcome resource for pastoral care. Home Communion can also be offered to those who would value receiving the sacrament in their own homes because they no longer can come to church.

The churches seek to support people at significant moments in life, including offering follow-up visits and companionship to those who have been recently bereaved. Through these ministries, Blofield and Hemblington Churches aim to share God's love in practical ways, bringing comfort, encouragement, and a listening ear to those who need it.

If you would like to know more about our pastoral care ministry, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a visit, please contact me, the Rector or a Churchwarden—we would be pleased to help.

Rev. Sue
Anna Chaplain
Blofield and Broadside Benefice
sue.shillam@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Dear Friends

It is 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 do not 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, 11th December.

Compassion and love through giving

Thank you, Rev. Sue

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



7th October - Holy Communion
14th October - Morning Worship
21st October - Holy Communion
28th October - Morning Worship

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, 11th October and Sunday, 8th November.**



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.



"Then the earth will yield its harvests, and God, our God, will richly bless us" (Psalm 67:6)

FOODBANK

Another shout out for Foodbank please!

Your donations are gratefully received by both Blofield Church and the Foodbank in Norwich. With the harvest all around us in rural communities, it is good to give some thought to those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis in rural areas, as well as in the city. We are extremely grateful to all the people in our community and our church members who contribute so generously. Remember your donation is feeding hungry families.

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.



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 9TH SEPTEMBER - 21ST OCTOBER

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.

Cleaning
Team



Cleaning of Blofield Church

Monday, 5th October at 10am. Please do come and help our very small team, more hands make light work. Cleaning equipment is provided and refreshments.

THE 4:30 FAMILY SERVICE

@ Blofield Church

Starts 20th September

A short service of storytelling, singing, creative prayer and activity for families, followed by a shared meal.

Every third Sunday of the month, 4.30pm at Blofield Church

*For more information, contact Reud Andrew:
revandrewtapsell@gmail.com*



A New Book which describes Blofield Church's Rich Heritage of Wonderful Windows



This guide to the church's nine stained glass windows highlights particular features and names the artists who created them.

Many windows in the church are in memory of parishioners and tell us of their lives of service in the community.

**Available in Blofield Church
for £4.**

Harvest Lunch at Blofield Church
Do join us on Sunday, 4th October at 12.15pm
(after the morning service).

Donations will support the work of
the Vidiyal Trust in Southern India

*To help us with numbers for catering please sign up
at the back of church or phone 01603 715213 or 714519.*

Flowers for Harvest Festival on Sunday, 4th October

We will be preparing the church for harvest on **Saturday, 3rd October from 2.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to come and help decorate the church for the Harvest Service. No experience or equipment is needed.

Greenery, flowers, fruit and vegetables would be gratefully appreciated. A bucket of water and boxes will be left out in the porch on Friday, 2nd October.

Contact Sarah 07584638854 for further information.



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 of the month at 12.00.

Two course lunch is provided.

This month, the dates are: **1st October** (to celebrate harvest there will be a flower activity) **and 15th October**

For further information contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or

THE SHANTY MEN



**Blofield Church welcomes the return
on Sunday, 25th October at 3.00pm
of The Lowestoft Longshoremen**

singing traditional and new sea shanties and sea songs.

Their performances often include audience participation and a focus on maritime themes.

**Tickets: £12 at the door (payable by card or cash)
include afternoon tea**



A JOYFUL WEEKEND OF WEDDINGS AND BLESSINGS

Kseniya and Allan, with their beautiful daughter, Olexandra, celebrated their wedding at Blofield Church on Friday, 21st August with their families.

The bells rang out for this lovely family, known to us from the toddler group, as we celebrated the happy occasion.

Trudie and David celebrated the renewal of their wedding vows after being married at Blofield Church and going through a very difficult time. This was a joyful occasion with friends and family during a Sunday service and an open invitation to the congregation to join them for a buffet lunch at the Ram afterwards.

Thank you both for such a joyful weekend



WREATH making Workshop

10th and 12th December -12noon - 2pm-ish

at Blofield Church

£25.00 per person

includes all natural, recyclable materials Homemade lunch

Contact Sarah 07584638854

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike, Ride and Stride Event on Saturday, 12th September

A big thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored me to visit 40 churches in Norwich and our Benefice. Also, to those who kindly sat in church to invite our visitors during the day.

Over £700 has been raised which is split between the Trust Fund and Blofield Church.

Sarah Reynolds

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Art Exhibition at Hemblington

So many of us enjoyed the opportunity to see John S Applegate's outstanding art works at Hemblington church over the 12th/13th September weekend. The exhibition was organised by his family, to show his work to a wider audience as well as to encourage people to visit the lovely little round tower church. The church team and Friends of All Saints worked tirelessly too, providing homemade savouries and cakes to visitors. Profits made during the weekend go towards keeping the 11th century church watertight and in good condition for all to enjoy.



The exhibition and guided tours of the church on the 20th September were planned as part of Heritage Open Days. If you missed the tours, or would like to arrange for your group to visit in the future, please contact the Secretary of The Friends of All Saints church:

Email: hemblington@gmail.com / phone (01603) 715804.

Hemblington Church Light Party



At Heathlands on
Saturday 31st October
6pm to 8pm

Drop in for a hot drink and biscuits. Try your hand at light related crafts and games.

A free, family friendly event organised by
Hemblington Church.

For more details, contact jennifer@prospero3.co.uk or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

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.

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.

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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: **3rd October at Walsham Fen; 17th October at Buckenham Wood and 31st October at Howe's Meadow.**

On **Friday, 9th October**, at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, NR13 4FS, there will be a talk by Vida Armstrong 'Do you know your plants? Visitors are welcome and refreshments are available, For more details please consult the website: www.badcog.co.uk

Keep Blofield Special (You could be one of us)

We aim to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. Do join us in our villages for about an hour's litter-picking. We can supply simple equipment of high-vis waistcoats, litter pickers and bags.

October litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 5th October, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 12th October, 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 Court House Village Screen

'MIDWINTER BREAK' will be on **Friday, 9th October.**

Longtime retired couple Stella & Gerry realize their relationship has reached a crossroads while on holiday in Amsterdam. After so much time and so many memories, they are forced to confront their future.

Starring: Lesley Manville, Ciaran Hinds & Niamh Cusack

Director: Poly Findlay.

Matinee 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ices); Evening 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ices).

Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield or online at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse>

Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings. The Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm on **Monday, 12th October 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 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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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. The next meeting is on the **14th October**.

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

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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 **3rd October**, when there is an illustrated talk by Mary Fewster on "Norwich's Hidden Industrial Past". 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.

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. - join our waiting list.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

NOTICE BOARD

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 parish meeting this month. The next meeting will be on **30th November**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website:

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

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 TNT 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.

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 **13th October**.

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 **5th October**. 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, 6th October at 7.30pm.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 10th October. Doors open at 2.00pm. We welcome Jumble from 12noon.

TEA and CHAT - back at Heathlands on **Tuesday, 20th October** from 2.00pm, with lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, etc, tea, coffee, raffle and plenty of chat. Come and join us, bring a friend. Looking forward to seeing you.

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ -15th October. Teams of six, no need to book just turn up. It's a fun evening from 8.00pm.

BINGO DATES:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BINGO are **2nd, 16th and 30th October** at 2.00pm.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS are **9th and 23rd October.** Eyes down at 7.30pm - Lovely evening, great raffle, drinks from the bar.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 14th NOVEMBER Christmas Fair at Heathlands, doors open from 2.00pm. Lovely Gift Stall, Cake Stall, Teddies tombola, Christmas Items and Plants. Fantastic Raffle. Tombola, Games for children to take part in, and much more.

Make a note of the date so that you can come and join us.

Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next **Make & Mardle** session is at **Gables Farmhouse**, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington, on **Thursday, 22nd October** followed by **Tuesday, 24th November** from 10am to 12noon

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday evening, 14th October** (7.30pm) when Tim Fuller, the Ornamental Grasses and Woodland Perennials specialist at The Plantsman's Preference, will be discussing **Naturalistic Gardening**. The members' competition is "A photograph of a natural garden".

The 11th November meeting will feature the ever-popular Simon White, retired rose expert – 50 years at Peter Beales Roses – outlining **Rose growing made easy**.

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! £10 annual membership which includes 8 talks and exhibiting in the Summer Show, or guest fee is £2:50 per evening meeting.

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

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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Applications must be received no later than **31st October 2026** to:
Martin Tyrer, Treasurer, 26, Greenacre Close, Brundall, NR13 5QF.

Knights Bridge

We are delighted that, on Tuesday, 25th August, a new bridge for taking the B1140 over the new dual carriageway has been named 'Knights Bridge' in honour of heroic local woman, Valerie Knights MBE. She was churchwarden, treasurer and secretary for North Burlingham PCC, retiring from these duties in approximately 2015.

Mrs Knights, who lived on the A47 at North Burlingham, had campaigned tirelessly for road safety measures at the B1140 junction by the new bridge, a hotspot for traffic accidents, especially when the sugar beet lorries used to cut across on their way to the Cantley sugar beet processing factory. Valerie came to the aid of more than 100 motorists in incidents on the road before the recent improvements to the A47.

She spent a lifetime dedicating herself to the needs of others. She was awarded an MBE for her community service in 1994, which also included setting up Acle Voluntary Aid.

Mrs Knights' family gathered to unveil a plaque on the bridge in her honour.

Blofield Fuel Charity

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



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

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER 2026 SUDOKU

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October Diary

01 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
02 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
03 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
03 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Mem. Hall
03 Saturday	Decorating Church for Harvest	Blofield Church
04 Sunday	Harvest Lunch	Blofield Church
05 Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
05 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
05 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
06 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
08 Thursday	"The Bayeux Tapestry" Talk	Ranworth Church
09 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
09 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
10 Saturday	Heathlands Jumble Sale	Heathlands
12 Monday	Blofield PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
12 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
13 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
14 Wednesday	Blofield Gardening Club Meeting	Margaret Harker Hall
15 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
15 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
16 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
17 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Wood
18 Sunday	4.30pm Family Service	Blofield Church
20 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
21 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
22 Thursday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Gable Farm
22 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
23 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
25 Sunday	"Shanty Men" Concert	Blofield Church
28 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
30 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
31 Saturday	Hemblington Church Light Party	Heathlands
31 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow

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