

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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WELCOME

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

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

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

4th August, Edward David Ross Bromley aged 7 months.

Funerals

8th August, Mary Harvey aged 90 at St Faith's Crematorium

Interment of Ashes

15th August, Paul Gambling at Blofield Churchyard



LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

September brings us to the start of Autumn, and for our churches, a Sunday service set aside to give thanks for the harvest. The harvest festival and the decoration of our churches with floral displays, harvested produce, and a collection of processed foods in tins and wrappers to donate to food banks is a reminder of God's blessing of the earth which he has created and which he sustains.



When we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples – the Lord's Prayer - the words, 'Give us this day our daily bread', are a reminder that we are ever dependent upon God's generosity and providential kindness for our daily needs. The disciples of the 1st century were acutely aware of this, as many of them lived from hand to mouth each day. Yet, still Jesus told them not to worry excessively, but to put their faith and trust in God for each day's needs. I think we can demonstrate that faith, when we ourselves are generous to others in need as part of our harvest thanksgiving.

Also, in the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." A reminder to us all that while the stewardship of the earth and caring for the environment is important, an even greater responsibility is the stewardship of our lives in relation to God and his kingdom. For that, we also need God's generous provision. We need living bread - Jesus, the bread of life.

As I think about Autumn, it is also a reminder to me that at the end of September, I will step into retirement. Perhaps, you might say, the autumn of my own life. I do so with a sense of gratitude to God for his goodness and kindness to me but also, with a desire to continue to be fruitful in his service.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON

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. Kevin, Revd. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact.

Reflections for September 2024

The season starts to change

Under the carpet

Read: Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers over all offences. (Proverbs 10: 12)

Ask yourself: Are you willing to forgive and forget, or do you brood over hurts inflicted on you, allowing them to fester deep inside? Is God calling you to put an end to some long running grievance or dispute?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, as you have forgiven me, teach me to forgive others, wholly and unreservedly, for your name's sake. Amen.

A point of reference

Read: I, the Lord, do not change. (Malachi 3: 6)

Ask yourself: do you feel overwhelmed by changes taking place in your life, or depressed by the rapid pace of change around you? Have you lost sight of God, the same yesterday today and tomorrow?

Pray: Living God keep my eyes fixed on you, no matter what happens, assured that though all else may fade away, your love will remain the same, unchanged and unchangeable. In Christ's name, I ask it. Amen.

An unwitting mistake

Read: You know my folly, O God; there can be no hiding my wrongs from you. (Psalm 69: 5)

Ask yourself: what inadvertent mistakes have you made recently? What caused them? What might have avoided them? Have you put them behind you?

Pray: Living God, flawed and fallible though I am, work within me by your grace to do your will and fulfil your purpose, through Christ my saviour. Amen.

Inner Peace

Read: peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14: 27)

Ask yourself: do you feel at peace with yourself? Is your life based on the things that really matter?

Pray: Loving God, wherever i am, wherever I go, whatever i do, however I feel, I know that you will be with me, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. So, I will go in peace, assured of your unfailing love. Amen.

The everlasting arms

Read: The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33: 27)

Ask yourself: do you feel vulnerable and alone? Are you scared of what the future might hold? Have you lost sight of the encircling arms of God?

Pray: Living God, embrace me in your arms, and circle me with your grace and infold me in your love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Revd Sue

**THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER
BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM
SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
1st September	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
8th September	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
15th September	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
22nd September	Harvest Festival	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
29th September	Benefice Service & Farewell to Kevin & Helene 10.30am Blofield Church		

Benefice Morning Prayers:

Tuesdays at 9.00am using Zoom with Rev. Kevin (link sent out each week).
Thursdays at 9.00am at Hemblington Church.

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).

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 (North Burlingham PCC)
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 and follow a pattern of Holy Communion and Morning Worship:

4th September - Holy Communion
11th September - Morning Worship
18th September - Holy Communion
25th September - Morning Worship

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

OPEN TO GOD

The "One to One" prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after the 11am service on the 4th Sunday of the month: 22nd September.

God's heart is always open to receive our own needs or those of our family or friends, however small they may seem. Bring your hearts into God's loving presence.



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.

BLOFIELD CHURCH ARE COLLECTING FOR THE



The collection basket is in the church porch where it is collected daily and delivered to the Norwich warehouse on Ivy Road on a weekly basis. From here, it is distributed to families and Foodbank Centres in the city and surrounding areas.

WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN OUR VILLAGE WHEN APPROACHED.

Thank you to everyone who donates regularly to help families going through challenging times. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

TREASURE HUNT

Blofield Church welcomes all ages to take part in hunting for clues and treasure around the village

Sunday 15th September

2pm at the church

£2 per entry

Prizes for the winning teams

CREAM TEAS

WILL BE SERVED FROM 3.30-5.00

(DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED)

To enter - email: reynoldsfamily53@hotmail.co.uk with team name, number of people in team and contact telephone number OR complete sign-up sheet in church



heritage open days

**Alongside the 'Walking Treasure Hunt'
Blofield Church is taking part in 'Heritage Open Days'**

On **Sunday, September 15th** at Blofield Church, between 1pm to 5pm, you can enjoy a visual walk through the village's past with old maps and aerial views.

Discover Blofield's history, exploring the lives of previous residents through photographs of people who have lived here; farming families and the famous Edrich cricketing family. See how Blofield looked and what once existed where buildings now stand.

Teas available.



PLAY CHURCH

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at
Blofield Church

Church Road Blofield NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship and a chance for babies and toddlers to learn and play in a safe, welcoming & well resourced setting.

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

Healthy snacks are provided for children with tea and cake for adults served at the end of the session.

AUTUMN TERM

11TH SEPTEMBER - 23RD OCTOBER

There is no charge but a donation bowl and SUMUP machine are available for contributions to help with running costs.

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



A date for your diary

On Sunday, October 13th at 3pm

Blofield Church presents a piano concert by John Farmer with light classics and John's own compositions and arrangements.
Tickets £10 at the door, payable by cash or card to include afternoon tea.

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2024

Everyone is welcome to join us at Blofield Church on the first and third Thursday every month from 12.00 midday. We provide a homecooked, two course lunch, lots of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and a little bit of crafting.

In September, we meet on Thursdays the 5th and 19th

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968



Readers may be aware that we, at Blofield Church, are seeking to acquire an award under the Eco Church project.

One of the questions on the questionnaire, which has to be completed, refers to ethical investment and banking. In fact, there is a United Nations programme, which banks can sign up to, known as the Net-Zero Banking Alliance and certain UK banks are members. To find out more about the scheme, go to www.unepfi.org, where there is a list of UK banks offering ethical banking. Readers might be interested in checking whether their personal banks follow the guidance in the scheme.

Roy Allgood

'The heavens are the Lord's heavens but the earth he has given to human beings'

Psalm 115: 16 (NRSV)

BLOFIED FUEL CHARITY

The time has come again for the applications for this charity to be available from Monday, September 2nd 2024.

This Charity is open to residents who have lived in the village for 7yrs and over, and who receive only the State Pension.

The application forms can be collected from Blofield Newsagents and Blofield Heath Post Office.

Please return completed forms to the address on the forms by **Friday, October 4th 2024**

Bell Ringers News

In a previous article, I spoke about the social aspect of bellringing and as an example I will tell you about the tower tour in which I joined, with the bell ringers from St John the Baptist Church, Reedham in June this year. We met at the church and after using the ferry, we firstly went to Woodton church (6 bells) and then Shotesham where I rang the oldest bell which I have ever done, cast about 1420 AD. After a picnic lunch in the bright sunshine, we travelled to Brooke where I rang the heaviest bell which I have ever rung at 1300cwt (660kg). Don't worry about the weight of the bell - you don't have to LIFT it. The bell is firmly attached, and you are merely in control of the SWINGING of it. Finally, we travelled to Bergh Apton church, and then on to tea and cake at a local garden centre. A wonderful day was had by all, and I have included a photograph of us at Shotesham church, where the



ringing chamber is accessed by a steep spiral staircase on the outside of the church. The bell ringers are isolated from the nave and cannot see what is going on, so there is a small bell operated by a string whereby a church warden can signal when the bells are required to start and stop. Anybody interested is welcome to come to Blofield practise night on Thursdays at 7:30pm and see what we do.

Roy Allgood

News from Hemblington (with Pedham) Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Heathlands on Monday, 30th September at 7.30 p.m. Meetings are normally held every two months and everyone is welcome to attend.

Current parish projects include improvements to the recreational facilities on Pedham Green. These are, however, subject to an ongoing stability survey of the Green by Broadland District Council who maintain the site.

The parish council is also preparing an information map / signboard, and it is hoped to provide these in at least two locations.

A new dog litter bin has been recently placed opposite Hemblington Church.

A second Roadside Nature Reserve has also been created on the junction of Church Lane and Hemblington Hall Road. The first is on the left-hand side as you ascend the hill towards the High Noon Lane / Hemblington Hall Road junction.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Heritage Open Days: 6th – 15th September

All Saints Church, Hemblington, is again welcoming visitors to events related to Heritage Open Days. The national theme this year is “Routes, Networks and Connections”, so the Friends group has adopted this to offer two related free talks.

On Saturday, 7th September (2pm), the well-known popular presenter, Imogen Corrigan will be discussing “The Hazards of the Journey” - Pilgrimage and travel in the Middle Ages. She will be considering how people organised themselves for long journeys, often in appalling conditions, who was travelling and why.

The following Saturday, 14th September (2pm), Joyce and Andrew Burtenshaw (previously of this parish!) will be discussing “The Journey of St Christopher”, based on the Golden Legend and the 15th century wall painting in the church.

Both of these events are free to attend, and light refreshments will be available after each talk. There is level access into the church and to the WC. Information about The Friends group is available from the Secretary – email: hemblington@gmail.com; Tel: (01603) 715804.

Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

If you have not been inside All Saints church, these talks will offer an excellent opportunity to see the lovely little Medieval church with several interesting pre-Reformation features, particularly the impressive wall painting of St Christopher before his conversion to Christianity, and his trials and martyrdom when he would not renounce his faith.

Saturday, 14th September is also the date for the annual walk/bike/drive fundraiser. If you would like to offer to take part in this, and raise some funds for Hemblington church, please have a word with Catherine, the churchwarden, who will be pleased to give you all the information you will need about this. Stewards are also required in church to sign in visitors, so if you could spare an hour or so for this, again please contact Catherine – (01603) 270 360.

Open Garden at "The Bird in Hand"

Our Open Garden, over the August weekend, was absolutely amazing, including the weather. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us and also to the great number of "Helpers" who all gave their time so freely in whatever way, and of course those who donated so kindly with cakes and gifts. The generosity of everybody was simply overwhelming. We raised just over £7,000, which will be divided between Hemblington Church Repair Fund and Heathlands.

May I say thank you all again to everyone. Claire Norton



Santiago de Compostella

The Hazards of the Journey

Pilgrimage and travel In the Middle Ages
Presented by Imogen Corrigan

Saturday, 7th September at 2.00pm

At this free event Imogen Corrigan looks at travel - how people organised themselves for long journeys, often in appalling conditions, who was travelling and why.



15th century wall painting in All Saints Church

The Journey of St Christopher"

**An illustrated presentation by
Joyce and Andrew Burtenshaw**

Saturday, 14th September at 2.00pm

At this free event Joyce and Andrew will retell the full story of St Christopher's life before and after his conversion to Christianity

**Both talks are at
All Saints Church, Church Lane, Hemblington
near Blofield NR13 4EF**



*These free events are part of the
Heritage Open Days Programme*



Light refreshments available. Level access into church & W.C.

Enquiries to (01603) 270 360

Website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk



**Hemblington Church and
North Burlingham Church
celebrate with a special service of
Holy Communion**

A Time for Creation

**Sunday 1 September 2024
9.30am.
Refreshments**

Hemblington Church

Macmillan Cancer Support



Would anyone, who has an excess of fruit or vegetable produce from their garden or allotment, consider donating it to me, so that I can continue to make preserves to sell in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. I usually have a very good response, but each year is different, and I do very much appreciate any donations.

Please contact Jackie on either 01603 717372 or 07928584113

Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October at Heathlands Community Centre



Please come and help us make a difference at our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support to be held at Heathlands Community Centre at **11am - 2pm, on Saturday, 5th October.**

Treat yourself to tea, cake and good company whilst raising funds for a very worthy cause. There will also be a big raffle, tombola, white elephant stall and a homemade preserves stall.

Anyone who would like to donate a prize for the raffle or an item for the tombola or even make a cake.

Please contact Jackie on 01603 717382 or 07928584113.

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/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen (see page 21)

THE FALL GUY (PG-13), Friday, 13th September

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 to 01603 712306.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 19)

All are invited to attend the Gardening Club's talk, on **Wednesday, 11th September at 7.30pm** at the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Guests are invited to come along to see what happens at Club meetings (£2:50) and new members will be warmly welcomed (£10 fee for the whole year). Local contact for information: 01603 715804; Club website: 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 Parish Council meeting will be held on the **16th September**. 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.

Keep Blofield Special

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages reasonably free of litter, the September dates for litter-picks are:

Monday, 2nd September, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 9th September, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us. Plenty of black bags will be available, as there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! As usual, many thanks to residents, walkers and dog-walkers who kindly pick up litter informally, it is appreciated.

Aid for Animals

We have some lovely, young rescue dogs looking for good homes. If you are interested and can give a good, loving home then please ring Margaret at Aid for Animals on 01603 716883.

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 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like, or just to see what we do. Come and admire these sites in their autumnal splendour. The next working parties will be:

14th September - Howe's Meadow; 21st September - Strumpshaw Stone Pit; 28th September - Walsham Fen.

Our evening meetings recommence on **Friday, 13th September** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Following a short AGM we will entertain ourselves with our annual members' evening of slideshows, presentations and informal talks of interest to members and visitors. Visitors are welcome.

Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website www.badcog.co.uk.

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 Tennis Club: Celebrates 100years

A club with a 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:

- Four high quality courts, two 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 Diana Gilder 07799 506809 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

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. A visit to St Benet's Abbey is being organised for the 7th September. On 5th October at 2.30pm: An illustrated talk on 'The Days of the Norwich Trams'. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Heathlands (see p.18)

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £10.00 for a family including children under 17; Single membership £5.00. 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 is flourishing and is now meeting 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.

WEA Blofield Branch (see page 19)

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 or 'phone 01603 537029.

Extend (Movement to Music for Older People & Disabled Adults)

MONDAYS: Class is held weekly barring Bank Holidays. Registration at 1.45pm Cost: Class starts at 2.00 pm for 1 hour - £5.00 per person at Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall. Gentlemen and ladies are welcome. A range of apparatus is used as we exercise in both standing and seated mode, accompanied by music. For more information please contact Jenny Hall on 01508 494443 or xxfap57@qfqq.plus.com.

Forget Me Not Café is held 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.

NOTICE BOARD

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.

Blofield Heath W.I. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **10th September**. New members are welcome.

Hemblington Parish Council (see page 10)

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 is on the **30th September**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Hemblington Pre-School

Hemblington Pre-School operates from Heathlands. A maximum of 26 children may attend at any one time. It is open during term times on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am until 12.30pm and on Wednesday from noon until 3 pm. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. Ofsted Rated - Good. If you require further information (particularly during these uncertain times) then please call 01603 712616 (office hours) or contact: Fiona Trimble on 07716869506 and visit our website: www.hemblingtonpreschool.com.

Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council

All meetings are held at Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, *generally* on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on the **10th September**. Planning consultation meetings are sometimes held between meeting dates. Parishioners and the press are welcome to attend meeting. For information: website: <https://lingwood-burlinghamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.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 4.00pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **2nd September**. 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 Committee Meeting is on **3rd September**.

Thank you all for coming to the Family Afternoon, it was an enjoyable afternoon of rounders, tennis, table tennis, Pizza and drinks from the Social Club. Rounders was enjoyed by the children and adults!!.

OPEN GARDEN at Bird in the Hand on the weekend of 10th and 11th August. 23 years Claire and Terry have opened their garden for us all to enjoy. Such a magnificent garden takes a lot of hard work!! There were lots of plants to buy, tea & cakes, a raffle, and The Old Tap room open for Ales, Pimms and Wine, plus lots of sunshine. Lots of people enjoyed the sunshine and admired the garden.

HEATHLANDS and HEMBLINGTON CHURCH thank you both for all your hard work over the years and your generous donation.

Coming up:

BINGO dates - **13th and 27th September**.

TEA and CHAT - We are back on **15th October** at. 2pm-4pm in Heathlands Hall.

CRAFT FAIRS are back again on **22nd September**, open from 10am to 2.00pm with inside stalls and some outside.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We have plenty going on at the social club. Please see our facebook page for up-to-date news at: www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

Your club is open from Tuesday through to Sunday. Come and join us. We usually have 3 ales on tap from various local breweries, plus Lagers (Birra Moretti, Stella Artois, Carlsberg), Guinness, *Woodfordes Adder*, *Lacons LGR* and Camden Pale Ale. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks.

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome and forms are available in the Bar.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: Doors open 7:30pm.

Friday: Doors open 4:30pm.

Saturday: Doors open 5:30pm.

Sunday: Doors open 2pm.

Make & Mardle

The forthcoming dates for Make & Mardle at Hemblington Church will be:

Tuesdays, 24th September from 10am to 12noon

Come & join us for a tea / coffee, cake, chat with optional craft.

All will be very welcome

For more information, please phone Catherine on 01603 270360

The Blofield & District Gardening Club

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 11th September** (7:30 pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. Matt Willer will be outlining The Papillon Project, which promotes sustainable living and environmental awareness for young people. The members' competition will be a foliage pot plant.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings (£2.50 entry), or a full year's membership is just £10. There is always a speaker, a competition for members - usually a plant or in season flowers, plus a raffle and a £1 bring and buy table. There is a lot of horticultural experience within the group, so if you have any queries, or subjects you would like to hear about, do let us know. The Club's website is: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk; queries to the secretary (01603) 715804.

WEA Blofield Branch

WEA Blofield is offering a new course:” **Crime through Time**”. This 7-week course will be held at Blofield Court House, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield with tutor Joseph Williams.

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The course will be held on Tuesday mornings from 1st October – 19th November 2024, between 10.00am and 12:00 noon (*half term 29th October*). Course fee is £58.80. *If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.*

To enrol online: go to www.wea.org.uk and quote Course reference Q00018194 or telephone 0300 303 3464, quoting the Course reference Q00018194. *Please contact the Blofield Branch with any queries:* blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or telephone 01603 537029.

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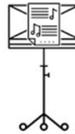
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SOLUTION TO AUGUST SUDOKU

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen Friday, 13th September, THE FALL GUY

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02 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
02 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
03 Tuesday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
05 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
07 Saturday	Heritage Open Days Talk	Hemblington Church
09 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
10 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
10 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC	Lingwood Parish hall
11 Wednesday	District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
13 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
13 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
13 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
14 Saturday	Annual Bike/ Walk/ Drive	Hemblington Church
14 Saturday	Heritage Open Days Talk	Hemblington Church
14 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
15 Sunday	Heritage Open Days Visual Walk	Blofield Church
15 Sunday	Treasure Hunt	Blofield Church
16 Monday	Blofield PC	Blofield Court House
19 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
21 Saturday	BADCOG	Strumpshaw Stone-Pit
21 Saturday	Young Musicians' Concert	St Lawrence's Centre S Walsham
22 Sunday	Craft Fair	Heathlands
24 Tuesday	Make & Mardle	Hemblington Church
27 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
28 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
30 Monday	Hemblington PC	Heathlands

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