

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).

SEPTEMBER RECTOR'S LETTER

September marks the start of Creationtide in the church calendar, a period of time set aside in our liturgical year to thank God for the gift of creation, to lament the ways in which we have fallen short of our duty of care for it, and to consider the place of the natural world in our faith and church life.



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland adopted The Season of Creation in 2008. The season itself runs from the 1st September until the 4th October, the latter date being the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In 2015, Pope Francis declared 1st September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and in July this year the Church of England's General Synod approved it as the date for a new annual feast day: *The Festival of Creation in Christ*. This month is, therefore, the first time this festival will be celebrated since its introduction.

The natural world has played an important role in the spiritual dimension of human culture and history, and it continues to have a significant place within many people's spirituality today. The Christian faith has not always easily embraced nature as part of its spiritual and symbolic practices, nor in its theology, particularly in those cultures where Christianity was historically pitted against paganism. However, in recent years there has been significant interest in and exploration of ecological theology, something made even more pertinent against the backdrop of the climate crisis.

Giving emphasis and voice to the place of creation within the Christian faith is not forcing some new agenda into the midst of long-established doctrine and tradition; nor is it a suggestion that creation itself should be the subject of our worship rather than the Love that created it. Rather, a renewal of efforts to highlight the importance of creation within the Christian faith recognises and celebrates something that has been the case from the very dawn of time: that *all* things have been created, are redeemed and are being renewed by God.

The new festival of Creation in Christ is therefore, an opportunity to praise God for the gift of creation and to commit ourselves afresh to treasure it and safeguard it with humility and gratitude.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

Reflections for September

As the leaves change into glorious colour

Standing at the door

Read: *Look, I stand at the door and knock. I will go in and eat with whoever hears my voice and opens the door; and they will eat with me.*

(Revelation 3: 20)

Ask yourself: Have you assumed that once you open the door to Jesus, it is open forever? Is there some area of your life he is still seeking access to?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, when you knock at the door and I fail to let you in, knock harder, until I open it. Amen.

A time to be still

Read: *He persuaded his disciples to board the boat and cross to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds, and having done that, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. As evening fell, he was there alone.*

(Matthew 14: 22-23)

Ask yourself: When did you last make time to be still in the presence of God? When did you last focus your thoughts entirely on him?

Pray: Living God, whatever the pressures and duties of the day, teach me to find stillness. Amen.

The God who opens doors

Read: *I will remain at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door of valuable work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.*

(1 Corinthians 16:8-9)

Ask yourself: Is God urging you to explore new opportunities for service? Is there something you felt called to do but see no way of achieving? Have you lost sight of God's ability to open doors?

Pray: Living God, show me the doors you have opened and teach me to walk through them in faith, trusting in your guidance and power, this day and always. Amen.

The silences of God

Read: *The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."*

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

(1 Kings 19:11-13)

Ask yourself: Is there some prayer of yours that God doesn't seem to have answered? Could it be that you haven't heard his voice in the silence?

Pray: Gracious God, help me to hear again your still small voice, your word even in the silence and know that you are always there. Amen.

Rev'd Sue

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
6th September	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
13th September	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
20th September	Morning Worship *** Family Service At 4.30pm	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
27th September	Holy Communion	Morning Worship Harvest Festival	Service of the Word Harvest Festival 3pm

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 SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 16th September - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 17th September - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 23rd September - 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



2nd September - Morning Worship
9th September - Holy Communion
16th September - Morning Worship
23rd September- Holy Communion
30th September - 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, 13th September and Sunday, 11th October.**



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.



“For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:16-17)

FOODBANK

Another shout out for Foodbank please!

Your donations are gratefully received by both Blofield Church and the Foodbank in Norwich. We are extremely grateful to all the people in our community and our church members who contribute so generously. Remember your donation is feeding hungry families especially during the school holidays when extra meals are required for children.



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 BEGINS ON 9TH SEPTEMBER

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

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



Cleaning of Blofield Church

Cleaning takes place on the first Monday of the month. We will meet on Monday, 7th September *from* 10.00am.

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: **3rd September and 17th September**

For further information contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or

Sarah on 07584638854

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.**

**Blofield Church welcomes the return of
our favourite visiting orchestra
on Sunday, 27th September at 3pm**

St Gregory's Orchestra

playing in its 40th year.

A concert of music with

the Thieving Magpie Overture by Rossini,
Kol Nidrei by Max Bruch, a Beethoven Violin romance,
a Mozart Flute Andante and a Strauss horn concerto.

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



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**Saturday 12th September 2026
9am–5pm**

Many of Norfolk's incredible historic churches and chapels are **in urgent need of repair** — from leaking roofs and crumbling stonework to essential timber and window repairs.

Your support helps keep these remarkable landmarks **safe, open and alive** for the communities they serve.

Take Part & Make a Difference

Explore Norfolk's stunning churches and raise money simply by being sponsored for your **bike ride walk or drive** or make a personal donation

**50 years of preserving
Norfolk's Churches**



To donate scan the QR code or visit
norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/donate/

Norfolk Churches Trust BIKE - WALK - DRIVE

"50th Anniversary"

Saturday 12th September

Sarah Reynolds will be Walking/Busing/Driving around Norwich/Norfolk, visiting many of our incredible historic churches. She would welcome anyone who would like to join her anytime during the day.

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor Sarah, please either phone Sarah on 07584638854 or look at full details in Blofield Church.

For those unable to take part, for some reason, they can be sponsored to sit in the church. There is a sign up sheet in church or speak to John Kelly.

Families are encouraged to be involved:

Win a Bike and Photo competition.

UKRAINE AID

Back in March, we were contacted by Bishop Ian who suggested that Blofield may be a suitable venue for a talk to support the war in Ukraine.

We were then contacted by Paris Back who is one of the Deputy Lieutenants in the County. Paris has recently been to Ukraine to deliver medical and other supplies to Ukraine.

SUPPORTING AID TO UKRAINE

Please join us at Blofield church on Sunday, 6th September at 12.00 noon, straight after the morning service, for a talk in support of Convoy4Ukraine. Nigel and Paris Back are returning from Norfolk to Ukraine on 9th October to deliver specific emergency aid to hospitals, charities and organisations in Lviv and elsewhere. They need to raise £18,000 to cover the cost of the 4 x 4 pick-up trucks



and the bespoke medical and humanitarian supplies. The trucks will be left in Ukraine where they will be used to evacuate the injured and those impacted by war. The plight and future of this nation has never been more important as it witnesses the anniversaries of its 5th, 12th and 112th take out invasions by Russia.

Anthony White will be doing the talk and we were with him on the February 2026 trip. He has done eleven of the twelve drives. The talk, with about 30 slides, will take approximately half an hour and be followed by a Q and A. Every penny raised goes towards buying aid for Ukraine as the drivers pay all their costs of diesel, hotel bills, meals and train/flights home.



heritage open days



**'Heritage Open Days at Blofield Church
on Saturday, 19th September 10.00 - 16.00
and Sunday, 20th September 14.00 - 16.00**

A chance to enjoy the beauty of and tales
behind our stained glass windows.

Also, get on your knees and try rubbing stone memorials.
Materials are supplied.

A newly published book will guide you round the art work
and stories behind nine wonderful windows

Enjoy refreshments.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday evening, 9th September** (7.30pm), when all you ever wanted to know about companion planting will be covered by the very popular and knowledgeable **Dr Ian Bedford** in his talk entitled "**Companion planting for a balanced garden**". The members' competition is "2 companion plants".

The 14th October meeting will feature Tim Fuller discussing Naturalistic Gardening.

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

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.

Sarah Russen
Clerk to the Charity

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Prepare to enjoy seeing the church full of exquisitely observed paintings by Gorleston artist, John S. Applegate. Over the weekend of **12th and 13th September**, you will be able to see this amazing display and perhaps be tempted to buy one! There is no charge to see the exhibition and enjoy the facilities of the church – level access pathway and wheelchair accessible toilet, huge St Christopher wall painting and the tranquillity of the churchyards. Refreshments will be available all during the exhibition too.

If you would like to learn more about the history of the church, its architecture and stonework, we are offering short tours on **Sunday, 20th September**, as part of Heritage Open Days. Please contact churchwarden, Catherine, on (01603) 270360 to book a free place.

If you would like more information about the Friends group, please contact the secretary: email hemblington@gmail.com / phone (01603) 715804. Church website is: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

“COAST & COUNTRY”

An Exhibition of Oil Paintings By John S. Applegate



FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS

PAINTINGS FOR SALE

Saturday, 12th September 10am - 4.30pm

Sunday, 13th September 11am - 4.30pm

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

www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Well attended presentation about the Bayeux Tapestry

On Saturday afternoon, 1st August, well-respected Medieval historian Imogen Corrigan enthralled the 70 strong audience in All Saints Church, Hemblington, with a master class detailing the history surrounding the Norman invasion of 1066. Her explanation of events, expertly sewn into the embroidery by English women 900 years ago, delighted the audience and encouraged many questions afterwards. The tapestry is currently on loan to the British Museum.

The event had been organised by The Friends of Hemblington church, and supporters provided tea and much cake for the audience after the talk. One attendee emailed later, to say "It was a delightful well-organized afternoon, with an expert speaker, and wonderful hospitality, in a beautiful church. Thank you."

Hemblington Church Eco-Team News

A small team of people, keen to encourage environmental awareness in the local community at Hemblington, has worked hard over the last few years to reach good standards of sustainable living as advocated by the A Rocha foundation. The team has looked at the use of green energy in the church, reuse and recycling of materials and managing the churchyards for wildlife. A recent approach has been to show "The People's Emergency Briefing film" at Heathlands in July.

The interest and enthusiasm of many of the people who attended this film was very encouraging. Suggestions were made which might help mitigate some of the climate change and food shortage predictions, supporting what the scientists and experts in the various fields felt might be possible.

If you are a member of a group and would like to organise a screening of this film for your members, all the information is available on the National Emergency Briefing website: <https://www.nebriefing.org/host-the-film>. The Hemblington eco-team would be happy to support you in this if that would help – please contact via email: hemblington@gmail.com or phone (01603) 715804.

Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next **Make & Mardle** session at **All Saints Church, Hemblington** from 10am to 12 noon is on **Tuesday, 22nd September**

Then, in **October** we will move to **Gables Farmhouse**, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington on **Thursday, 22nd October**

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

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Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

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

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

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

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

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield CREATIVE Club for Arts and Crafts at Margaret Harker Hall

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

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

An active group which undertakes site management of local wildlife habitats. BADCOG holds fortnightly **work parties** on Saturday mornings starting at 10.30am and finishing no later than 1.00pm. The next working parties will be: **5th September at Walsham Fen; 19th September at Howe's Meadow and 3rd October at Walsham Fen.**

Friday, 11th September at 7.30pm will be our AGM, followed by an evening when members bring along items on natural history to show or talk about - in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, NR13 4FS. 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)

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

Monday, 7th September, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 14th September, 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

'THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2' will be on **Friday, 11th September.**

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, 14th September 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. The next meeting is on the **9th September.**

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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.

Brundall Local History Group

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

Forget Me Not Café

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

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

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

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

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 for September 2026.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

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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 **28th September**. 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 **8th September**.

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 **7th 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 Meeting is Tuesday, 8th September at 7.30pm.

We hope you are all still enjoying this wonderful summer. We give thanks to UMGAWA KAGOOGA band playing for us on 7th August, and also, to SAM singing for us in the club Saturday, 8th August. They were lovely evenings, the music was enjoyed by us all.

Attractions coming up in September

NO FRILLS are back with us again on **5th September**. Music from 8.00pm.
JULIE BUNN singing for us again in the club on **19th September** from 7.30pm.

BINGO DATES:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BINGO dates are **4th September and 18th September**, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS are **11th September and 25th September**. Eyes down at 7.30pm - Lovely evening, great raffle, drinks from the bar.

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ -17th September - 8.00pm start.

Teams of six, no need to book.

October dates to put in your diaries:

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 10th October.

Doors open at 2.00pm

TEA and CHAT - back on Tuesday, 20th October - 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

MacMillan Cancer Support

MacMillan Coffee Morning



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



Heathlands Community Centre

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

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

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

Thank you.

"Never regret anything that made you smile." (Mark Twain)

RANWORTH CHURCH

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 6pm	Come join us as Bishop Ian and The Sisters of Bethany lead a Service of prayer , healing and wholeness with anointing of oil
St Helen's Church Ranworth NR13 6HT	 Ministry Team will be available for personal prayer Refreshments served after service

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 6.00pm St Helen's Church Ranworth NR13 6HT	Come join us as Kett's Consort and Revd Andrew Tapsell leads a service of BCP Evensong
You are warmly invited to refreshments after service	

Blofield Heath WI

Blofield Heath WI held their July meeting. Their speaker was Phyllida Scrivens who gave a very comprehensive talk about Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich. It is not the first time Phyllida has attended our WI, and she never fails to give an informative talk. Afterwards, a delicious tea of savouries and cakes was enjoyed by the WI members.

The Auction of Promises was held at Heathlands on 4th July 2026, and the WI participated in a Cake-a-Thon. The lucky bidder was Sandra Baxter who runs the BroadBeat Choir, the cakes for the next 6 months will be enjoyed by one of Sandra's choirs. The evening raised over £2500 which will be distributed between Heathlands Community Centre and Hemblington Church.

The WI President's Strawberry Tea was held on 18th August. There was a good attendance, and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with tea, strawberries and cream, lovely strawberry cakes and all rounded off with a game of bingo.

The next meeting is on **8th September 2026** at 2.00pm. New members are welcome.

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Friday 11th September
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*The solution will be in next month's
(October) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

SOLUTION TO AUGUST 2026 SUDOKU

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September Diary

03 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
04 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
05 Saturday	'No Frills'	Heathlands
05 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
06 Sunday	Ukraine Aid Talk	Blofield Church
06 Sunday	Prayer, Healing, Wholeness Service	Ranworth Church
07 Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
07 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
07 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
08 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
08 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
09 Wednesday	Blofield Gardening Club Meeting	Margaret Harker Hall
11 Friday	BADCOG Evening AGM & Talk	Strumpshaw Community Hall
11 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
11 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
12 Saturday	'Bike/Walk/Drive' Norfolk Churches	Blofield Church
12th and 13th	Oil Painting Exhibition	Hemblington Church
14 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
14 Monday	Blofield PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
16 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
17 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
17 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
17 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
18 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
19 Saturday	Julie Bunn	Heathlands
19 Saturday	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Heathlands
19 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
19th and 20th	Heritage Open Day	Blofield Church
20 Sunday	BCP Evensong	Ranworth Church
20 Sunday	Short Tours of the Church (book)	Hemblington Church
22 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
23 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
25 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
27 Sunday	St Gregory's Orchestra	Blofield Church
28 Monday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands

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