

# 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

### **Funerals**

4<sup>th</sup> July, Doreen Green aged 96 at St Faith's Crematorium



*Photograph on front cover is at Blofield Churchyard by Susan Garrod*

## LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

I have little by the way of family heirlooms in my possession other than perhaps, two things that might now qualify. The first is my paternal grandfather's two World War One medals. One for his army service where he survived a gas attack and had his big toe blown off, and one for the 7 months he spent incarcerated in a WW1 prisoner of war camp. He did not think much of these medals in the light of all the suffering his war service brought to him, but they have passed into my possession.



The second is also from my paternal grandfather. It is a Windsor fireside chair which he was given for his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (a little late because of his war service). As far as I remember from my childhood and early teens, that was always his chair to sit in. Over the years it became blackened and somewhat worn. However, my father had it restored, and I inherited it from him. It is particularly special for me now because it has become my morning devotions chair - the place where I go to sit and read my Bible and pray before breakfast. More than an heirloom, it has become a place of encouragement and blessing.

On one such occasion recently, I was reading from Luke's Gospel, and read these words: 'Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple . . . and all the people came early in the morning to hear him.' Can you imagine that crowd of people, so eager to get up early in the morning to listen to Jesus and learn from all that he was saying? They were excited by his message and could not wait to hear it.

It is our privilege to have in our Bibles, the four Gospel accounts in which so many of those words of Jesus are recorded for us. Do we share that same eagerness to listen to Jesus? Do we feel a similar excitement when we hear those words? Jesus so often speaks into my life through his words that come with the same authority they did 2000 years ago. I pray that each of us have a special place – a chair, a sofa, or a cushion maybe - where we cultivate a habit of coming to hear Jesus speak to us early in the morning, or whenever your day allows.

**REVD. KEVIN BILLSON**



## August

### Prayers and reflections for each week

This month our readings and thought come from the Book of Proverbs – still good advice for today.

#### **Week 1:**

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2: 6

**Ponder...**When we are perplexed or unsure of the path to take, we can reach out to God, our Father, and ask for his wisdom and help.

**Pray:** Father, give me your wisdom, that I may make the right choices and understanding that I may be kind and merciful. Amen.

#### **Week 2:**

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, and write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3: 3-4

**Ponder...**In these days of shifting loyalties and fake news, may we be known for our faithfulness and loving kindness, helping and encouraging others.

**Pray:** Father, may we witness to your love and goodness in our lives, and show that love and goodness to others. Amen.

#### **Week 3:**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

**Ponder:** To trust in God, instead of ourselves is easier said than done, but a valuable lesson to learn and to live by.

**Pray:** Father, help me to trust you and to honour you in the way I live my life. Guide me in good times and bad. Amen.

#### **Week 4:**

A generous man will prosper; who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs: 11:25

**Ponder...**Here we learn that we reap what we sow, and that if we are generous with our time and love and resources, we will not be the losers, but will gain more than we can ask, every time.

**Pray:** Father, help me to have a generous heart and to give with kindness; refresh my spirit and bring healing and peace to my soul. Amen.

**Revd. Canon Judith Wilson**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Blofield 11.00am</b>	<b>Hemblington 9.30am</b>	<b>North Burlingham</b>
4th August	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
11th August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
18th August	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
25th August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

**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:

<b>BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON</b>	<b>ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM (North Burlingham PCC)</b>
Sort Code: 09 01 55 Account No. 31794180	Sort Code: 30 96 17 Account No. 00040822	Sort Code: 30 99 97 Account No. 30101668

## **A Message from the Churchwardens of Blofield and Hemblington Churches**

You will probably have heard that Revd Kevin Billson, our Rector, will be retiring at the end of September 2024. This means that we will enter a period known as an Interregnum during which a specific process takes place. This was set out at a meeting with the Archdeacon of Norfolk, Steven Betts, on 27th June, attended by us, together with the churchwardens at South Walsham, Upton and Fishley.

We will keep everyone updated with developments as and when appropriate, but we wanted to assure all parishioners that, after 30th September, we will be available (as we are now) to help with any queries you may have. Our contact details will continue to be published in Focal Point and Blofield News, along with church services, as they are now.

During the Interregnum, we will do all we can to keep to the regular schedule of services, but occasionally, circumstances may cause us to make a change. Hopefully, these will be kept to a minimum.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

*Yvonne, Stephen, Catherine and Simon*

### **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.

### **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. Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.

## **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:

**7<sup>th</sup> August - Holy Communion**  
**14<sup>th</sup> August - Morning Worship**  
**21<sup>st</sup> August - Holy Communion**  
**28<sup>th</sup> August - 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 Sunday, 11th August.

God’s heart is always open to receive our own needs or those of our family  
or friends. Do feel you can come as many times as you need. God’s healing  
work is normally a process rather than a one off.



*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**

### **OPEN DOORS 2024**

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

**During August we have a break, starting again in September**

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968



# **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](mailto:yvonnemack60@gmail.com) or Barbara on 01603 714519**



# TREASURE HUNT

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:reynoldsfamily53@hotmail.co.uk) with team name, number of people in team and contact telephone number OR complete sign-up sheet in church

### Mapping and Recording Blofield churchyard

The footpath to Braydeston, through Blofield churchyard, is a very well used walking route, so many people are familiar with this area of the churchyard. However, there are lots more graves around the church which you may not be aware of.

As part of an ongoing project to digitise all the memorials in the churchyard, there are still a number of unrecorded memorials to be located, photographed, and made publicly available. There are also some graves which need to be carefully revealed and cleaned to identify them; an accurate map is also being prepared.

If you are interested in getting involved with the outside work in the churchyard, and can spare an occasional hour or two, please get in touch with Revd Kevin Billson in the first instance on 01603 712299.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## A marvellous concert by the Choir of Gonville & Caius College Cambridge in Blofield Church on Friday July 5th



A full church appreciated the joy the young choir found in their concert performance of some Howells, Bruckner, Brahms and Britten pieces. The church has wonderful acoustics for this type of classical concert, and they were fully explored with an excellent range of dynamics.

The members of the choir were all individually talented with excellent voices in the full range of sounds. The Brahms, 'How lovely are thy dwellings', which the choir obviously knew well, particularly brought out the best of their group sound as they enjoyed its full range.

The Michael Haydn 'Requiem in C' was very interesting for us all to hear, as it was probably a new arrangement for most listeners. The choir lost themselves in its beauty, following their very talented conductor, Matthew Martin. I look forward to hearing the recording they will be making of this piece, shortly.

The organ scholars, Eden Eyres and Harrison Cole, showed their skill on the beautiful William Hill Organ, so it resounded with Bach's Prelude & Fugue in C.

The hospitality of the church was abundant as usual, with wine and cheese platters, which gave the audience the opportunity to get together and discuss the music in the interval. Many people said how they really appreciated every aspect of the evening.

*Mary Flude*

## HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

### Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

**Heritage Open Days - 6th – 15th September** - will soon be here. There is a lot happening in the local area – do pick up the pamphlets available at The Forum and in church.

At Hemblington, we have not one, but two free talks for you to enjoy in the church during Heritage Open Days, both based on the national theme of “Routes, networks and connections”. **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.

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 (*spoiler alert!*) his trials and martyrdom when he would not renounce his faith. The church is situated between South Walsham and Blofield - in Church Lane - nearby postcode NR13 4EF.

**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.

Information about The Friends group is available from the Secretary – email: [hemblington@gmail.com](mailto:hemblington@gmail.com) or tel: (01603) 715804.

Church website: [www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)

### Make & Mardle

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

**Tuesdays, 20th August & 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

At All Saints Church, Church Lane,  
Hemblington near Blofield NR13 4EF



**The Hazards of the Journey -  
Pilgrimage and travel  
In the Middle Ages**

**Presented by Imogen Corrigan**

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**The Journey of St Christopher"**  
An illustrated presentation by  
Joyce and Andrew Burtenshaw  
**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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. A  
fascinating tale, painted in  
extraordinary detail in the 15<sup>th</sup>  
century wall painting in the church.*



*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](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)



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

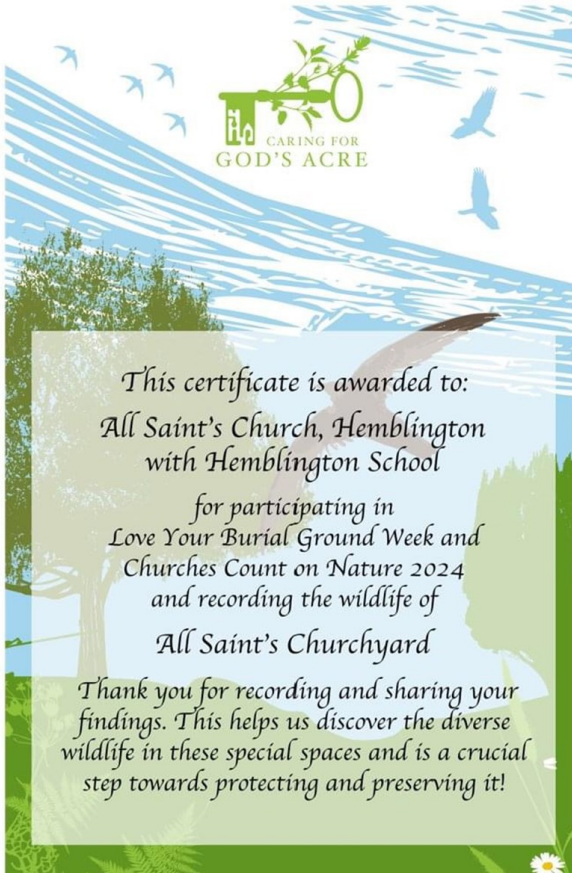
## **A Time for Creation**

**Sunday 1 September 2024**

**9.30am.**

**Refreshments**

**Hemblington Church**



## NOTICE BOARD

### **Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club**

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at THE RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people. Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason ([alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk)/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole ([mikecole@uwclub.net](mailto:mikecole@uwclub.net)/Tel. 01603 713839).

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

There are no films during August, and back in September after the summer break.  
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](http://www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk).

### **Blofield Parish Council**

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. There is no meeting this month. There is no meeting during August. 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](http://www.blofield-pc.gov.uk) or email: [clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk).

### **Keep Blofield Special**

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking, anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! The August litter-picks take place on:

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

**Monday, 12th August**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Thank-you to everyone in the villages who kindly pick up litter when out and about - it really does make a difference!

## 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 summer splendour. The next working parties will be:

**3rd August - Walsham Fen;**

**17th August - Jary's Meadow;**

**31st August - Buckenham Woods.**

*Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website [www.badcog.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

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

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

### **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

**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. There is no talk in August and a visit to St Benet's Abbey is being organised for the 7th September. For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://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. Do not forget 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. We have plenty going on at the social club over the next month. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up to date news at [www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/](http://www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/) and website.

### **The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)**

Our club 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.

### **Blofield Heath W.I.** (see p.20)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **13th August**. New members are welcome.

### **WEA Blofield Branch**

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

### **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.***



## NOTICE BOARD

### **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@qfqf.plus.com](mailto:xxfap57@qfqf.plus.com).

### **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 meeting during August. 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](http://www.hemblingtonpreschool.com).

### **Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council**

All meetings are held at the Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, generally on the 1st TUESDAY of the month starting at 7.30pm. No meeting is planned for August. Planning consultation meetings are sometimes held between meeting dates when planning proposals have to be considered within 23 days. 15 minutes is allocated at the start of all meetings for public participation. Parishioners and the press are welcome to attend any Council meeting. For information, the website is : <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 **5th August**. 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 **6th August**.

**JUMBLE SALE** - *Many thanks to everybody that helped on the day or donated lots of jumble. We made a nice profit of £403.*

### **4th August: Family Afternoon**

Come and join us. Hopefully, weather will be kind and games of rounders are planned; table tennis table will be available. Also, on site are CRABB & FOX Pizza Box, where you can purchase a pizza. They do ask to pre-order before the day, to make sure you can get one!! Either text or WHATSAPP to 07900381878, OR you can fill in a form in the Social Club. We will open the Social Club from 1.00pm which will be ideal for a pint and pizza, and a fun afternoon, see you all there.

**OPEN GARDEN** - Bird in the Hand - **Weekend of 10th and 11th August** from 11am to 4.00pm . It is a lovely garden to walk round. There will be Plants for sale, Tea, Coffee and Cakes. The cellar will be open for a Pint, or a glass of Pimms.

*When you read this, we will be into the Summer Holidays, and we hope lots of you will use all the play equipment, BUT please, can we ask for people to be sensible, we have had several bouts of vandalism including fires being lit in the wood at bottom of the field. Please have fun but be sensible.*

Please remember to recycle your bottles and papers at Heathlands as we receive much needed revenue.

## HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We have plenty going on at the social club over the next month. Please see our facebook page for up-to-date news at:  
[www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/](http://www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/) and website.

50/50 lottery renewals were due in July ... please get any remaining renewals back to the promoter as early as possible.

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.

# OPEN GARDEN

Bird in Hand  
80 Mill Road  
Blofield Heath  
Norwich NR13 4QS  
01603 713101

Saturday & Sunday  
10th & 11th August  
11am to 4pm each day



Plants, Cakes & Refreshments  
Ales, Wine & Pimms  
£3-50 Entrance fee

Proceeds to Heathlands (303909) & Hemblington Church  
No Dogs please only Guide Dogs

**Open Garden at “The Bird in Hand over the weekend of  
10th and 11<sup>th</sup> August – 11.00am – 4.00pm each day.**

Come and enjoy the beauties of the late summer garden in the relaxed atmosphere of a proper garden party! Mouthwatering “afternoon tea” refreshments will be on sale, including ales, wine and Pimms; plants, cakes and garden produce also for sale. Entrance fee is £3:50 with proceeds going to Heathlands Community Centre and All Saints Church, Hemblington Repair Fund. Sorry – no dogs except guide dogs.

## The Blofield & District Gardening Club

Many thanks to all who came along to enjoy the Club's Annual Summer Show at the Margaret Harker Hall in July. Even given the often-appalling weather in the spring and early summer, club members exhibited an amazing array of vegetables, fruits and flowers as well as some delicious-looking home produce. Well done to all who exhibited, and thanks to those visitors, who came along in the afternoon, to admire the produce and enjoy refreshments.

The next club meeting will be **Wednesday, 11th September** (7.30pm), when Matt Willer will be discussing 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 at £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](http://www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk) or queries to the secretary (01603) 715804.

### 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

***Please make a note in your diary that this year's coffee morning at Heathlands will be on Saturday, 5th OCTOBER.***

Thank you, Jackie

### Blofield Heath WI

The August meeting, while not having a speaker and weather permitting, a Strawberry tea and cake event will be held on **13th August**, and will be at Heathlands Social Club.

Our July meeting had a very interesting speaker - Brian Hurd, who used to be a Forensic Scientist, and had some very interesting tales to tell. Our members thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

## SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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	1	6		5				

## SOLUTION TO JULY SUDOKU

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

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

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# AUGUST Diary

03 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
04 Sunday	Family Afternoon	Heathlands
05 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
05 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
06 Tuesday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
10 Saturday	OPEN GARDEN	Bird in the Hand
11 Sunday	OPEN GARDEN	Bird in the Hand
12 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
13 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
17 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
20 Tuesday	Make & Mardle	Hemblington Church
31 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods



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