

# 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**

8<sup>th</sup> July, Molly Ann Websdale aged 86, at Hemblington Church

## **THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE** **Caring for our church family**

Looking after our church family and the wider community is very important to us. Our churches are open every day for you to visit.

If you or someone you know needs support, would like a phone call, or who has something special to celebrate please let Revd. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact. Contact for matters relating to pastoral support, contact Revd. Sue Shillam.

Contact details are above.

## A LETTER FROM REVD. ANDREW TAPSELL



Last month, the pupils of Hemblington Primary School came to All Saints Church for a day exploring our wonderful churchyard, a haven for wildlife and biodiversity set within the beauty of the surrounding fields. The children enjoyed various crafts and activities, from making seed-bombs to building their own birdfeeders, but it was the moths that seemed to enthral many of them. Various species of moth had been caught the previous night, and were carefully displayed for observation during the day. Then, at the end of our time together, the moths were released in a moment of joy and freedom. Some of the larger species were even content to settle on a few hands before they took flight.



The sight of the children being so captivated by these small but wondrous creatures, and becoming so delighted as they were set free, has stuck with me. There was something about being able to see these creatures up close, creatures which are usually hidden from us, camouflaged within our surroundings or silently moving by night, that was awe-inspiring and humbling. There was a great deal of respect, fascination and curiosity from the children in how they interacted with the moths.

Perhaps then, the humble moth is a good representation of the Holy Spirit. We might catch the occasional glimpse of a moth in flight as the moonlight catches it dancing through the air, but they largely go undetected. However, as a moth is drawn to the light, so the Spirit fills those who shine like lights in the world, and if all of us were only able to take heed of Jesus' words and become more like children, we might just find that, through curiosity and fascination, we are more ready to allow the Holy Spirit the freedom to take flight within us.

**Revd. Andrew Tapsell**

## August

### Prayers and Reflections for each week

**As Jesus taught his disciples, so he still teaches us through his word.**

**Week 1: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.**

**No-one comes to the Father, except through me.” John 14: 6**

***Ponder:*** Today, we use maps and a Satnav to guide us and find our way. But Jesus is the way. If we walk with him, we will never be lost or confused, and he will bring us his truth and life.

***Pray:*** Father God, we thank you that Jesus is our way, our truth and our life. Help us to walk with him and find security and peace. Thank you that Jesus is the way to your presence, and that through him, we can know your love and healing. Amen.

**Week 2: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**

**John 15:12**

***Ponder:*** Jesus calls all his disciples to love one another. This is not always easy, but it is not to do with like or dislike, it is about choosing to act with love and compassion whoever we deal with, and whether we feel like it or not.

***Pray:*** Father God, give me your love and compassion for my brothers and sisters. May I look beyond the surface to the heart, and give me wisdom in my words and deeds to show your love. Amen.

**Week 3: You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.**

**John 15: 16**

***Ponder:*** A tree is known by the fruit it bears. May we be known by the fruit that we bear – love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness and self-control. We can do this because God knows us and has chosen us to do this. We are disciples of Jesus and God calls us to follow his teaching.

***Pray:*** Father God, we thank you that you have chosen us – not because of who we are, nor in spite of who we are, but because you love us. As we follow Jesus' example, as we live our lives, may we bear good fruit for your kingdom. Amen.

**Week 4: But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.**

**John 16: 13**

***Ponder:*** What a relief that we do not have to try and live as disciples in our own strength. Instead, God has sent his Holy Spirit to live within us and bring his gifts and power. In any situation, we can call on the Spirit to help us, guide us, and empower us for all that we need.

***Pray:*** Father God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit as our guide and counsellor. Open our ears to hear his gentle voice, and our hearts to understand his loving wisdom. Amen.

***Rev. Canon Judith Wilson***

# THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Blofield Church<br/>11.00am</b>                     | <b>Hemblington Church<br/>9.30am</b> | <b>North Burlingham</b> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3rd August  | Morning Worship  | Holy Communion                       | Joint at Hemblington    |
| 10th August | Holy Communion   | Morning Worship                      | Joint at Hemblington    |
| 17th August | Morning Worship  | Holy Communion                       | Joint at Hemblington    |
| 24th August | Holy Communion   | Morning Worship                      | Joint at Hemblington    |
| 31st August | <b>BENEFICE SERVICE<br/>RANWORTH CHURCH AT 10.30AM</b> |                                      |                         |

***Morning Prayer 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 AUGUST

**20th August** - at Manor House.

**21st August** - at Burlingham House.

**27th August** - at Brewster Court.

## 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</b>   |
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## BLOFIELD CHURCH

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



**6<sup>th</sup> August - Holy Communion**

**13<sup>th</sup> August - Morning Worship**

**20<sup>th</sup> August - Holy Communion**

**27<sup>th</sup> August - Morning Worship**

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

### OPEN TO GOD

Recently, two different people have said how helped they were to know that church members were praying specifically for them, when going through hard times.

Sometimes, we may be too burdened or distressed to be able to frame prayers for ourselves. We need to share our need with a listening ear, and have that need offered to our Heavenly Father on our behalf.

God has our well-being on His heart, and longs for us to turn to Him for comfort and healing in our trouble.

***The future dates are Sunday, 10th August and Sunday, 14th September at the High Altar, after the morning service.***

***Maureen and Liz***



### FOODBANK

We are extremely grateful to the people of Blofield, Blofield Heath and our church folk for their contributions to the Foodbank.



We are all aware of the cost-of-living crisis and so are most grateful for every item that comes to church to help others who are struggling.

The following items are most wanted, please:

***Long life milk, tinned meat, fruit juice, tinned potatoes, peanut butter, tinned tomatoes, instant mash and sponge puddings.***

***They have a surplus of baked beans and pasta!***

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.

## **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.



## **PLAY CHURCH**

### **BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

**Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church  
Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA**

**Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time**

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

### **THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

We said farewell to three children going to school this year but have a wonderful group who will continue in September. There is also, the possibility of two mums/grans helping us in the new year.

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome



**Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or [yvonnemack60@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnemack60@gmail.com)  
or Barbara on 01603 714519.**

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being."*

**Job 12:7-10 (NRSV)**



## Helping the Children's Society.

During 2024 money was raised for this cause by:

- A collection at the Christingle service - £425
- Collection boxes in people's homes - £356.35
- Donations when pinning a Christmas card to a communal board in church - £70

Thank you very much to all who have supported this charity.  
If you would like to have a collection box for coins in your home,  
please ask me.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.



### heritage open days

#### Meet Edward Paston

**'Heritage Open Day' at Blofield Church**  
**on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**14.00 to 16.00**

Meet Edward Paston, learn of his connections with Blofield.  
Hear music of the 16th century and explore a range of  
healing plants used in his time.  
Enjoy cream teas.

**On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.30 to 16.30**

Paston displays and trails will also be available.

### BLOFIELD FUEL CHARITY

Another year has passed, and the time has come again for the Blofield Fuel Charity's applications forms to be available. The Trustees would like potential applicants to apply to this Charity for assistance with their fuel payments.

**The forms can be collected at the Blofield Newsagents and Blofield Heath Post Office and shop, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.**

The relevant information required is on the forms.



## Blofield Church Summer Fair and Teddy Parachuting On Saturday, 5th July

Once again, we welcomed everyone to the Summer Fair/Garden Party in the churchyard. The games were set up, cakes baked, and everything was ready to set the teddies off on a journey they would never forget.



They were carefully tied into their harnesses and hoisted to the top of the tower, to be released and to float gently down on the breeze. The teddies were in for the ride of their lives!

The wind gusted and hurled them into the sky, way over the church roof and trees; they somersaulted like acrobats and turned upside down, but thankfully, landed unscathed.

The team collecting teddies carried them back gently to their owners, where they were relieved to know 'little ted' would be snug in their beds that night.

*Yvonne Mack*



### OPEN DOORS 2025

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, friendship, laughter and a little bit of crafting.

**There is a summer break during August so there will be**

**No Open Doors,**

**But we will be back in September on  
4th September and 18th September**

For further details, telephone Jenny on 01603 712968

## HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

### Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Many thanks to the members of BADCOG and the Bure Valley Conservation Group for cutting and raking the churchyards earlier this summer. The display of wild flowers had been a pleasure to behold, but cutting them down and raking them off are necessary to ensure they reappear next year. There will be work parties arranged later in the year to help keep the hedges in check and undertake general maintenance, so if you are interested in helping with this, do please contact the Friends group – details below.

**Note for your diary: weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September:** “Art in a Country Church” exhibition by members of the Gt Yarmouth Guild of Artists. Beautiful paintings, glass work and handicrafts will be available to admire and buy too with no admission fee. There is level entry into the church and there is a wheelchair friendly WC too. It is an ideal opportunity to visit the church and enjoy homemade refreshments - do look in.

*All Saints Church, Church Lane, Hemblington near Blofield NR13 4EF.*

Local Friends Group contact: (01603) 715804.

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

### School Visit to Hemblington Churchyard

On the 1st July, the whole of Hemblington School made their annual visit to our Churchyard.

They looked at how the Churchyard is managed to conserve wildlife and explored the outside of the church finding the varied materials from which it is made, some of them rather unexpected. Amongst other activities, they enjoyed hunting for bugs, leaf rubbing, measuring the height of the tower, ringing the bells, making seed bombs and bird feeders to take home.



The night before the visit, a spotlight was pointed at the north wall of the church and a moth trap was set. The conditions were ideal. Everyone was fascinated by the moths, and a lot of time was spent looking at them. The high spot of the day was definitely the release of the moths at the end of the visit.

We were very pleased that Rev. Andrew was able to join us.



## 80<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Victory over Japan



### **The War in the Far East**

An illustrated presentation by  
**Neil Storey, historian**

**Saturday, 16th August at 2:00 p.m.**

at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Hemblington  
(near Blofield) Norwich NR13 4EF

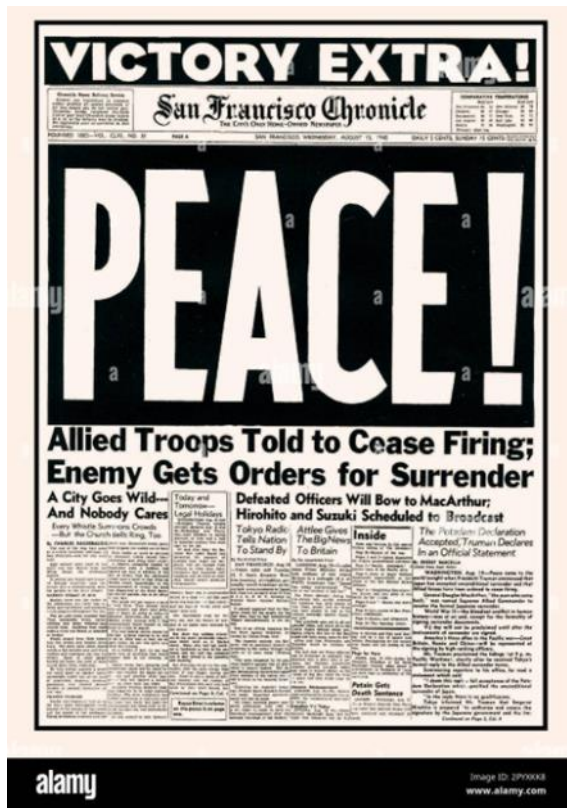
Followed by a presentation by Steve Briggs

**'H.M.S. Persimmon in the Indian Ocean 1943-1946'**

***'The story of a Troop Landing Ship and her crew  
in the context of the war against Japan.'***

Refreshments will be offered after these presentations.

This is a free event though donations to the  
Friends of All Saints Church fabric fund will be appreciated.



# VJ Day Service With Holy Communion Hemblington Church Sunday, 17th August 2025

## Make & Mardle

The next few Make & Mardle sessions are:  
 Thursday, 21st August and Tuesday, 23rd September  
 From 10am to 12noon **at All Saints Church, Hemblington**  
 Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

## 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, but back in September after the summer break. Enquiries to 01603 712306.

### **Blofield and District Gardening Club**

All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield.  
Local contact for information: Tel: 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 in August. The next meeting is on the **8th 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**

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages reasonably free of litter. The August dates for litter-picks are:

**Monday, 4th August**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

**Monday, 11th August**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us. Plenty of black bags will be available. 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.

### **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.

## NOTICE BOARD

### **BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.**

BADCOG is an active group aiming to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation.

Fortnightly, work parties start at 10.30am and finish 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. The next working parties will be:

**Saturday, 9th August - Walsham Fen;**

**Saturday, 30th August - Jary's Meadow.**

For any changes to work party plans please see 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: 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](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

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

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

**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 the **12th August**.

## 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. July meeting was the last event for 2025. For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://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](mailto:petac@btinternet.com).

### **Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme**

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

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

### **Heathlands**

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £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/](http://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.



## NOTICE BOARD

### Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. The next meeting will be on **29th 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: 9am - 12noon and Wednesday to Friday: 9am - 3pm. 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: Sasha on 07716869506 and visit our website: [www.hemblingtonpreschool.com](http://www.hemblingtonpreschool.com). There is availability for new children to start at preschool immediately.

### 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 **4th 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.

## BLOFIELD HEATH WI

Glastonbury may be over, but on the 8th July, at Blofield Heath WI, we enjoyed listening to the Broad Beat Choir, who were led by Sandra Baxter, one of our Committee members. A choir of both women and men. To begin, the choir joined us and lead us into singing Jerusalem. Next, followed a variety of songs ranging from musicals to pop, and of course, there was an ABBA song. Our members joined in, not only singing but hand clapping too. Sandra announced at the end of their repertoire that from the 3rd September 2025, the choir would be practising at Heathlands on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. New recruits are more than welcome to join them.

The afternoon concluded by another splendid contribution of tea/coffee, cakes and savouries, supplied by members.

The next meeting is on the **12th August 2025**, which will be our Summer Tea party - bring on the Strawberries and Cream and Victoria Sponges!

## HEATHLANDS

**Heathlands next Management Committee Meeting** is on the **5th August**.

The Management team at Pre-School have given notice to move lock, stock and barrel to Hemblington School at the end of July 2025. We are sorry to lose them after such a long and happy relationship.

This means that the main hall is now available to let for other activities during the week. Any enquiries should be made to Jill on 07947881969 or 01603 714164 in the first instance. Obviously the kitchen and toilet and the Committee Room will be able to be included if required.

**ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**Challenge Cricket Match and Family Day** at Heathlands from 12noon on the **17th August**.

The Tamarind Fine Indian Dining vs Silverline Limousines/Norfolk Premier Gold X1. Cricket starts at noon on the top field.

Indian food is available from 1.00pm to 3.30pm on the top field.

Family rounders on the front field from 2.00pm; Music from 4.00pm.

Bar will be open from 12.00noon. Feel free to come and enjoy the day.

**BINGO DATES** for August: **1st August and 15th August**. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Great Raffle, Cash prizes, Bar always open

*Don't forget to bring your Bottles to Heathlands Bottle Bank.*

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



How time flies, and I'm sure you're all busy in your gardens and allotments, so please can I ask if anyone has an abundance of fruit or vegetables this year, could they consider donating it to me so that I can carry on producing jams and chutneys in aid of "Macmillan Cancer Support".

Please also, make a note in your diaries that ***this year's coffee morning will be at Heathlands on Saturday, 20th September, 12noon - 3.00pm.***

Please contact Jackie on either 01603 717382 or 07928584113

Thank you.

### WOODBASTWICK CHURCH

Woodbastwick Church is now part of our enlarged Benefice of churches (8 in all now), & there is a **Flower Festival** at the church on **2nd to 3rd August**, 10am to 4.30pm. Donations for this will be welcome. Tea & coffee will be served.

There will be Evensong on Sunday, **3rd August** at 6.30pm with the Very Rev'd Andrew Braddock, Dean of Norwich Cathedral.

## PLANTATION ROAD, BLOFIELD

Norfolk County Council proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (the “Order”) (NTR09822), affecting Plantation Road from its junction with North Street for 260m northwards (the “Road”) in the Parish of Blofield, to facilitate footway and carriageway resurfacing works. The Road will be temporarily closed (except for pedestrian access) for the duration of the works/period. The closure is necessary, which is **anticipated to be from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**, but may continue to be closed/restricted until the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, where the closure is still required beyond the anticipated dates.



**Alternative route is via:** North Street, The Street, Yarmouth Road, A47, Shack Lane, Woodbastwick Road (Brundall, Postwick with Witton, Blofield). Vehicular access will be permitted to a final destination in the Road where there are signs indicating it is possible.

The works promoter for this restriction/closure is: Norfolk County Council.

Vehicular access will be permitted to a final destination in the Road where signs indicating such access is possible and permitted are in place.

**The Order shall automatically revoke on the completion of the works when the closure is no longer necessary or otherwise on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 without further notice.**

If necessary, the restriction could run for a maximum period of 18 months from the date the Order is effective.

A person who contravenes, or who uses or permits the use of a vehicle in contravention of the closure imposed by the Order shall be guilty of an offence.

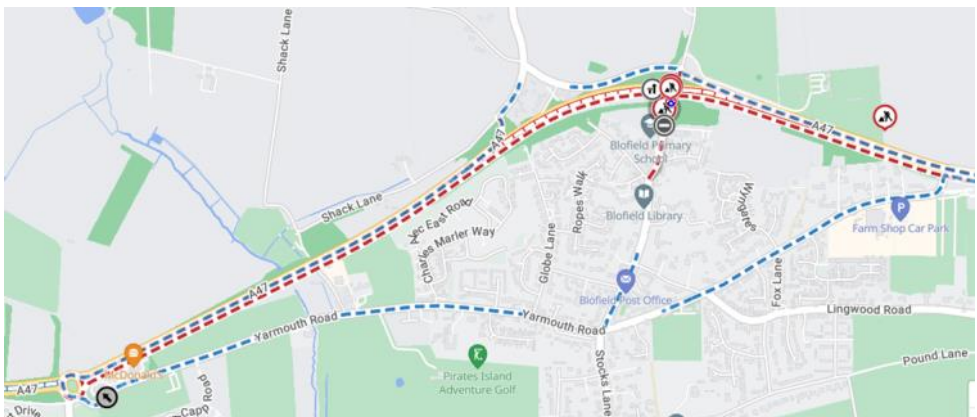
Penalty: £1000 maximum fine on conviction and/or endorsement for contravention.

In the event of the start date being delayed the new start date will be displayed on site in advance.

**Full details on the closure are available at <https://one.network>. Any enquiries that cannot be answered on the one.network website should be directed to the North Area Street works (Community and Environmental Services Department) contactable by telephone at 0344 800 8020 or email at [streetworks@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@norfolk.gov.uk)**

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

Katrina Hulatt  
Director of Legal Services (nplaw)  
County Hall  
Martineau Lane  
Norwich  
NR1 2DH



## SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

## SOLUTION TO JULY SUDOKU

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| 01 Friday    | BINGO                           | Heathlands                   |
| 02 Saturday  | Flower Festival                 | Woodbastwick Church          |
| 03 Sunday    |                                 |                              |
| 03 Sunday    | Evensong                        | Woodbastwick Church          |
| 04 Monday    | Keep Blofield Special           | Heathlands                   |
| 04 Monday    | Monday Munch                    | St Lawrence's, South Walsham |
| 05 Tuesday   | Heathlands Management Committee | Heathlands                   |
| 09 Saturday  | BADCOG                          | Walsham Fen                  |
| 11 Monday    | Keep Blofield Special           | Blofield Court House         |
| 12 Tuesday   | Blofield Heath WI               | Heathlands                   |
| 15 Friday    | BINGO                           | Heathlands                   |
| 16 Saturday  | VJ Day Commemoration Talks      | Hemblington Church           |
| 17 Sunday    | VJ Day Service                  | Hemblington Church           |
| 17 Sunday    | Cricket Match & Family Day      | Heathlands                   |
| 20 Wednesday | Residential Service             | Manor House                  |
| 21 Thursday  | Residential Service             | Burlingham House             |
| 21 Thursday  | Make and Mardle                 | Hemblington Church           |
| 27 Wednesday | Residential Service             | Brewster Court               |
| 30 Saturday  | BADCOG                          | Jary's Meadow                |

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