

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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St. Andrew & St. Peter, North Burlingham

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK;

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

14th November, Arthur William Everson aged 86, at North Burlingham Church.

18th November, Judy Mary Frostwick aged 72, Breckland Crematorium.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it".
Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

LETTER FROM OUR CHURCH WARDENS

Advent and Christmas are the season for hope.

Finding hope when we seem to be amidst multiple crises is sometimes hard to come by. Conflicts and war, natural disasters, fear of unemployment and the rising cost of living, all fill our screens, our newspapers and our heads, snatching away the hope we long for. Looking at the brokenness in our world, it is hard not to feel shrouded in darkness and discouragement.

It can feel as though hope is in rather short supply and beyond our grasp, but just stop, take a breath and look a little deeper; hope shimmers all around us like tinsel on the shelves, baubles on a Christmas tree, and that special star on the top of the tree.

This year, I have discovered hope in unexpected places and at unexpected times. Where there is pain and suffering, it comes in the love, peace and calm through difficult and painful journeys, it comes at the sight of a rainbow, a new day, a 'forever' permanent home, joy at the birth of a new baby and the hope for its future. It comes in the awe and wonder of a child holding a Christingle. Hope just doesn't always look as we expect to find it! Just as the first century Jews expected and hoped for a majestic king but instead, got a baby, born in a straw filled manger with animals for company.

The season of Advent and the approach to Christmas are a powerful reminder that hope and light shines all around us. Hope appears at unexpected times and in unexpected places. The Jesus, whose birth we prepare to celebrate, brings the kind of hope we can neither imagine nor anticipate.

For many years, baby Jesus stones have appeared in the most surprising places around the village, just as hope is found where and when we least expect to find it.

Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. The message remains the same! When there is so much misery and devastation in the world, this is the good news and hope worth celebrating!

We have the light and hope of His presence to keep us going through the hard times. (John 1:5)

Yvonne Mack (Blofield Church Warden)



December 2024

Prayers and reflections for each week

In December we celebrate the feast of the Incarnation, when God came into our world as a human being – Jesus – to make visible the invisible God.

Week 1: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1: 14

Ponder: Christmas is a time when we give presents to one another with love and in celebration; in this verse we think of how God gave us his present of Jesus with love and in celebration – the greatest present of all.

Pray: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus our Saviour, who lived as one of us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Week 2: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:3

Ponder: In his coming to earth, Jesus was a symbol of light and life in all its fullness. Today he still brings light and life in all its fullness to us as we seek to find our way in this troubled world.

Pray: Loving God, as Jesus came to bring light and life to all, help us to open our hearts to him this Christmas and shine your light through us to the world around us. Amen.

Week 3: For to us a child is born, to us a child is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

Isaiah 9: 6

Ponder: In the Incarnation, God gives himself to us as child, but a child who will change the world and who will bring goodness justice and peace to all.

Pray: Loving God, You give yourself to us with generosity; thank you that we do not need to earn or deserve your love, but just to receive it and in that, to receive your son, Jesus – child grown to man – who died and rose again. Amen.

Week 4: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it...The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 1: 5 & 9

Ponder: There is much darkness in our world today; what comfort that God's light still shines in the darkest places in the world and in our lives and is available for everyone.

Pray: Loving God, bring your light to darkness wherever it reigns. Bring your light and peace to the world; bring your light and peace to our lives and our hearts, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Revd. Canon Judith Wilson

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

| Date | Blofield Church | Hemblington Church | North Burlingham |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1st December | Morning Worship 11.00am | Holy Communion 9.30am | Joint at Hemblington |
| 8th December | Holy Communion 11.00am | Morning Worship 9.30am | Joint at Hemblington |
| 15th December | Morning Worship 11.00am | Carol Concert 4.00pm | Joint at Hemblington |
| 22nd December | Carol Service 11.00am | Holy Communion 9.30am | Joint at Hemblington |
| CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December | Christingle 4pm Midnight Communion 11.30pm | Christmas Eve Holy Communion 9.00pm | Joint at Hemblington |
| CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December | Christmas Day Worship 10.30am | Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.30am | Joint at Hemblington |
| 29th December | BENEFICE SERVICE AT SOUTH WALSHAM 10.30am | | |

There will be NO Morning Prayer at Hemblington Church during December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025.

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).

Collections and Giving to our churches

We are grateful for all the offerings, gifts and donations that we receive each month. These can be given at each service (both Blofield and Hemblington Churches now have secure card readers) or online by using BACS or standing order. Bank details for each church are detailed below:

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

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



4th December - Morning Worship

11th December - Holy Communion

18th December - Morning Worship

25th December - Christmas Day

Celebration Christmas Service at 10.30am

The service is followed by coffee and chat

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in DECEMBER

11th December at 11am: Carols at Manor House

11th December at 2pm: at Brewster Court.

12th December at 11am: Carols at Broadlands Upton

12th December at 2pm: Carols at Burlingham House.

OPEN TO GOD

The "One to One" prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after the morning service on the 8th December and the 11th January 2025.

'The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'



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.

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 except North Burlingham at present.

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.

**PLEASE DONATE EARLY TO THE FOODBANK AT
BLOFIELD CHURCH SO THAT FAMILIES CAN
BENEFIT FOR CHRISTMAS**



Your donations are sorted and packed by willing volunteers at the Foodbank but they do need your gifts of Christmas items by early December so that they can be included in the food boxes.

The collection basket is situated 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.



**WREATH
making
Workshop**

12th December - 12noon - 2pm-ish

At Blofield Church

£20.00 per person

includes all natural, recyclable materials

Homemade lunch

Contact Sarah 07584638854





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

**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

**The last day of term is 18th December when we will hold a
NATIVITY PLAY IN CHURCH**

SPRING TERM

8th January - 12th February

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

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

Making Christingles



We need your help transforming oranges into Christingles.

**Do come along to Blofield Church on
Monday, December 23rd at 2pm.**

**There will be oranges, sweets and fruits,
ribbon and candles, to assemble and many hands will
make light and sociable work of it.**

All ages are very welcome.

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2024

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

Our Annual Christmas Lunch is on **Thursday, 5th December from 12.00.**
As there is a limited number of spaces, please contact Jenny on 01603 712968 to book your place.

There will be our usual lunch on **Thursday, 19th December.**

'Open Doors' on the 7th November 2024

The Ladies, at our "Open Door" luncheon on 7th November, are busy making tree decorations for Manor Lodge, Blofield residents and Play Church children





**Blofield Church presents
A Christmas Concert
Sunday, 8th December at 3pm
with Mundesley Community Choir**



bringing a Christmas repertoire and some audience participation.
Tickets, £10 at the door, include afternoon tea.
(Payable by card or cash).

A Quiz for Winter Evenings

A light hearted quiz for you, your family & friends to enjoy.

Why not enclose one with a Christmas card?

Quiz £2 ~ prize £20. Proceeds to Blofield Church.

Available at Blofield Church and from the side porch
at The White House, The Street, Blofield.

The Children's Society.

It's that time of year again!

If you have one of my home collection boxes for the Children's Society, this is the time of year when I open the boxes. The contents are sent off to help the work of the society with many children who have problems and needs.

Please bring me your box when it is convenient.

If other people would like to have a box at home to collect loose change, please speak to me.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

Help Brighten up Blofield by planting bulbs.

'Keep Blofield Special' is organising a mass planting of daffodil bulbs around our village. This will commence on **Saturday, 7th December** meeting at the new Wyngates Community land at Blofield at 10.30am. Please bring spades and a bucket for transporting the bulbs.

There will be a further date of **Saturday, 14th December** at the same venue if the weather had been unsuitable, or the planting incomplete.





Small Stones

In recent years, as we approach Christmas, around the streets and lanes of Blofield appear a variety of pebbles painted with a swaddled baby. These are Jesus stones.

Look out for them, suggest your children try to spot them.

Keep one for yourself or give it to someone who might be feeling alone, ill or sad. Or maybe replace it to be discovered by someone else near their home.

“THE BRAINS OF BLOFIELD”

BLOFIELD CHURCH

presents

a **'Quiz and Chilli Night'**



at the Margaret Harker Hall - start at 6.30pm
on **Saturday, 25th January 2025**

To register your team, call 01603 211931
Tickets £10 per person to include food
Teams of up to 6



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY BLOFIELD CHURCH, 10th NOVEMBER

A very big thank you to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders who came and took part in the Remembrance Service. Looking very smart in spotless uniforms, and trying not to shiver in the sunny but very crisp morning, the flag bearers carried their flags proudly and the readers were well rehearsed.

Your outstanding respect for the day and the sermon from Rev Pat Atkinson made it a day to remember.

Christmas Boxes

From
Blofield
Hemblington
Churches



Dear Friends

It's that time of year again. We are now starting our annual project of collecting **Christmas boxes** which will go to the distribution centre in Great Yarmouth? The boxes can be left in Blofield and Hemblington Churches.

Please wrap the two parts of the box, but you don't need to wrap the gifts inside. Please put a 'post it note' on the top to say who the box might go to. For example, Adult female, Teenager, Child (with age range).

What to put in?

Adults: Toiletries, other hygiene items, gloves, scarves, treats and whatever else you can think of - No alcohol or tobacco please.

Children: gloves, scarves, treats, small toys, school items and whatever else you can think of.

Many thanks if you can help those with so little this Christmas time.

The cut-off date is Friday, 13th December.

Compassion and love through giving

*Thank you.
Revd. Sue*

Make & Mardle

Make & Mardle takes a break in December.

The dates of the next session is:

Thursday, 23rd January 2025 at Gables Farmhouse,
Hemblington Hall Road.

From 10am to 12noon.

Usual format - coffee, cake chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, please phone Catherine on 01603 270360

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

We help to keep this lovely little Medieval Church and its churchyard in good order for now and the future. Membership is £10 p.a. or £100 for life. See the church website www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk for further details or contact Sue on 01603 715804.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sunday, 26th January 2025 between 11 00am and 1 00pm

Free **Big Churchyard Birdwatch** at All Saints Church, Hemblington - Part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. There will be help on hand with bird ID plus warming soup and other refreshments. Dress up warm and be part of a citizen science programme!

Saturday evening, 1st February 2025 – by popular demand, David's Giant Music Quiz is happening again at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath. Make up a team to try to sort out music-related and live music questions, all in David's inimitable style. Further details will be available from Sue (01603 715804) or Linda (01603 715933) or on a poster near you!

SYNERGY ROCK & BLUES BAND At Heathlands Community Centre Saturday, 7th December, 7pm - 10pm.



Come and rock the night away. There will be all your favourite numbers, good bar at club prices, and you can bring your own snacks along too! Guaranteed a good night out!

Tickets £8 from Sue or Linda – tel: (01603) 715804 or 715933.

Website: <https://synergy-band.blogspot.com/>

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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 RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people. Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason (alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen

There is no film during the Festive season. Enquiries to 01603 712306.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

Meetings will resume after a winter break and resume on the 12th March 2025. Local contact for information is 01603 715804;
Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the **9th December**. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the Agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter picking. Litter picks for December take place on:

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

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

As the year closes, a special thanks to walkers and dog-walkers who informally pick up litter during the year. We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New year.

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 or 'phone 01603 537029.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

Leave your screen, get out in the green.

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties, and is an active group undertaking site management of local wildlife habitats. We meet on alternate 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. The next working parties will be:

7th December - Walsham Fen; 21st December - Railway Wood; 4th January – Lingwood Village Pond.

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

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Celebrates 100 years

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

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

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

Call Diana Gilder 07799 506809 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Blofield Heath W.I. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm

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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.

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/ 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.

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. There is availability for new children to start at preschool immediately.

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Hemblington Parish Council

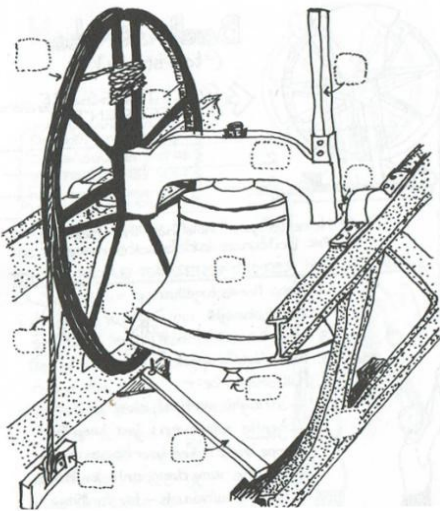
Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. There is no meeting in December. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Brundall Local History Group Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. 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. There is no meeting in December. The next meeting is on **4th January 2025**, with a talk by Rob Knee on 'The Pastons and the Hundred of Blofield: Research from the Pastron Footprint Project'.

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 **2nd December**. 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.

Bellringers' Corner



A PUZZLE FOR A 'RAINY' DAY

Can you number the parts of a church bell?

- 1.Bell;
- 2.Clapper;
- 3.Headstock;
- 4.Gudgeon;
- 5.Stay;
- 6.Slider;
- 7.Wheel;
- 8.Rope;
- 9.Frame;
- 10.Garter Hole;
- 11.Pulley Box;
- 12.Sound Bow.

Roy Allgood

HEATHLANDS

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year, may it be healthy and happy.

Christmas Fayre - November:

Thank you all for coming along to support our Fayre this year - it was a lovely a lovely afternoon. Hopefully a nice profit will have been made. We will report back later.

Heathlands Christmas Party for the little ones: **4th December** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Freddie is coming along to entertain you all. A light tea for you all and, fingers crossed, Father Christmas will call.

Tickets available from Jill on 01603 714164, or the Social Club, or Preschool.
- £3.00 each

60's Night: Saturday 14th December- always popular. At this moment, we are SOLD OUT.

Heathlands Quiz: Friday 13th December

Please contact 01603 714164 to book a team. There are not many spaces left for a team - they are going fast!!!! Bring your own nibbles.

BINGO DATES FOR DECEMBER: 6th December & 20th December.

We will be back on January 3rd 2025

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: Doors open 7:30pm.

Friday: Doors open 4:30pm.

Saturday: Doors open 5:30pm.

Sunday: Doors open 2pm.

Christmas opening hours:

Christmas Eve: open from 4.00pm - 8.00pm; Last orders 7.30pm.

Christmas Day: 12noon - 2.00pm; Last orders 1.30pm, close at 2.00pm!

Friday, 27th December - open from 5.30pm - 11.00pm.

Christmas Eve: open from 8.00pm - 12.30pm.

OVER 18's only. There will be music in the hall.

Bring your own Nibbles. For more information, please ask in the Social Club.

Re-open on the 2nd January at 7.30pm.

Wok Truck will be at Heathlands on 19th December.

WEA Blofield Branch

Well known Norfolk tutor Mary Fewster is offering a 3 week course entitled "Country Life 1700 - 1900" on Tuesdays, 28th January, 4th and 11th February, 2025 between 10:00am – 12:00 noon. These will be held at Blofield Court House, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Full details are on the WEA website: www.wea.org.uk - search under Blofield Branch. Local contact number for queries is (01603) 537029.

A promise once told

A promise once told by prophets is here,
the Saviour is with us and he is near.

In Bethlehem town he is to be born,
on what will be our first Christmas morn.

Oh prophets tell me more.

Mary a maiden was chosen to bear,
and give this king her motherly care.

With Joseph to help her on her way,
she sought an inn as she neared her day.

Oh Mary tell me more.

On nearby hills were shepherds that night,
the weather was cold, the stars bright,

When suddenly the sky lit up like fire,
with angels there and a heavenly choir.

Oh shepherds tell me more.

The angels told them they must go to the town,
and leave their sheep on Bethlehem Down.

For there in a stable and an oxen stall,
a baby was born to bring love to us all.

Oh angels tell me more.

There were travellers, too, come from afar,
wise men from the east, led by a star.

Their royal gifts they laid by the manger,
and told of Herod and imminent danger.

Oh wise men tell me more.

For this baby lying on his mother's breast,
will reveal for us the life that is best.

He will take our sins and guilt away,
will teach and lead us to a better way.

O Jesus tell me more.

David Pilch

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Until

Sunday 5th January 2025

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SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER SUDOKU

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DECEMBER Diary



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| 02 Monday | Keep Blofield Special | Heathlands |
| 02 Monday | Monday Munch | St. Lawrence's, South Walsham |
| 04 Wednesday | Children's Christmas Party | Heathlands |
| 05 Thursday | Open Doors - Christmas Lunch | Blofield Church |
| 06 Friday | BINGO | Heathlands |
| 07 Saturday | Synergy Band | Heathlands |
| 08 Sunday | Mundesley Community Choir | Blofield Church |
| 07 Saturday | Keep Blofield Special - Bulb Planting | Wyngates Community Land, Blofield |
| 07 Saturday | BADCOG | Walsham Fen |
| 08 Dec.- 05 Jan, 2025 | Christmas Tree Festival | St Mary's Church, South Walsham |
| 09 Monday | Keep Blofield Special | Blofield Court House |
| 09 Monday | Blofield PC | Blofield Court House |
| 12 Thursday | Wreath Making Workshop | Blofield Church |
| 13 Friday | Heathlands Quiz | Heathlands |
| 14 Saturday | 60's Night | Heathlands |
| 14 Saturday | Wreath Making Workshop | Blofield Church |
| 18 Wednesday | Play Church Nativity Play | Blofield Church |
| 19 Thursday | Open Doors | Blofield Church |
| 20 Friday | BINGO | Heathlands |
| 21 Saturday | BADCOG | Railway Wood |
| 23 Tuesday | Christingle Making | Blofield Church |

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