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.

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK;
Hand sanitiser is provided.

THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE
Caring for our church family

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

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

JUNE RECTOR'S LETTER

With Trinity Sunday falling on 31st May this year, June marks the start of the long Trinity season in the church's calendar, otherwise known as Ordinary Time. The term 'ordinary' might give us the impression that this period is somewhat dull or boring and indeed, it is a season that is not punctuated with principle feasts and festivals in the same way that the Christmas and Easter seasons are, for example.

However, the term 'ordinary' used to describe the weeks after Trinity Sunday is not meant in the sense of 'plain' or 'boring'. Instead, it is derived from the Latin *ordinalis,* which means 'numbered' or 'ordered', this being most apparent in the way we refer to each Sunday during this period as being a numbered Sunday after Trinity.

Another way in which the term 'ordinary' is used in the church is to refer to those who have taken on Holy *Orders* as *ordained* ministers and have been charged with specific roles of responsibility. Bishops, priests and deacons are therefore, described as the *Ordinary* of the church, particularly bishops who are to bring consistency and *order* to their diocese with the authority invested in them.

The Trinity season, or Ordinary Time, is therefore not called ordinary because it is a time during which nothing particular or significant happens, but because it is an opportunity within the rhythm of the church year to consider how we *order* our lives as disciples. The long and unhurried period of Ordinary Time gives us a chance to reflect upon how we can grow in our relationship with God, be more attuned to God's presence in our lives, and to think about what authority we afford the love of God in directing our thoughts, words and actions.

Finally, if we are to read anything into the word 'ordinary' in its sense of meaning 'plain' or 'usual', may it be a reminder to us that the presence of God is to be found, not only in significant life events or at special times of year, at Christmas and at Easter, for instance, but is so often found in the everyday and the mundane, in that which is quiet and understated. During this Trinity Season, it is therefore worth considering, even in the small things, how we might order and re-order our own lives in ways that help reveal the love of God.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

June - Prayers and reflections for each week

This month our readings and prayers are taken from the Psalms and speak of God's promises to each of us.

Week 1

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34: 8

Ponder: The Psalms were written by those who had faced all sorts of experiences in life and here is a promise for us, from someone who knew God's goodness and help, so that we can trust him too.

Pray: Loving God, help me to taste and see your goodness and help in my life; help me to trust you and know that you are with me always. Amen.

Week 2

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. Psalm 103: 2-3

Ponder: We all need healing and forgiveness sometimes, and we have a God who knows us and loves us and can bring both healing and forgiveness into our life.

Pray: Holy God, I come to you in weakness and in need. Forgive me and heal me and in your love, restore joy and wholeness to my body, mind and spirit. Amen.

Week 3

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving towards all he has made. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145: 13-14

Ponder: We all have times when we are bowed down with trouble or anxiety or fear. This promise reminds us that we have a loving god we can turn to who will lift us up and help us.

Pray: Mighty God, I thank you that you are faithful to your promises and that we can always rely on you in times of trouble; hold my hand and walk with me wherever I go. Amen.

Week 4

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and evermore.

Psalm 121: 7-8

Ponder: A final promise for this month…that the God who watched over our birth will watch over us through life and through into eternity; a God who is always there and who knows us and all our circumstances, so that we do not need to fear but we can have hope for our life and for the future.

Pray: Faithful God, watch over me as I journey through life and walk with me until I finally see you face to face. Amen.

Revd. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
7th June	Morning Worship Banns*	Holy Communion Service of Creation	Joint at Hemblington
14th June	Holy Communion Service of Creation Banns*	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
21st June	Morning Worship Banns*	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
28th June	Holy Communion	Morning Worship Banns*	Joint at Hemblington

Morning Prayer is at Hemblington Church on Thursdays at 9.00am.

Home Communion

For the arrangement of home communion, in cases of illness or where a person is unable to leave their home, please contact a member of the ministry team (telephone numbers on page 2).

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in JUNE

Wednesday, 17th June - at Manor House at 11am
Thursday, 18th June - at Burlingham House at 2pm
Wednesday, 24th June - at Brewster Court at 11am

COLLECTIONS AND GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

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

BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON	ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM
Sort Code: 09 01 55 Account No. 31794180	Sort Code: 30 96 17 Account No. 00040822	Sort Code: 30 99 97 Account No. 30101668

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am

3rd June - Holy Communion

10th June - Morning Worship

17th June - Holy Communion

24th June - Morning Worship

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

OPEN TO GOD

There are times when anxiety can dominate our thoughts and overshadow our daily living. To share our problems, and know we have been heard, accepted and not judged, can be such a release. And then, to have these experiences offered to God and enfolded in His love can enable us to journey on with greater wholeness. Why not give it a try? Everything is held in complete confidentiality, unless a safeguarding risk is evident. Future dates are Sunday, 14th June and Sunday, 12th July

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.

FOODBANK

Your donations are gratefully received by both Blofield Church and the Foodbank in Norwich. We are extremely grateful to all the people in our community and our church members who contribute so generously.

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment and this is reflected in the reduced amount of food we are receiving each week. Your generosity helps families who are going through particularly difficult times. You can also donate directly to:

the trussell trust
Stop UK Hunger

Located in: Henderson Business Centre
Address: 14, 51 Ivy Rd, Norwich NR5 8BF; **Phone: 0300 365 1123**
For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.

PLAY CHURCH
BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time.

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

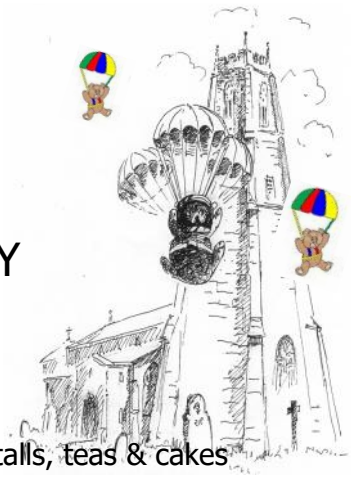
SUMMER TERM IS 3RD JUNE TO 15TH JULY

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome to help with heating costs and keep the building warm.

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

Blofield Church's
Summer Garden Party
Saturday July 4th
1pm to 4pm

FREE ENTRY

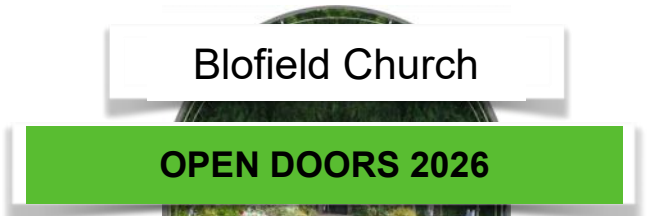


Bring your teddy for parachuting fun. Wind him on a rope up the side of the tower and watch him float down.

Also many garden games, treasure hunts, stalls, teas & cakes

A quiz for Summer Leisure Time

Proceeds to Blofield Church to help us replace our heating boiler and continue to extend a warm welcome to all visitors.
A light hearted quiz for you, your family & friends to enjoy.
Quiz £2 ~ prize £20.
You have until 11th September to puzzle over it.
Available from June 1st at Blofield Church when there are services and from the side porch at The White House, The Street, Blofield.



Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2026

Everyone is welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and activities

We meet on

The first and third Thursday at 12.00
Two course lunch is provided
This month, the dates are: **4th June and 18th June**.
For further information contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or Sarah on 07584638854

BLOFIELD CHURCH
10 year's Celebration
of the refurbishment of the West End Facilities

Wednesday 24th June from 10.30am

Join us for homemade refreshments and cake

There will be a Gift/Cake Stall

Any new unwanted gifts, Homemade craft items, homemade cakes & preserves, Plants & flowers

All monies raised will help towards the increasing costs of maintaining the Church

Cleaning of the church

We welcome anyone who is able to give us just 30 minutes of their time to come and help clean Blofield Church on the first Monday of the month.

*This month, it will be the **1st June** from 10.00am.*

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Events being held in church, soon!

Saturday afternoon, 6th June at 2:00pm: Free illustrated talk "A Market for our Times – the story of Norwich Market". This will be followed by light refreshments, then if you wish to stay, the Friends AGM.

Sunday morning, 7th June (9:30am): Revd Sue Shillam will be leading a special service relating to the environment. All warmly welcomed. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

Wednesday morning, 10th June (10:30 – 11:30am): A free **wildflower walk around the churchyard**, helping us to identify the lovely wildflowers, shrubs and trees growing so well there.
At 12:00noon, we will hold an hour's wildlife survey – We have planned this to replace the birdwatch we used to hold at the end of January, when it was always very cold. June should be much warmer (we'd hope!).
All are very welcome to attend all of these free events in and around the church. They are part of Great Big Green Week.

The National Emergency Briefing film: the Friends and the "eco-team" of the church plan to organise a screening of this very important film locally, this summer. It highlights scientists' concerns regarding climate change - how it will affect us all, and what we can do now to mitigate the effects. Whether you understand and believe that climate change is happening or not, this is an important discussion to hold. All will be invited to see the film and take part in the discussion afterwards, to which our local MP and county and parish councillors will also be invited. Free event – and one of the most important issues of our lifetime.

Saturday afternoon, 1st August: Popular, well-respected Medieval scholar and presenter, Imogen Corrigan, will offer an illustrated talk on **The Bayeux Tapestry**. This will be very helpful for anyone planning to see the exhibition being held at the British Museum between this September and July 2027. Tickets including refreshments, £10.

Weekend of the 12th and 13th September - "**Coast & Country" An exhibition of paintings by John S. Applegate.** A second opportunity to enjoy the skill of this much-admired local artist.

If you would like to learn more about these events, and what the Friends group has to offer, please contact the secretary on (01603) 715804 or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

A Market For Our Times

The Story of Norwich Market

Saturday 6th June 2026 at 2:00 pm

You are warmly invited to attend this free illustrated talk by Frances & Michael Holmes

Norwich Market has traded from the same site since the 11th century. It has survived because it has adapted to meet changing conditions – and change is yet again on the agenda. Today you will hear its remarkable story.

Light refreshments offered

The AGM of the Friends Group will follow. All welcome

Venue: All Saints Church
Church Lane, Hemblington
near Blofield
NR13 4EF

Any queries please to
the Group Secretary - (01603) 715804

Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Free events at All Saints Church

Church Lane, Hemblington NR13 4EF

during Great Big Green Week
Saturday 6th – Sunday 14th June 2026

From Saturday 6th June

All are invited to see a free exhibition in church, showing the flora and fauna found in the churchyard.

Sunday, 7th June at 9:30 a.m.
Special service relating to the environment

Wednesday 10th June 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Free wild flower walk and identification session led by Lucy Seely, Norfolk Wildlife Trust Wilder Communities Officer

No need to book – please just come along.

This will be followed by an hour's "wildlife spotting" in the churchyard where we hope to see and record birds, butterflies and dragonflies.

Refreshments will be available.

Please get in touch for further details or if you would like to become involved in any way : (01603) 715 804

www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Hemblington Village Garage Sale in May

We thank everyone who helped us with the Village garage sale back in May. Thanks to Heathlands for organising the event, to everyone who generously gave us items to sell, and to Claire & Terry for sharing their prime village location. We had many lovely things, and on the day, the weather was kind enabling more than £120 to be raised for Hemblington Church.

Thank you so much everyone.

Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next few **Make & Mardle** sessions are at
All Saints Church Hemblington from 10am to 12noon are:

- Thursday 18th June
- Tuesday, 28th July

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft.
Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

Blofield Deanery

The Blofield Deanery – a combination of the benefices of Blofield & Broadside, Yare Valley, Acle, Lingwood, Great & Little Plumstead (Bittern), meets three times a year, and is fortunate to hear speakers on a multitude of subjects affecting the Church. Your church elects representatives to attend the meetings, providing the opportunity of advice and feedback to your community.

The next meeting of the Deanery is on Thursday, 30th July and is being held at St Lawrence's Centre, The Street, South Walsham, NR13 6DQ, starting at 7.00pm. The topic on this occasion is "Eco Workshop" which, somewhat obviously, is concerned with the ecological care of God's earthly creation. It will be a useful event for people who are either currently active in pursuing the Church's mission for protection and enhancement of the environment, or people who are interested in taking up an appropriate role within your church.

Revd. Sue Shillam, who is organising the session, has therefore asked me to INVITE people who are already involved, and others who are interested in taking up work on this topic, to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be available, together with the opportunity to meet others with a similar interest.
It would be useful to know names and numbers of attendees, both for catering and preparation of a name badge. Hence, it would be convenient if either warden, parish secretary or individuals themselves, drop me a note of those interested, to the email address below or directly to Revd. Sue at:
sue.shillam@btinternet.com

Roy Allgood, Secretary to the Blofield Deanery
Email: deanery.blofield@dioceseofnorwich.org

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Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen

This month's film **'Song Sung Blue'** will be on **Friday, 12th June.**
Matinee 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice-creams); Evening 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-creams). Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield or online at:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/2011469.
Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

A club with a 100 years' history, that looks to the future.
Start or get back into the sport at this friendly club. We welcome new members of all standards to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. We offer:

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

Call Colin & Dawn Stocker 07483 211926 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.
Website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub
Email:blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.
Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4LE

Keep Blofield Special

Meeting twice monthly for about an hour's litter-picking, we aim to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. You are welcome to join us, we are never short of litter! June litter-picks take place on:
Monday, 1st June, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.
Monday, 8th June, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.
We also much appreciate the informal collecting by residents when dog walking or out and about.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.
BADCOG is an active group which undertakes site management of local wildlife habitats. BADCOG holds fortnightly **work parties** on Saturday mornings starting at 10.30am and finishing no later than 1.00pm. The next working parties will be: **Saturdays, 13th June - Walsham Fen** and **27th June – Lingwood Churchyard.**
Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do and admire these sites in their spring-time splendour.
For details please consult 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 Parish Council
All are welcome to meetings. The Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm on **Monday, 15th June in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield Florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Blofield and District Gardening Club
All our meetings are held in the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, starting at 7:30pm. Free light refreshments are offered after our gardening-related talks. £10 annual membership which includes 8 talks and entry into the Summer Show, or guest fee is £2:50 per meeting. Free light refreshments are offered after our gardening-related talks. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday evening, 10th June.**
Local contact for information: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, / (01603) 715804. Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

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

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Brundall Local History Group
Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. The next meeting is on the **6th June** with an illustrated talk by Juyna Lewis on "Welcome to Norfolk, a short history of Incomers". Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors, who are very welcome. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Forget Me Not Café
This meets each Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm in the **St Laurence Centre at Brundall Church** for a time of chat and activities over a cup of tea and cake. Everybody is welcome, especially those on the dementia pathway and their carers. Any enquiries to Peta Cunnane, email: petac@btinternet.com.

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme
If you need practical support with small light jobs in or around your home, local lifts to appointments, shopping, prescription collection, or maybe just a chat - give us a call and we will do our best to help. Please call us on **Freephone 08006889677** to speak to a Duty Officer or leave a message.
Thinking about becoming a volunteer*? It's local, rewarding and flexible, and will fit around your life. We have vacancies in the Blofield area now. Please contact one of our Duty Officers for more information on Freephone 08006889677 or leave a message.*

Heathlands
Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 per couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00. Non -Members are welcome to visit. We have 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.

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Hemblington Pre-school, Hemblington Primary School

Spaces Now Available at Hemblington Preschool.

A warm, caring, and fun start to your child's learning journey. Looking for a nurturing and affordable place for your little one to grow, play, and learn? Hemblington Preschool is a charity-run pre-school offering a safe, supportive environment for children aged 2 to 4 years.

* Experienced, caring staff.
* Play-based learning and outdoor fun.
* Affordable fees and funding options.
* Inspiring curiosity.

Located in Blofield Heath - Hemblington Primary School. Limited spaces for 3 years until September 2026 and immediate spaces available for 2 years from now, or join our waiting list for September 2026.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

We are hosting an open afternoon on Thursday, 11th June - 1:30-2:30pm.

New Melody Memories Cafe

Come and sing for pleasure in a relaxed setting, have a cuppa and meet new friends. All welcome to this dementia friendly cafe. It will be from 2.30pm - 4.00pm at the **Blofield Courthouse** on the last Thursday of the month. Entry is free and donations kindly received. For more information, please email Suzanne on zanniewilliams@gmail.com or call 01603 716268. The cafe is supported by Norfolk charity Playing for Cake.

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 **9th June.**

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 this month, but the next meeting will be on **29th July.** Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: http://hemblingtonparish.org.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 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **1st June.** 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 & District Gardening Club

Wednesday evening, 10th June (7.30pm): **"Herbs and their various uses"** is the title of the talk to be given by Paula Stone, which will be very helpful to those of us who grow garden herbs *(but don't always know how to use them fully!).*

All you ever wanted to know about dahlias and begonias will be covered by Don Andrews on **Wednesday evening, 8th July** (7.30pm) with his talk entitled "**My life so far, Dahlias and Begonias**".

Saturday afternoon, 11th July, from 2.00pm. All are invited to visit the Club's **Summer Show**. Exhibits include fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and floral arrangements, baked goods and preserves. Free entry to the show, plant sale, refreshments available plus outstanding raffle. Auction sale of exhibits afterwards. A lovely community event - do come along.

All our meetings are held in the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Free light refreshments are offered after our evening gardening -related talks. Do join us! Annual membership is £10 which includes 8 talks and exhibiting in the Summer Show, or guest fee is £2.50 per meeting.

Local contact: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, (01603) 715804.
Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Heath WI

Two of our WI meetings are to report on:

- In April, our speaker was Wally Webb who worked for Radio Norfolk for over 40 years. What an anecdote of stories he had to tell of during his career - a marvellous speaker and fundraiser. Our members absolutely enjoyed listening to him, being a very lively afternoon with lots of laughter.
- Our speaker for May was Jean Clarke, who demonstrated Face Yoga. Every single member who attended took part in Jean's very relaxing yoga exercises. Fun was had too, for which we all felt better afterwards.

At all our meetings, members always enjoy delicious cakes and savouries alongside teas and coffee. Our next meeting will be held on **9th June** at 2.00pm, when Mrs Jackie Noy will speak to us about the work of East Coast Truckers. New members would be very welcome.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Meeting is 2nd June at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming Events for June

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ

Thursday, 18th June at 8pm. Teams of six, no need to book, just turn up and play!

TEA AND CHAT: Tuesday, 16th June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.
Lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, etc. with a great raffle, and of course plenty of tea or coffee. Come and join us, bring a friend, this is the last one until October.

BINGO DATES:
FRIDAY AFTERNOON BINGO dates are **12th June and 26th June**, from 2.00pm
FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS are **5th June and 19th June**. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Fun evening, great raffle, and Bar is open.

AUCTION OF PROMISES - Information later.

Heathlands Social Club: Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00

MARGARET HARKER HALL

Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026

We are looking for craft stalls and community organisations who would like to join us at our Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026. It is an opportunity for you to fundraise for your organisation, while we also try and raise funds for a new roof and maintenance for our Parish Hall - Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Application forms can be found on the 'news' section of margaretharkerhall.co.uk, or please get in touch via the website: www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk.

Blofield Summer Fayre is promising to be a big event with crafts stalls, community groups, dancing, choir, food & bar, and a Ceilidh in the evening (7pm-10pm). Ceilidh tickets are already on sale at: https://margaretharkerhall.sumupstore.com/products.

Events to record in your diaries:
18th July: Blofield Village Fayre, 10am - 2pm, and at 7pm - 10pm:
Blofield Village Ceilidh - Book via: margaretharkerhall.co.uk.

11th August: The Railway Children, by Paperback Theatre.
£10 Adults, £8 Children Book via: margaretharkerhall.co.uk.

UPTON GRAND FÊTE

The Village Hall, Cargate Lane, Upton, NR13 6AU

13th June 12noon till 4pm

Fun, games, dog show, craft stalls, refreshments, music, fun and activities for all the family

We are looking for raffle and tombola prizes. If you have any you could kindly donate, please deliver to either Clover Cottage, 1A Chapel Road, Upton, or leave at the community shop labelled with "fête".
We also require help on the day. If you would like to get involved, please ring Caroline on 07769 973977. Any help would be appreciated.
Raffle tickets are available in advance and can be purchased from the Community Shop or on the day. We have some fabulous prizes already, or promised.

DOG SHOW at 2.30pm

Classes:

1. PRETTIEST BITCH
2. HANDSOMEST DOG
3. BEST TRICK
4. WAGGIEST TAIL
5. BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
6. BEST BISCUIT CATCHER
7. THE DOG THE JUDGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HOME

And something different!!!

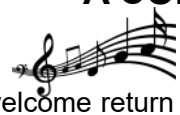
8. WHO CAN PICK THE POO UP & RACE TO THE BIN THE FASTEST? A RACE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

(Non dog owners are welcome to join in the fun)

1. 5-10 YEAR OLDS
2. 10-14YEAR OLDS
3. ADULTS RACE

These will be held in heats and should be a laugh for those involved.

A CONCERT IN UPTON VILLAGE HALL



on 26th June at 7.30pm

Norwich Harmony

A welcome return visit - a female barbershop chorus and member of Ladies Association of Barbershop Singers (LABBS).

They are led by Musical Director, Alison Thompson. Her love of close harmony and singing has been lifelong and led to her training as a singing judge for LABBS. Alison has taken the chorus to new heights in contest, and enjoys cultivating a supportive, yet determined, environment among members. Working with the Music Team, she tries to ensure every rehearsal is productive, rewarding and fun.

Tickets £10 with a complimentary welcome drink.

Blofield Court House Village Screen
Friday, 12th June
SONG SUNG BLUE (12A)

Song Sung Blue is a biographical musical drama based on the true story of Mike and Claire Sardina, a husband-and-wife duo who performed as a Neil Diamond tribute act. Directed by Craig Brewer and inspired by Greg Kohs' documentary, the film stars, Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson, alongside a supporting cast including Michael Imperioli and Ella Anderson.

Mike and Claire are two struggling musicians who meet and bond over their shared love of music. Together, they form a Neil Diamond tribute act called Lightning & Thunder. Their partnership grows into both a successful stage career and a romantic relationship, taking them from small local performances to wider recognition. But as their fame rises, they face serious personal and emotional challenges that test their relationship and resilience.

Matinee: 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice-creams);
Evening: 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-creams).

Tickets £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield
or online at:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/2011469.

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

SOLUTION TO MAY 2026 SUDOKU

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01	Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
01	Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
01	Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
02	Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
04	Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05	Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
06	Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
06	Saturday	Talk - “A Market of our Times”	Hemblington Church
06	to 14th	Great Big Green Week Events	Hemblington Church
08	Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
09	Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
10	Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
12	Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
12	Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
13	Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
13	Saturday	Upton Grand Fête	Upton Village Hall
15	Monday	Blofield PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
16	Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
17	Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
18	Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
18	Thursday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
18	Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
18	Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19	Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
24	Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
24	Wednesday	Celebration of West End Facility	Blofield Church
26	Friday	Norwich Harmony Concert	Upton Village Hall
26	Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
27	Saturday	BADCOG	Lingwood Churchyard

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