

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**.

MINISTRY TEAM

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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.

New Clergy Appointments

We're really pleased to be able to confirm the appointment of The Revd Andrew Tapsell as the next Priest in Charge of the Blofield and Broadside benefices. He is currently Assistant Curate in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney benefice, in the Diocese of Canterbury. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Norwich on Thursday, 19th June at 7pm in Blofield Church, and we look forward to welcoming him and his family back to Norfolk where he has strong ties.

Also, we are pleased to announce The Revd Cheryl Ramballi will be licensed as House for Duty Associate Priest by the Bishop of Thetford on Sunday 11th May at 3pm in Ranworth Church. We are very pleased to be welcoming Cheryl and her husband, when they make a move to a different part of Norfolk.

MAY NEWSLETTER

These notes are being written just before we enter Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday, and is the most important week in the Christian calendar. Each day of Holy week commemorates an element of the Easter story:

- Palm Sunday commemorating Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Holy Monday, commemorating Jesus's cleansing of the temple.
- Holy Tuesday, commemorating Jesus's teaching in parables.
- Holy Wednesday (also called Good Wednesday or Spy Wednesday), commemorating Judas's betrayal.
- Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), commemorating the institution of the Eucharist (The Last Supper).
- Good Friday, commemorating the Passion and death of Christ.
- Holy Saturday, commemorating Christ's burial.
- Easter Sunday, celebrating Christ's Resurrection.

On Palm Sunday we see Jesus enter Jerusalem in triumph, seated on a colt, welcomed by the shouts of joy and praise of his disciples.

This contrasts with the Passion story, which we also hear on Palm Sunday. The crowd turns and calls for Jesus to be crucified. Peter loses his courage and denies Jesus three times.

When we consider the impact of the events of Holy Week:

- Can we think of a time in life when we have fallen in with the crowd, even though it didn't feel right?
- Or a time when we knew you should have stood up for someone or something, but like Peter, we just weren't courageous enough?

We all have moments when we don't manage to live up to our ideals. When we fall short of what God is asking of us, and of our own expectations. But there is comfort to be found in the example of Peter. He denied Jesus, but went on to become the rock on which the Church was built.

Simon Mutten

Churchwarden, Hemblington Church.



"The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land."

Leviticus 25: 23-24 (NIV)

May 2025 - Spring into New Life

Learning to say thank you

Read: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name. For you Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hand I sing for joy. (Psalm 92: 1,4)*

Ask yourself: When did you last make time to thank God for something? Have you been guilty of taking God's gifts for granted?

Pray: Gracious God, help me not only to ask in faith but to receive with gratitude, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Learning to forgive

Read: *Peter approached him and said, 'Lord, how often should I let someone sin against me and still forgive them? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him 'not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18: 21-22)*

Ask yourself: Do you hold a grievance against someone? What is stopping you forgiving them?

Pray: Loving God, teach me to recognise how much I have been forgiven and so help me to reach out to others in turn, ready to show mercy, to forgive and to forget, for your name's sake. Amen.

A friend in need

Read: *Ruth said, 'do not urge me to turn back and abandon you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you stop, I will stop; your people will be my people, and your God my God. (Ruth 1: 16-17)*

Ask yourself: What kind of friend are you to others? How deep is the commitment you put into your relationships.

Pray: Gracious God, teach me today the meaning of friendship, to others and to you, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

When one door closes

Read: *Coming with the gospel to Troas, I found the Lord had opened a door for me there. (2 Corinthians 2: 12)*

Ask yourself: Have doors seemed to close in your life? Could it be that God is looking to lead you in a new direction?

Pray: Loving God, through all that life brings and in all the challenges I face, help me to see the way forward and to follow where you would lead me, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Sowing the seed

Read: *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation. (Mark 16: 15)*

Ask yourself: Have you taken seriously the call to share your faith? When did you last witness to Christ?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, I cannot make disciples on my own, but I can play my part in sowing the seed for you to nurture. Help me to do that faithfully, conscious of my privilege and responsibility, for your name's sake. Amen.

Revd Sue

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
4th May	Morning Worship	Holy Communion VE Day Celebration	Joint at Hemblington
11th May	Morning Worship VE Day Celebration To be attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Bryony Falkus	Morning Worship	3pm Songs of Praise
18th May	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
25th May	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington

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 MAY

14th May - at Manor House.

15th May - at Burlingham House.

21st May - 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:

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



7th May - Morning Worship

14th May - Holy Communion

21st May - Morning Worship

28th May - Holy Communion

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, 18th May and 8th June at the High Alter after the morning service.



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.

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 on page 2.



Everyone is welcome to join us for a

VE Day 80 years celebration

Thursday 8th May from 12.00
at Blofield Church

There will be a two
course hot lunch
& entertainment
by "Deano"

This is a free event
but a donation
towards the cost
would be appreciated.



Perhaps bring some mementoes to share.

CAROL BUNDOCK Deputy Lord Lieutenant
will be attending the lunch.



**A "sign up" sheet is in
church or for further
information & booking
please ring**

Jenny 07398781624

or Sarah 07584638854

or email reynoldsfamily53@hotmail.co.uk

FOODBANK

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



This year we donated 1294kg food, enough for 431 days of food. This is more than double last year.

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.

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.

SPRING TERM

23rd April - 21st May

4th June - 16th July

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome

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

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2025

There will be **no** "OPEN DOORS" on the 1st May as we are celebrating
VE day on Thursday, 8th May

We will meet up again on the **22nd May**.

For further details, telephone Jenny on 01603 712968



Aubrey Forster, 81, makes small crosses for Bishops from medieval wood.

***He presented Bishop
Graham with one on the
Bishop's visit to Blofield
Church. Bishop Graham***



was so thankful, he sent an article to Diocesan eNews and to the EDP.

It is an unusual hobby, but it is one a man from Blofield has spent the last three decades doing. Woodwork enthusiast, Aubrey Forster, has been crafting small wooden crosses for Bishops from medieval wood for the last 30 years. The material, taken from the misericords of St Benet's Abbey near Ludham, are 'mercy' ledges found on the underside of hinged wooden church seats that are intended to provide support for worshippers during prolonged standing periods.

The abbey fell into ruin almost 500 years ago, with the misericords then being taken to St Helen's Church in Ranworth. The wood was eventually removed and stored in a workshop loft, which is where Mr Forster discovered it years later, and decided to use it for his crosses.

He explained: "Knowing the Bishop of Norwich of the time was going to visit Ranworth Church, I asked if I could have a length cut from the end of the timber to make a cross for him. Since then, I have made a cross for all our Bishops." Mr Forster recently made one of his remarkable crosses for the current Bishop of Norwich - Bishop Graham. He crafted it from the same medieval wood.



The cross, perfectly fitting in the palm of a hand, was given to Bishop Graham at a service in Blofield. Bishop Graham said: "I was very touched."

Mr Forster has been a keen bell-ringer for more than 50 years and took on a voluntary role caring for bells across the diocese.

He has also made many wooden pieces for churches including bookcases, a portable font and a Bishop's chair for Tunstead Church, near North Walsham.

Mr Forster's dedication to restoring and crafting has raised substantial funds for church restoration projects.

Article taken from the EDP – Yvonne Mack

JANET SHREEVE

Continuing her life's passion in Manor Lodge

Janet, a dear friend and who was a very active member of Blofield Church for many years, came to the decision, along with her family, that she needed a little more support and decided to move into Manor Lodge. After seeing Janet beginning to struggle with shopping and running her home, it has been wonderful to watch her accept being 'cared for' by the dedicated staff and her devoted family and friends.

This has renewed her love of quilt making. The staff have found her somewhere to work on these large quilts and it is a delight to see her creativity once again.

Her love of sewing has left us with a church filled with her needle work, from altar falls to church linen, still used every day.



Big Breakfast 2025 on 22nd March

March saw Blofield Church hold its 3rd Big Breakfast in aid of the DEC and related charities. Although the emphasis remained with Ukraine, Sudan was also prioritised.

With generous contributions of Archer's butchers always excellent sausages, and Blofield Farm Shop's nicely baked rolls, as well as the fantastic efforts of all those who baked cakes for sale for eating on the day, a sum of £1700 was made to go to those in need in the world.

A huge thank you to all involved, whether it was by attending the morning or contributing time, efforts or goods. The Church is grateful for such continuing good will.



Blofield & District Gardening Club

Plant Sale

Church wildflower trail and Coffee Morning

Saturday, 24th May

between 10:00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

**at Blofield Church, Church Road,
Blofield NR13 4NA**

*Do come along – plenty of good plants for sale at very
reasonable prices*

Children's planting activities



Profits from plant sales will benefit the Blofield & District Gardening Club Funds;
those from the refreshments will go to the Blofield Church fund.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Do come along to the Gardening Club's May meeting - **Wednesday evening, 14th May**, 7:30 pm at The Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. Sarah Hammond will be discussing "English Peonies". The members' competition will be "A stem of a flowering shrub".

All are very welcome to our meetings – members free, visitors £2:50 which includes light refreshment.

Queries to (01603) 715804. Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

BLOFIELD ALLOTMENTS



Have you ever wished you could grow your own fruit and vegetables but have not got the space? Maybe, an allotment could provide the perfect solution? We currently have two plots available for those of you who live within the parish of Blofield (covering Blofield and Blofield Heath).

If you would like to find out more, please do email us for details.

Email: blofieldallotment@btinternet.com.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

2025 – the 80th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. The 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day falls on Thursday, 8th May 2025. There will be many events to commemorate this important date, including our VE service at Hemblington Church on **4th May at 9.30am** which will be attended by Henry Cator, one of our Deputy Lieutenants for Norfolk. He is representing The Lord Lieutenant and ultimately The King, so that will be very special for our little church. Do come & join us - everyone will be welcome. Refreshments will be served after. There will be afternoon tea at Heathlands Community Centre on the same day. Do look out for notices about both these events.

Date for your diary: **Great Big Green Week** runs between **Saturday, 7th – Sunday, 15th June**. The Friends will be organising a small exhibition in church. The highlight of the week will be Saturday, 7th June, when our 'resident naturalist', David Bryant will give a free talk: 'Wildlife in a Country Churchyard'. This will be followed by an hour's wildlife survey in the churchyard. The Annual General Meeting of the Friends group will follow.



VE Day Service Sunday 4th May 2025

Hemblington Church

9.30 am

The 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day are important opportunities for communities to come together to pay tribute to all those who served in the Second World War and to reflect on the values that they were fighting for.

A service of thanks with Holy Communion

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/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen

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. Enquiries to 01603 712306. Next film is on **9th May**: JUROR # 2 (PG-13; Released Nov 1, 2024; 1h 54m; Mystery & Thriller/Crime/Drama).

Blofield and District Gardening Club

The next meeting is on the **14th May** at Margaret Harker Hall. Local contact for information: Tel: 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. This month, on **22nd May**, the Annual Parish Council Meeting is at 7pm and the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. 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

Our small group of volunteers meet each month helping to keep our villages reasonably free of litter, the dates for litter-picks in May are:

Monday, 12th May, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 19th May, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! We also occasionally meet in the evening to plan forward litter picking dates and to discuss ideas that would help Keep Blofield Special. Please feel free to come along, new ideas are always welcome! **Our next evening meeting is on Monday 12th May** at Heathlands at 7pm

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.

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties and is an active group aiming to promote interest in Norfolk's natural history and to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation. BADCOG now looks after 15 conservation sites, two of which are owned by the group (Jary's Meadow and Railway Wood). Sites range from fen meadow, dry meadow, woodland (old and new), ponds and churchyard conservation areas, together with a number of other sites, some of which are designated 'Local Nature Reserves'. All are rich and diverse habitats for flora and fauna.

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, 17th May - Jary's Meadow; Saturday, 31st May - Buckenham Woods. There will be no evening meetings until the autumn.

For any changes to work party plans please see 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: 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.

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. The next meeting is on **3rd May**: An illustrated talk by Caroline Holland on THE HOTBLACK FAMILY OF NORWICH.

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. £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.

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 **19th May**. 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. 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 **2nd June** having no meeting in May. 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.

Woodbastwick Church

Woodbastwick Church is now part of our enlarged Benefice of churches (8 in all now), & they are planning 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.

Make & Mardle

The next few Make & Mardle sessions are:

- Thursday 22nd May
- Thursday 19th June
- Tuesday 22nd July

From 10am to 12noon **at All Saints Church, Hemblington**

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting on 13th May at 7.30pm.

COMING UP:

Big VE/VJ celebrations on **Sunday, 4th May** - free entry, no tickets needed. We are open from 2.00pm. BIG BAND playing in the hall from 3.00pm - 4.00pm, then SANDRA BAXTER will be singing some older songs, which we can all join in with. A BBQ will be open at 1.45pm. Tea and Cakes will be available in the hall. If anybody would like to make a cake, please bring on the day or drop off to Claire at 'Bird in The Hand', Mill Road. There will be Super Raffle with lots of lovely prizes, including LUXURY HAMPER, Gin, Chocs, Wine and lots more. BAR will be open from 2.00pm.

Come and join us, we are hopeful of the weather being kind to us.

Any memorabilia you have or a relative has, please, either get in touch with Claire on 713101 or bring on the day.

TEA and CHAT: Tuesday, 20th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Lots of lovely cakes, tea and coffee, and plenty of chat, do come and join us.

BINGO DATES are **9th and 23rd May**, Cash prizes.

Eyes down at 7.30pm. Bar open and a lovely raffle with great prizes.

Don't forget to use our Bottle Banks and waste paper bins, as we get a revenue from this. We are seeing lots more rubbish laying about the field, please use the bins provided or take it home with you, thank you.

Heathlands would also like to explain our Health and Safety rule on NO DOGS POLICY. This was set in place many years ago, when it was agreed by the Committee that all of Heathlands is a recreation ground, for all the families of Blofield Heath and surrounding parishes, which obviously includes children. Therefore, for Heathlands to be seen to act in the best standards of Health and Safety, it was agreed that to instigate a NO DOGS policy was the safest aspect to all of the public that use Heathlands.

Blofield Heath WI

On the 8th April 2025, Blofield Heath held a very special meeting as it was celebrating its 60th Birthday. The speaker for this celebration was Jane Hoggar, who had for many years enjoyed a career as a Bluebell Girl. Jane, an Ipswich born girl, captivated us by recalling the life she enjoyed as a dancer for many years which took her not only to London and Paris, but Australia and Japan too. Our members were enthralled with her talk. It was a pleasure to see so many members laughing at some of her exploits, and she also demonstrated her dancing skills.

Afterwards, a delicious birthday tea was enjoyed, together with the celebratory cake made by our very own Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on **13th May**.

St Andrews Church, North Burlingham

**Songs of Praise at St Andrews Church Main Road, North Burlingham
NR13 4TA (OS Reference: TG 35275 11543)
on Sunday, 11th May at 3pm**

Please come & join in Songs of Praise in this beautiful church. Tea & cakes will be served afterwards, & hopefully there should be a fine display of bluebells in the churchyard.

<https://northburlinghamchurch.org.uk/>

Our peaceful, woodland church with its myriad of angels

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections, as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line, which is available **24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044**, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



Events at All Saints Church Church Lane, Hemblington NR13 4EF during Great Big Green Week Saturday 7th – Sunday 15th June 2025

Saturday 7th June at 12:00 noon

**All are invited to see a free illustrated presentation by
well-known local naturalist David Bryant
'Wildlife in a Country Churchyard' –
showing many of the birds, butterflies, dragonflies,
and mammals he has photographed in our churchyard.**

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

**At 2.15 pm the Friends of All Saints will hold their
Annual General Meeting. All are very welcome to stay on for this.**

Refreshments will be available.

**Saturday, 14th June 10.30 am. – 12.00 noon
BADCOG work party raking up in the churchyard**

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



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

SOLUTION TO APRIL SUDOKU

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03 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
04 Sunday	'VE Day' Celebration	Heathlands
04 Sunday	'VE Day' Service	Hemblington Church
08 Thursday	'VE Day' Celebration	Blofield Church
09 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
09 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
11 Sunday	Songs of Praise	N Burlingham Church
12 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
12 Monday	Keep Blofield Special Evening Meeting	Heathlands
13 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
13 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Committee	Heathlands
14 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
15 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
17 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
19 Monday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands
19 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
20 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
21 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
22 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
22 Thursday	Blofield PC Meeting & Blofield Annual PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
22 Thursday	Make and Mardle	Hemblington Church
23 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
24 Saturday	'Blofield & District Gardening Club Plant Sale	Blofield Church
31 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods

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