

BLOFIELD NEWS

The parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter, Blofield;
All Saints, Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham

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WELCOME

Blofield News is the monthly parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter Blofield, All Saints Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham. It is sold in these churches and in local shops. If you live in one of our parishes and purchase a year's subscription we can probably deliver it to your home free of charge. If you live outside the parishes you can have copies sent to your home either by post or by email. A large print version is available to anyone who is having difficulty reading our standard publication.

For more information, please contact the editor, Gill, whose contact details are on the back page. The last date for submissions is the **15th of the previous month.**

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

Hand sanitiser is provided.

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).

*Picture on the front: page: Celebrating its 23rd year at the top of the Big Garden Birdwatch charts is the **House Sparrow.***

MAY RECTOR'S LETTER

This year, the great festival of Pentecost falls in the month of May. This major feast is widely regarded as the third most significant celebration in the Christian calendar after Easter and Christmas, but what is Pentecost? The date of Pentecost changes according to Easter, always falling on the fiftieth day of the Easter season, its name being derived from the Greek word *pentekostē* meaning 'fiftieth'.

The Jewish Festival of Weeks or Shavuot (which takes place fifty days after Passover) marked the Israelite wheat harvest and also commemorates the receiving of the ten commandments by Moses upon mount Sinai. It was for the celebration of this festival that the followers of Jesus were gathered together when the gift of the Holy Spirit was sent upon them, something they experienced as a rushing of wind and the touch of flame.

The Holy Spirit's presence among the followers of Jesus was a crucial event for the early church that brought about a new sense of unification and ignited the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world. The Spirit is often symbolised by water, wind, fire and doves, highlighting the dynamism of God whose nature is at once unchangingly steadfast and yet, active and transformational. In the Celtic church, the wild goose is the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

In Britain, Pentecost is also known as Whitsun, possibly named so because it is traditionally a time for baptisms to take place, for which candidates would typically wear white, leading to the adoption of the name 'White Sunday', although the liturgical colour we use in churches for Pentecost is red.

Occurring after Ascension and at the conclusion of the Easter season, Pentecost is a time for Christians to consider Christ's great commission to make disciples of all nations, proclaiming the love of God to everyone. The redeeming work of Jesus is accomplished through his life, death and resurrection, and now, the presence and mission of God is principally realised in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through creation. This is why, at Pentecost, Christians renew their commitment to live out the faith they proclaim in words and deeds that reveal the love of God in the world.

May the Spirit refresh, renew and reinvigorate you this Pentecost.

Pentecost services will be held across our family of churches on 24th May and all are welcome.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell



May 2026 Sharing the Good News

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 2026**

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
3rd May	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
10th May Rogation Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
17th May	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
24th May Pentecost	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
31st May	WOODBASTWICK CHURCH Joint Benefice Service 10.30am		

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 MAY

Wednesday, 20th May - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 21st May - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 27th May - 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

6th May - Holy Communion

13th May - Morning Worship

20th May - Holy Communion

27th May - Morning Worship

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



OPEN TO GOD

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms”. There are times when we need to be reminded of that truth in a tangible and personal way. There will be an opportunity for one-to-one listening and prayer ministry after Sunday morning service on Sundays, 10th May and 14th June.

Everyone welcomed

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 folk who contribute so willingly.

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:



Located in: [Henderson Business Centre](#)

Address: 14, 51 Ivy Rd, Norwich NR5 8BF; **Phone:** [0300 365 1123](tel:03003651123)

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 14TH APRIL TO 20TH MAY
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

you are invited to our

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on
Monday, 11th May at 7.00 pm.

The meeting will be held in Blofield Church

For the APCM, any member on the Electoral Roll of Blofield Church
may attend the meeting.

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: **7th May and 21st May.**

For further information contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or Sarah on 07584638854

AN ANNIVERSARY

On Easter Sunday, when helping to ring the bells at Blofield Church along with Anthea and our fellow ringers, I realised, with some surprise, that it was 75 years ago, on the first Sunday in April 1951, that I had rung for the first time. The story was this. As a boy, living in Diss in 1951, it was suggested that I might join the church choir. I had an audition, at the conclusion of which, the choir master, a kind man, said "Have you considered bell ringing?" And so it was that I met Bertie Harrison, vergier of the church and in charge of the ringing there. He willingly took me on as a pupil and taught me how to 'handle' a bell.

I must explain that I am writing about the English tradition of change-ringing. In churches which have the appropriate installations, each bell has a wheel attached to it and around which the rope is threaded. They are sounded by being swung full-circle. The art of the ringer is to be able to control them at the point when the bell reaches the mouth upwards position and when it can be balanced long enough to enable it to then change position in the order of ringing with either of the two other bells which were previously rung immediately just before or just after it. Ringing commences with all the bells being sounded in order down the scale, known as 'rounds'. At the command of the ringing master, the changes then commence, using a predetermined series, learnt beforehand by ringers, known as a 'method', and if completed successfully, the bells will come back to the 'rounds' change, having not repeated any change during the ringing.

The other things to mention are that a great deal of strength is not needed in learning to ring. Also, the 'methods' are easily learned as patterns and not as long series of numbers.

The Blofield Ringers, under the leadership of Kenny Frostwick, are very pleased to play their part by making the weekly call to worship, as do those at the South Walsham and Ranworth towers, all carrying on the centuries old tradition. Long may it continue!

Jim Morley

EASTER FUN DAY AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Thirty-five eager little faces, aged from 5 – 11, stood at the big heavy doors with their packed lunches, waiting to be signed in for what we hoped would be a very exciting and memorable Easter activity day in church.

With their name badges attached and eagerly sitting in the Nave with friends, they listened enthralled to the telling of the Easter story by Revd. Andrew. There was sharing of unleavened bread, wine (raisins) and dates, and as the story unfolded, came a willing helper wrapped in a cloth, just as Jesus was after he died.

To end the story, pretzels were handed out representing arms crossed over the chest in prayer and the three holes in the middle symbolising the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Time for them to jiggle and move about, and get into groups so they could take part in all the activities. There was clay modelling, chocolate making, creating Easter cards and the very popular sand bottles to fill. Hammering nails into a large wooden cross was one of the favourites even though it was very noisy!

There was foot washing and printing and a chance to make their very own Easter garden. A peek into the kitchen found groups making resurrection buns with dough and marshmallows and, quietly down in the Chancel, Rhona was storytelling to enthralled groups of children.

The morning flew past and they all eagerly sat down for their packed lunches with the promise of outside play.



They all gathered around our enormous parachute and after tiring them out with games, it was time for their parents to collect not only their children but also all their wonderful creations.

I hope they went home with happy memories as we certainly did.

Thank you so much to all the helpers who made the day so successful and lots of fun.

Yvonne

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

DIARY DATES: several events are being planned in church for the summer, so please get the dates in your diaries now!

Saturday afternoon, 6th June at 2:00pm:

Free illustrated talk about Norwich Market. Well-known local historians, Frances and Michael Holmes, will be outlining the long history of this local gem, and what changes are being planned now. This will be followed by the Friends AGM.

Wednesday morning, 10th June:

Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Lucy Seely, will conduct a free wildflower walk around the churchyard, helping us to identify the lovely wildflowers and trees growing so freely there. This will be followed by an hour's wildlife survey - all part of Great Big Green Week. Please look out for posters.

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.

Weekend of 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

Hemblington Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next few sessions are back at Hemblington Church, Hemblington

(it may even be warmer to sit outside!) on:

- **Tuesday, 19th May**
- **Thursday, 16th June**

10am to 1 noon

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270360

'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.'

1 John 5:14,15



**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 



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**



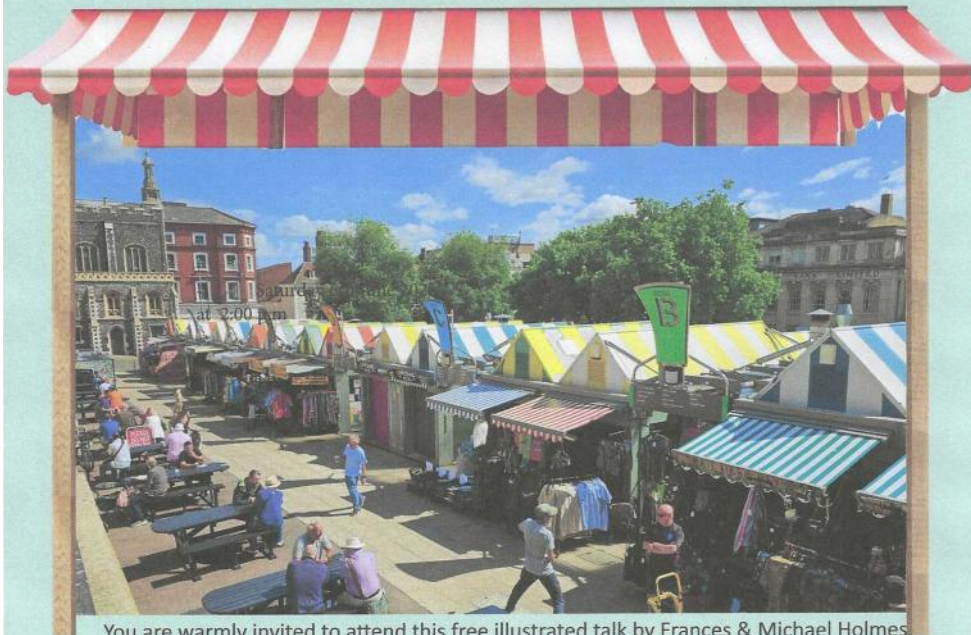
www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk



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

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 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 '**Hamnet**' will be on **Friday, 8th May.**

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

We meet twice monthly for about an hour's litter-picking helping to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. You are welcome to join us, we are not short of litter!. May litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 11th May, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am. On this day, we are taking part in the Great Broadland Litter Pick so any one who would like to join us on this occasion will be very welcome.

Monday, 18th May, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

We also much appreciate the informal collecting by residents when out and about or dog walking.

NOTICE BOARD

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 1pm.

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.

The next working parties will be: **Saturdays, 9th May - Buckenham Woods** and **30th May – Howe’s Meadow**. 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 Annual Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.00pm and the Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm on **Monday, 18th May 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, 13th May**.

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 1-3pm 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

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 the **2nd May**. 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.

NOTICE BOARD

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 the **12th May**.

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 **18th May**. 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! But there will be *NO meetings during May*, so 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.

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 (7-10pm). Ceilidh tickets are already on sale at: <https://margaretharkerhall.sumupstore.com/products>.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Meeting is 12th May at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming Events for May

WINE TASTING IN THE SOCIAL CLUB.

There are still some tickets available. **Monday evening, 11th May** from 7.30pm. Tickets £20 per person, including a light buffet.

OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ - is on **Thursday, 14th May** at 8.00pm, teams of six, no need to book.

TEA & CHAT: Tuesday, 19th May from 2.00pm. Lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, etc., plenty of tea or coffee, with a raffle. Most of all lots of chat. Come and join us, bring a friend as well.

BINGO DATES:

AFTERNOON BINGO dates are: 1st, 15th and 29th May. Eyes down at 2.00pm.

EVENING BINGO dates are 8th and 22nd May. Eyes down at 7.30pm. A great evening, lovely Raffle and Bar always open.

23rd May - Julie Bunn returning to entertain us in the Social Club from 8.00pm, come and join us in an enjoyable evening.

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

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday evening, 13th May at Margaret Harker hall at 7.30pm**. Do join us for an illustrated talk **“William Morris Gardens” by well-known horticulturalist and author, Andrew Sankey**. He will be discussing the start of the Arts and Crafts Garden Movement, and Morris’s love of plants and garden design. This replaces the planned talk about house plants as the speaker sadly had to cancel.

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

THE HANGING GOD

He hung lifeless, He hung breathless,
Suspended high, above the babble of humankind.
Taking within His pain,
The agony of human mindlessness.

His mindful compassion, bears within it the wounds
of people misplaced, reduced to pulp, emotions frayed,
in vicious wars,
and arrogant politics and heartless prejudice.

He hangs, His heart untouched, pouring out love,
He holds the ordinariness of this world’s stress,
Like your scars, and mine, like
my neighbour in church’s grief,
the weeping mother, her child lost in war.
Enabling the process of reconciliation to come to birth.

His hanging flesh and blood, seeped and poured, converts to bread and wine.
Nourishing, sustaining, food of the soul.
To fill this world for all the time that remains,
with love and peace and gentle joy.
The universe sings and dances,
its time has come to anticipate its perfection,
and all humankind at last becomes the Divine image without stain.
All is done!

***Rev. Paul Oliver**
March 2023*

WHERRY MAUD TRUST



ARTISTS AND CRAFT MAKERS SHOW

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VIEW WHERRY MAUD AT RANWORTH CONSERVATION CENTRE

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This event will showcase the work of East Anglian artists and craftspeople. Hanging work will be on display in various media – watercolour, oil, acrylic and prints. Craft items for sale will include wood-turned pieces, studio pottery, stained glass, greetings cards and other small craft items.

Teas, coffees and home-made cakes will be served throughout the two days.

“Maud” will be available for viewing, and will be moored at the Broadland Conservation Centre at Ranworth (Norfolk Wildlife Trust). Visitors will be welcomed by volunteer members of the Trust who will be happy to chat about “Maud”, her history and current use.

Wherry Maud Trust, Reg. Charity No. 1161285



Blofield Court House Village Screen Friday, 8th May HAMNET (12A)

William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, celebrate the birth of their son, Hamnet. However, when tragedy strikes and Hamnet dies at an early age, it inspires Shakespeare to write his timeless masterpiece "Hamlet".

Producers: Sam Mendes, Steven Spielberg.

Stars: Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Noah Jupe, Joe Alwyn, Emily Watson.

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

SOLUTION TO APRIL 2026 SUDOKU

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May Diary

01 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
03 Sunday } 04 Monday }	Wherry Maud Trust Artists & Craft Makers Show	Ranworth Village Hall
07 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
08 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
08 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
09 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods
11 Monday	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Blofield Church
11 Monday	Wine Tasting	Heathlands
11 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
12 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
12 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
13 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
15 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
18 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
18 Monday	Blofield Annual PC & PC Meetings	Blofield Court House
18 Monday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands
19 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
19 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
20 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
21 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
21 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
22 Friday	Evening BINGO	Heathlands
27 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
29 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
30 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow

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