

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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BLOFIELD & HEMBLINGTON CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK; NORTH BURLINGHAM CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS.

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

14th September, Martina Vidarte - Webster to Taylor Eadie at Blofield Church

Funerals

23rd August, David Kelly aged 48 at Blofield Church followed by burial in Hemblington Churchyard.

Interment of Ashes

18th September, Susan Gray (née Larter) at Hemblington Church

Front cover: CANARIES - see article on page 23.

LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

As you read this, and the month of October begins, my time as Rector will have come to an end and I will have stepped into my retirement. However, I wanted to sign off, as it were, by writing these words for the October edition of Blofield News.

Throughout the pages of the Bible, there are many stories of individuals receiving God's call. There is Abraham, who was told to leave behind his country and wider family and go to a land that God would show him. There is Amos, called from his simple life as a shepherd-farmer to be a prophet of social justice and call nations to repentance. And, consider the apostle Paul, whose life was turned on its head from one who was the infant Churches' great persecutor to a missionary with a vision as wide as the Roman empire.

For most of us, our call might not seem anywhere near as overwhelming as these were, but all of us, if we are followers of Christ, have received His call. To the very ordinary believers in Thessalonica, the same apostle Paul once wrote "the one who calls you is faithful". I have proved in my own experience that whatever God calls us to be and do, He provides the help we need, He provides His strength, He gives His grace to us. During the time of the vacancy, there may be some challenges ahead, but God will be with you, and if you ask Him, His presence will be your guide every step of the way.

Now is the time for a daily commitment to ask God for the person of His choosing to lead the Blofield and Broadside benefice forward. Now is the time to pray that God will already be preparing that person to respond to His call to serve amongst you. Above all things, remain faithful to the calling God has given **you**, keep using those God given gifts to serve God, one another and the local community, and encourage one another regularly!

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON

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

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

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



October

Prayers and Reflections for each week as the season turns

Week 1:

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Ponder: The seasons turn year by year, and we are aware of the rhythm of life. A time to reflect on where we are and where we are going.

Pray: Father, as the autumn draws on, help me to take stock of my life's journey. Show me your path and give me your strength as I walk forward. Amen.

Week 2:

God has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3: 11

Ponder: As the summer colours fade and the leaves turn, the colours of autumn delight us, let us praise God for His creation in all its colours and beauty that change with each season.

Pray: Father, we thank you for the variety and beauty of the world you have created. Help us to be good stewards and care for the world around us. Amen.

Week 3:

God has also set eternity in the hearts of men.

Ecclesiastes 3: 11

Ponder: St Augustine said, "Our souls are restless until they find their rest in you." God has set eternity in our hearts that we might know true peace now, and hope for the future.

Pray: Father, you have made us in your image, and you have set eternity in our hearts as a promise and hope. Help us to trust in you now, and for the future. Amen.

Week 4:

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalms 23: 6

Ponder: Familiar words to ponder and to trust in all the seasons of our life.

Pray: Father, thank you for the goodness and love that you have shown me so far. Help me to trust in your promises and to know that you are always with me. Amen.

Revd. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
6th October	Morning Worship	Harvest Service	Joint at Hemblington
13th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
20th October	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
27th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

Benefice Morning Prayers:

Thursdays at 9.00am at Hemblington Church.

(Tuesdays at 9.00am using Zoom - **discontinued**)

Home Communion

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

Collections and Giving to our churches

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

Bank details for each church are detailed below:

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

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH



The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am

2nd October - Holy Communion
9th October - Morning Worship
16th October - Holy Communion
23rd October - Morning Worship
30th October - Holy Communion

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

OPEN TO GOD

The “One to One” prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after
the 11am service on the 13th October and 10th November

-----a welcoming space to ask for our Lord’s blessing and strengthening in
times for uncertainties or worries, fear or weakness. 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.

BLOFIELD CHURCH ARE COLLECTING FOR THE



The collection basket is in the church porch where it is collected daily and
delivered to the Norwich warehouse on Ivy Road on a weekly basis. From
here, it is distributed to families and Foodbank Centres in the city and
surrounding areas.

**WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN OUR VILLAGE WHEN
APPROACHED.**

Thank you to everyone who donates regularly to help families going through
challenging times. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.



PLAY CHURCH

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church

Church Road Blofield NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship and a chance for babies and toddlers to learn and play in a safe, welcoming & well resourced setting.

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

Healthy snacks are provided for children with tea and cake for adults served at the end of the session.

AUTUMN TERM

11th September - 23rd October

Half Term 25th - 31st October

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

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



Blofield Church: Gleanings from the Past

A visit to The Norfolk Record Office produced some interesting snippets from past vestry minutes:

- 11/01/29: £20/year for caretaker duties to Mr and Mrs Starling - all duties except annual church cleaning and washing of surplices.
- 22/02/29: Closure of Men's Club agreed (poor attendance).
- 21/06/29: Mr Kendrick again undertook to make arrangements for disposing of churchyard hay.
- 10/01/30: New coke boiler working.
- 14/02/30: Concern about persecution of Christians in Russia.
- 10/10/30: Second cutting of churchyard grass instituted, possibly by mechanical means.
Proposition to install electric lighting in memory of Agnes Walker by Mr A E Walker of Shiels Court Brundall, and disposal of oil lamps.
Setting up of children's corner proposed by Mrs Shillito.
- 16/09/31: Gift of organ blower and housing it (anonymous).
Gift of processional cross by Mr Chamberlain.
- 23/06/32: Kneeling desks donated by Mr Chamberlain.
- 28/04/33: Cycle shelter east wall of porch proposed. Further discussion took place on 10/08/33, 26/08/33 and eventually erected 11/02/34.
- 26/10/33: Gift of gates for new churchyard by Mr A C Walker in memory of his niece the late Mrs Gertrude Finch.
The Churchyard Guild proposed a proper path between old and new churchyards.
Proposal for new shed to replace one used at Beech House courtesy of Miss Royal. (Shed installed by 26/10/34).

The mention of a churchyard guild is interesting. I should be pleased to receive new volunteers for reforming it and joining me in undertaking tasks in the churchyard.

David Pilch

Wrap Up UK is a project which has been run by Rotary Clubs in the UK, in partnership with the charity Hands on London, since 2018.



This year will see the second **Wrap Up Norwich & District project**, following on from a very successful 2023 when over 600, coats, fleeces and gilets were donated and distributed to those who needed them. This year, five Rotary Clubs in Norwich and the surrounding area will join together once again to run this campaign between **4th and 20th October 2024**.

The basic idea is to collect coats (men's, ladies', and children's) and give them to people who need them to keep warm in the winter. The general public are encouraged to donate clean coats in good condition, which they no longer need, using the philosophy "would you wear this".

As Wrap Up we do not distribute the coats directly, we work with local charities who are already creating lasting links with those in need. When a vulnerable person reaches out to a charity for a coat this winter, they will also discover other resources and support available to them. It's amazing that a donated coat can kick-start a relationship between those in need and the charities that can help them with year-round services and support.

The impact of the campaign is thanks to the generosity of the general public, who take the time to find and donate their unwanted coats, and to the incredible volunteers who give their time to sort and distribute the coats. The campaign is run by small teams of hardworking volunteers giving Rotarians and their friends a chance to work with local charities, serving their community and being "People of Action".

Collecting boxes will be placed at various locations around the area which are easily accessible for the general public to donate the coats. Please see <https://wrapupuk.org/wrap-up-area/norwichand-district/> for the full list of locations of the boxes. These are regularly emptied by Rotary volunteers and taken to be sorted before distribution.

Many thanks

The Rotary Clubs involved:-
Norwich Rotary Club
Norwich Blackfriars Rotary Club
Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club
Yare Valley Rotary Club
Norwich Marchesi Rotary Club

Contact Bob and Kate Maskall
boblmaskall@gmail.com
Tel: 07932 149679
For further information



Anna Chaplaincy in the Blofield Benefice Blofield and Hemblington

So what is Anna Chaplaincy?

Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel; both are good role models of faithful older people. Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

We offer spiritual support to older people in the church and local communities - those who are living in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their relatives and staff who look after them. We promote the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently.

Here, in these villages, we visit Manor House, Brewster Court, Broadlands in Upton, and Burlingham House in North Burlingham. We take monthly services and visit individual residents. When asked, we visit older folks in their homes and take communion if they cannot come to church. We visit in hospitals and hospices. Wherever older people come together, you will find an Anna Chaplain available for prayers and general chatting.

If you'd like to know more, or think you'd like to join the team, then just contact Revd. Sue.

Every blessing

Revd Sue

Anna Chaplain

BLOFIED FUEL CHARITY

The time has come again for the applications for this charity to be available from Monday, September 2nd 2024.

This Charity is open to residents who have lived in the village for 7yrs and over, and who receive only the State Pension.

The application forms can be collected from Blofield Newsagents and Blofield Heath Post Office.

Please return completed forms to the address on the forms
by **Friday, October 4th 2024**

An Autumn Series of Sunday Afternoon Concerts in Blofield Church at 3pm



6th October

St Gregory's Orchestra with the Sorcerer's Apprentice, Tales from the Vienna Woods, and the Bruch Violin Concerto played by Dylan Latham.

13th October

John Farmer: a piano concert with light classics & John's own compositions and arrangements.

27th October

'Chanters Jigge' with ancient, traditional and modern instruments.

All concerts at 3pm on Sundays. Tickets at the door, £10, include afternoon tea. (Payable by card or cash).

A Date for Your Diary Calling All Crafts People.

Blofield Church's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on
Saturday, 23rd November from 10.30am to 2pm.

If you would like to take part please contact me by **19th October**.

Barbara Pilch on 01603 714519

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2024

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

In October, we meet on Thursdays the 3rd and 17th

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken" - Oscar Wilde.

More Thoughts on the EcoChurch Project

Topics in the survey for an award under this scheme include walking, cycling, and car use.

The organisers of the award, a registered charity called A Roche UK, publish many leaflets on the various aspects of the scheme, these three topics being just part. Two leaflets are available under:

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/L2-You-and-your-local-travel.pdf> (cycling/walking) and

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/L3-You-and-your-car.pdf> (reducing car use).

But for those unable to access leaflets online, some of the hints and suggestions are copied below:

Walking

- Walk where you can. It's good for your health as well as the environment.
- Buy a funky shopping trolley or rucksack to carry your things.
- Walking children to school can be quality time, with stories, sharing and people-watching!
- Buy waterproof clothes so you can walk even when it's raining. Listen to the Norwegians who say, 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing'.

Cycling

- Cycling can be a delight, but for inclement weather. Remember those waterproof clothes - make them brightly coloured to be sure you will be seen. Don't forget to fit good lights too.
- Visit one of the route mapping websites to find the quickest and quietest route for your journey:
<https://www.cyclestreets.net/> or <https://www.cyclinguk.org/>
- Fit panniers, baskets or a trailer to your bike to carry your shopping.

Car use

- Avoid sudden braking and unnecessary acceleration.
- Drive more slowly. A car driven at 60mph uses 15% less fuel than one driven at 70mph.
- Don't use air conditioning. Below 40mph, open windows do not affect aerodynamics.
- Turn the engine off when idling if you expect to be idling for more than ten seconds.
- Remove weight and wind resistance, ie. the top box left on when it's not needed and stuff in the boot.
- Keeping tyres inflated and maintaining the car can save 10% of fuel costs.
- Plan to drive outside of rush hours - stop/start is very inefficient.
- Add short drives together, cars are more efficient when the engine is warm.
- If possible, use other forms of transport which are more energy efficient.
- Consider an electric bike if that means you use that, rather than using the car.

More on the project next month.

Roy Allgood

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Heritage Open Days were celebrated in style at All Saints Church in September, with two illustrated talks given, using the national theme of "Routes, networks & connections". Visitors thoroughly enjoyed a talk by Imogen Corrigan about the hazards of travel in the Middle Ages, followed by the full story of the life of St Christopher, presented by Joyce and Andrew Burtenshaw the following week. Informal conducted tours of the church, noting interesting features inside and out, were also given - and of course, being Hemblington, much cake was offered - and devoured with relish.

Many thanks to all who attended these talks and gave generously to the Friends Repair Fund. Thank you too, to the people who cleaned the church, baked and served the refreshments, and of course, to our accomplished presenters, we are so grateful!



The next event, being organised by The Friends group, is on **Saturday evening, 7th December**. The now legendary **Rock & Blues Band Synergy** will be shaking the rafters at Heathlands Community Centre - so get your dancing shoes ready! To book your seats, please contact Linda on (01603) 715933.

"All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being". **John 1: 3** NRSV

SYNERGY

Rock & Blues Band



Heathlands, Woodbastwick Road
BLOFIELD HEATH
Saturday, Dec. 7th, 7pm – 10pm

- * £8 admission
- * Bar at club prices
- * Doors open 6.45pm
- * Proceeds to Hemblington Church

Tickets in advance from:

Sue: hemblington@gmail.com

01603 715804

Linda: linda_bryant7@hotmail.com

01603 715933

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Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at THE RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people. Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason (alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen (see page 24)

SWEDE CAROLINE (2022, 1h 37m, Comedy) **Friday, 11th October.**

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.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 23)

All are invited to attend the Gardening Club's talk, on **Wednesday, 9th October at 7.30pm** at the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Guests are invited to come along to see what happens at Club meetings (£2:50) and new members will be warmly welcomed (£10 fee for the whole year). Local contact for information: 01603 715804; Club website:

www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the **14th October**. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the Agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

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

Monday, 7th October, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 14th October, 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 14th October** at Heathlands at 7pm

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

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. Come and admire these sites in their autumnal splendour. The next working parties will be: **12th October - Howe's Meadow; 26th October - Buckenham Woods; 2nd November - Jary's Meadow.** *Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website www.badcog.co.uk.*

Our evening meeting is on **Friday, 11th October** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. There will be a presentation by a Norfolk Wildlife Trust member about the Sweet Briar Nature Reserve. Visitors are welcome.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Celebrates 100 years

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

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

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

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

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Aid for Animals We have some lovely, young rescue dogs looking for good homes. If you are interested and can give a good, loving home then please ring Margaret at Aid for Animals on 01603 716883.

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Brundall Local History Group (see page 23)

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. On **5th October** will be an illustrated talk on 'The Days of the Norwich Trams'. For information see www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Heathlands (see page 19)

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 is flourishing and is now meeting 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.

WEA Blofield Branch (see pages 20 & 21)

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.

Extend (Movement to Music for Older People & Disabled Adults)

MONDAYS: Class is held weekly barring Bank Holidays. Registration at 1.45pm Cost: Class starts at 2.00 pm for 1 hour - £5.00 per person at Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall. Gentlemen and ladies are welcome. A range of apparatus is used as we exercise in both standing and seated mode, accompanied by music. For more information please contact Jenny Hall on 01508 494443 or xxfap57@qfqq.plus.com.

Forget Me Not Café is held 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.

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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.*

Blofield Heath W.I. (see page 22)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **8th October**.

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. The next meeting is on the **25th November**. 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, Thursday and Friday 9.30am until 12.30pm and on Wednesday from noon until 3 pm. 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: Fiona Trimble on 07716869506 and visit our website: www.hemblingtonpreschool.com.

Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council

All meetings are held at Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, *generally* on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on the **1st October**. Planning consultation meetings are sometimes held between meeting dates. Parishioners and the press are welcome to attend meeting. For information: website: <https://lingwood-burlinghamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.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 4.00pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **7th October**. 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.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on the **8th October**.

The Cricket match between Taramind and Heathlands was such a success. It was a great community event - so great to see so many of you attending this. Thanks to Guisha for providing food for people.

Thanks to all of you that came and had a drink and then stayed and enjoyed the afternoon entertainment with Don, weather was perfect also.

Thanks to everybody and see you next year!!

Forthcoming Events

12th October: Heathlands JUMBLE SALE, doors open at 2.00pm.

15th October: Return of TEA and CHAT, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Plenty of Tea, Cakes, Sausage rolls etc. A Raffle and plenty of chat. Come and join us, bring a friend with you.

27th October: Sunday afternoon 1.00pm - 6.00pm - Soul music is back. Always an enjoyable afternoon. Bar will be open.

AUTUMN BEER FESTIVAL will be back on **13th - 17th November**. Grain is providing the Ales for us, also ciders. More details next month.

It is early to say the word, but Heathlands Christmas Fayre is on Saturday, 16th November.

BINGO DATES for October are 11th and 25th.

Eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash prizes, great raffle.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We have plenty going on at the social club. Please see our facebook page for up-to-date news at: www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

Your club is open from Tuesday through to Sunday. Come and join us. We usually have 3 ales on tap from various local breweries, plus Lagers (Birra Moretti, Stella Artois, Carlsberg), Guinness, *Woodfordes Adder*, *Lacons LGR* and Camden Pale Ale. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks and sweets.

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome and forms are available in the Bar.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: Doors open 7:30pm.

Friday: Doors open 4:30pm. Nippy Chippy onsite.

Saturday: Doors open 5:30pm.

Sunday: Doors open 2pm.

“Crime through Time”

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The course will be held on Tuesday Mornings from 1st October - 19th November, 2024 (*half term 29th October*)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £58.80

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To enrol online: go to www.wea.org.uk/



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The Blofield & District Gardening Club

The next club meeting will be on Wednesday evening, **9th October** (7:30 pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield – all very welcome to come along to hear Jenny Gibbs discussing “Natural Remedies in Turkey”. The members’ competition is a stem of a berried shrub.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings (£2.50 entry), or a full year’s membership is just £10. There is always a speaker, a competition for members - usually a plant or in season flowers, plus a raffle and a £1 bring and buy table. There is a lot of horticultural experience within the group, so if you have any queries, or subjects you would like to hear about, do let us know. The Club’s website is: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk; queries to the secretary (01603) 715804.

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Applications must be **in writing** and should give a brief outline of the course on which the applicant is, or about to be, engaged.

Applications must be received no later than **31st October 2024** to Mrs Debbie Smith, Secretary to the Trustees at:

Pear Tree House, Globe Lane, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JW.

Macmillan Cancer Support



Would anyone, who has an excess of fruit or vegetable produce from their garden or allotment, consider donating it to me, so that I can continue to make preserves to sell in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. I usually have a very good response, but each year is different, and I do very much appreciate any donations.

Please contact Jackie on either 01603 717372 or 07928584113

Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October at Heathlands Community Centre



Please come and help us make a difference at our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support to be held at Heathlands Community Centre at **11am - 2pm, on Saturday, 5th October**.

Treat yourself to tea, cake and good company whilst raising funds for a very worthy cause. There will also be a big raffle, tombola, white elephant stall and a homemade preserves stall.

Anyone who would like to donate a prize for the raffle or an item for the tombola or even make a cake.

Please contact Jackie on 01603 717382 or 07928584113.

Blofield Heath WI

On Tuesday 10th September, Angela Bishop made us all laugh with childhood reminiscent. We all remembered the good old days when kids played out all day, played conkers, climbed trees and enjoyed gob stoppers, flying saucers and Spangles. It was lovely to hear the members joining in with happy memories and we were all disappointed when Angela had to stop for tea! A good afternoon was had by all.

The next meeting will be on the **8th October 2024**.

Make & Mardle

The forthcoming dates for Make & Mardle:
Thursday, October 24th & Tuesday, November 26th
from 10am to 12noon

It will be at a venue to be decided nearer to the time.

Come & join us for a tea / coffee, cake, chat with optional craft.

All will be very welcome

For more information, please phone Catherine on 01603 270360

Brundall Local History Group

**On Saturday, 5th October at 2.30pm,
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Canaries in Norwich

An advert appeared in the 'Norwich Mercury', on the 25th October 1729, for the sale of canaries at the Bear Inn. Sailors, from the Spanish Netherlands, originally captured finches in the Canary Islands, and kept them as pets. It is thought that the 'Strangers' (Dutch refugees) of the sixteenth century then brought canaries with them when they first arrived in Norwich. Breeding these birds became a local pastime, and by the eighteenth century, the Norwich canaries (or 'John Bull' variety) had developed. They were bred for colour rather than song, and by the late 1800s, they were mainly deep oranges and reds. These days, they can be found in a variety of colours including yellow, white and cinnamon.

The first recorded canary show in Norwich was held at the Greyhound Inn in November 1846, where the Canary Club displayed 300 specimens. Breeding canaries quickly became a secondary income for many of Norwich's working-class households. By the twentieth century, the canary was so culturally linked to Norwich that it became the symbol for Norwich City Football Club and features on their emblem.



**Blofield Court House
Village Screen
Friday, 11th October**

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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.

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SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER SUDOKU

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OCTOBER Diary

01 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC	Lingwood Parish hall
03 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05 Saturday	McMillan Coffee Morning	Heathlands
05 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
06 Sunday	St Gregory's Orchestra	Blofield Church
07 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
07 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
08 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
08 Tuesday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
09 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
11 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
11 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
11 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
12 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
12 Saturday	Jumble Sale	Heathlands
13 Sunday	John Farmer: Piano Concert	Blofield Church
14 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
14 Monday	Keep Blofield Special Evening Meeting	Heathlands
14 Monday	Blofield PC	Blofield Court House
15 Tuesday	TEA and CHAT	Heathlands
17 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
24 Thursday	Make & Mardle	<i>To be decided</i>
25 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
26 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods
27 Sunday	'Chanters Jigge'	Blofield Church
27 Sunday	Soul Music	Heathlands

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