

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.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

29th July, Gillian Susannah Alexander aged 86,

Memorial Service at Blofield Church

19th September, Patrick Graham Sullivan aged 89, at Blofield Church

Front cover picture: Short-eared owl in flight

OCTOBER MINISTER'S LETTER

Each year, October marks the final stages of the harvest and the end of the warmer months. It heralds shorter days and darker nights as the signs of autumn abound. For many, the thought of cold, dark winter days creeping ever closer is a source of dread. However, autumn is commonly cited as a favourite season for lots of people who appreciate it for the spectacular display of colourful foliage we can enjoy at this time of year, along with the renewed possibilities of enjoying things like warm bowls of soup, hot chocolates, cozy jumpers and roaring fires. Businesses certainly know how to cash in on this love of autumn by trying to tempt us with products like heated blankets and pumpkin spice lattes.



Between the dread of the foreboding winter months ahead and the delights of the autumn season, October is somewhat of a 'marmite' month with which we might have a love-hate relationship. This contrast is displayed most acutely right at the end of the month with a trilogy of festivals, Halloween on 31st October, All Saint's Day on 1st November and All Souls on 2nd November. Samhain, a pre-Christian festival which marked the end of the summer and the beginning of winter at the end of October, was seen as the threshold of the dark half of the year. After the Christian church established the feast of All Saints on 1st November, otherwise known as All Hallows Day (All Holy Ones), the day prior to it became known as All Hallows Eve, later contracted to Halloween.

Although All Hallows Eve was not originally associated with the dead, the later establishment of All Souls Day, on 2nd November, meant that the whole period of late October and early November took on a theme of light and dark: Halloween being an evening upon which the spirits of the dead were thought to be close, All Saints Day being a celebration of those who have gone before us as examples of living in the light of Christ, and All Souls being a time to remember and honour those who have departed this life.

As we journey through this season of greater darkness, take some time to consider ways in which you might be a source of light and warmth to others. This does not necessarily need to take the form of hot chocolates and warm bowls of soup, although those things are lovely. It might instead take the form of spending time with those whose loneliness or isolation is felt more keenly during the winter months, or reaching out to comfort those remembering loved ones departed. Whatever you choose to do, may you be a light for others this autumn.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

October 2025

Prayers and Reflections for each week from Isaiah

Week 1: Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come". **Isaiah 35: 3-4**

Ponder: As we grow older, we sometimes feel our weakness, and it is easy to become fearful of both the present and the future. Isaiah reminds us that God is with us; he will give us his strength, and he will help us overcome our fears, so that we can live in peace.

Pray: Loving God, be with us as we age; give us your strength and help. May we know your loving presence to calm our fears and give us hope as we trust your goodness to us. Amen.

Week 2: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40: 30-31**

Ponder: Here, Isaiah reminds us that we all run out of steam sometimes, that we feel we cannot go on. When this happens, the answer is to hope in the Lord, to trust him to renew our strength, to trust him to give us the resources we need to carry on. Then, whatever the problems, we shall soar like eagles high above the earth, knowing God's help.

Pray: Gracious God, when we come to times of weakness, tiredness and wanting to give up, help us to turn and look to you, to hope in your goodness, to know your strength and to trust you for all that we need to go on. Renew and restore us Lord, that we may soar with wings like eagles, and know true freedom. Amen.

Week 3: But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you O Israel: fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. **Isaiah 43: 1**

Ponder: A reminder that God is our creator; he knows us by name; he reassures us that he has redeemed us and will never desert us; that we are precious to him, even in our frailty and weakness. We can trust him with our life.

Pray: Loving God, thank you for your love. May we know your comforting presence with us through good and bad times. May we rely on your redeeming strength and love. Amen.

Week 4: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! **Isaiah 43: 18-19**

Ponder: Human beings find change difficult, but sometimes we need to put aside what we have always done and look to see if God is wanting to do a new thing with us or in our church community. Let us open our spiritual eyes and see what God is doing this autumn.

Pray: Holy God, you are unchanging, but you challenge us to change and to see and do new things in your service. Open our hearts and minds to see the new things you want to bring to us. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
5th October	Morning Worship Harvest Festival	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
12th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
19th October	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
26th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	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 OCTOBER

15th October - at Manor House.

16th October - at Burlingham House.

22nd October - 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



1st October - Holy Communion
8th October - Morning Worship
15th October- Holy Communion
22nd October - Morning Worship
29th October - Holy Communion

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

OPEN TO GOD

You do not need to be going through a bad time to make use of this prayer ministry. Sometimes, it is great to share good news with others and have thanks offered to God.

Whatever prompts us to turn our searching in a spiritual direction, can enable us to embrace the comfort that God offers. It's always re-assuring to know God's heart of love is open towards us individually.

The future dates are Sunday, 12th October and Sunday, 9th November at the High Altar, 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.

FOODBANK

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



We are all aware of the cost-of-living crisis and so are most grateful for every item that comes to church to help others who are struggling.

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

Toddler Harvest Festival on 1st October

Bring your non-perishable goods to be donated to the Foodbank

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

**THE NEW TERM CONTINUES TO
OCTOBER 22ND (half term)**

5TH NOVEMBER - 17TH DECEMBER

Donation in cash or via SUMUP
machine are always welcome



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



A Date for your Diary

Calling all crafts people

Blofield Church's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on
Saturday, November 22nd from 10.30am to 2 00pm.

If you would like to have a table please contact me by October 15th.

Barbara Pilch 01603 714519





HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

**Sunday 5th October
at 11.00 am**

**Donations of non-perishable food items will be
gratefully received and donated to
The Women's Refuge in Norwich
All welcome to this service**

**THE SERVICE IS FOLLOWED
WITH HARVEST LUNCH IN THE
WEST END IN AID OF THE
VIDIYAL TRUST AT 12.15 PM**



**The charity helps
transform the lives of street children,
destitute elderly and those facing
cancer and leprosy in Southern India
and is the work of Rev Canon Pat
Atkinson**

**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or contact
Yvonne 07720942955 or Avril 07533624410**

Decorating Blofield Church for Harvest Saturday, 4th October from 9am

Budding flower arrangers welcome to decorate the church to celebrate Harvest. No prior knowledge needed - everything will be provided including coffee and cake.

WANTED:

Fruit, vegetables, flowers and lots of greenery. Please leave them in the church on Friday, 3rd October. Boxes and buckets of water will be provided.



Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2025

Everyone's 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: **2nd October and 16th October**

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

Continuing our autumn series of Sunday afternoon concerts in Blofield Church at 3pm



October 12th "In Dreamful Autumn" - choral music from Renaissance to the present day. ***A choir of singers from the region's best ensembles*** in Norwich, Ely and Cambridge joining forces with the talented young ***organist Ben Garrod***.

October 26th ***The Lowestoft Longshoremen*** singing traditional and new **sea shanties** and sea songs. Their performances often include audience participation and a focus on maritime themes.

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



11th and 13th December
12noon to 2.00pm-ish

at Blofield Church

**WREATH
MAKING
WORKSHOP**

£20.00 per person

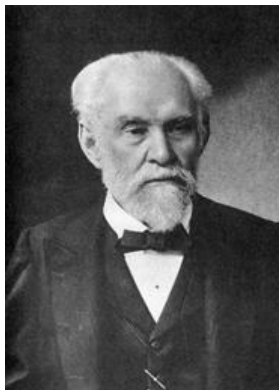
Includes all natural, recyclable materials
Homemade lunch

Contact Sarah on 07584638854

**Born 200 years ago
Dr Peter Eade 1825 -
1915**

He grew up in Blofield and became an eminent physician in Norwich. Mayor of the city three times he was appointed magistrate at the age of 46 he remained one for 41 years!

During his remarkable 90 years he kept diaries describing many events & changes in Blofield & in Norwich.



Sir Peter aged 90

His autobiography is available at £10 with proceeds going to Blofield Church where he worshipped, he and his four sisters are buried, and where the fine east window is a memorial to him.

Available from
David Pilch
dbpilch@gmail.com

- Apprenticed in Blofield to his father, also Peter Eade, the young Peter learned during five years of training about drugs, dispensing, book-keeping and even some minor surgery.
- He moved from the practice in Blofield to a brilliant career in Norwich becoming physician at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, having work published in the Lancet and receiving membership of the Royal College of Physicians. Living in a large house in Upper Giles Street he built up a practice and gained a number of eminent appointments in medicine.
- Blofield village school was built on land belonging to him near the Town Well and, seeing the need for school children to learn gardening, he provided land for the purpose.
- He was instrumental in the 1883 remodelling of the Norfolk and Norwich hospital in St Stephens Street, and in promoting many open spaces and parks like Chapel Field Gardens, Eaton Park and Mousehold Heath for the health and well being of city dwellers.
- He grew up in the village enjoying cricket, boating, fishing and outdoor country pursuits, was taught, initially, with his four older sisters, and became apprenticed to his father before completing training in medicine in London. Humorous tales are told of student life.
- He knew the church well with its 'tall' pews for some families and backless benches for others. A 'clarionet' gave the first note for hymns.
- There were stocks in the village for miscreants.
- At Michaelmas a fair on the Street had canvas-covered stalls and one or two roundabouts.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Thanks to all who visited the art exhibition in church in September. Four members of the Gt Yarmouth Guild of Arts and Craftsmen filled the church with beautiful examples of their skill and artistry. Visitors also enjoyed looking around the church, and the homemade refreshments available. If other local artists or photographers might be interested in showing their work in the church next year, please get in touch with the Friends secretary or one of the church team.

The committee is thrilled to have been nominated in the Spaces for Nature and Wellbeing category of the Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards 2025. There is to be a Biodiversity Fair at the Forum on Saturday, 4th October (10am – 2pm). The award ceremony will follow that at 3pm. Please cross your fingers for us!

Please also think about becoming a Friend of the church. The group helps to keep the building watertight and in good condition plus supports the work in keeping the churchyard as a wildlife haven. Whether you visit the churchyard to remember family or friends, enjoy the peacefulness of the church and churchyard, or are fascinated by the wall painting and other pre-Reformation architecture, we would welcome your support. Please contact the secretary by email: hemblington@gmail.com or phone: (01603) 715804. Membership is just £10 per year and would mean a lot to the whole team. Thank you.

National Church Awards 2025 – community volunteers section

This year, the National Church Awards “celebrated the dedication, care and impact of the people who care for the UK’s wonderful church buildings and who share them with others”.

“Whether that is keeping a church, chapel or meeting house well maintained, opening it up for visitors or running a community project from the building, we have heard about the amazing ways teams of volunteers at churches, chapels and meeting houses are making a difference. We love sharing their brilliant efforts in keeping churches open and serving local people.”

So, the churchwardens at Hemblington kindly nominated the Friends of All Saints Church in the community volunteers section – and we managed to reach the finalist shortlist. Sadly, however, we have been informed that “we were piped at the post as a finalist. It was really very close this year, we had some really brilliant nominations. I’m sorry this isn’t what you wanted to hear, but I have included you on a map of all the shortlisted churches, which features as part of our finalists page: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/finalists-2025>”

*Susan Rowe,
Secretary of The Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington*

New Organ for Hemblington Church



On 9th September, we installed a new organ at Hemblington Church. Our previous “organ” was a very old digital piano, which was donated second-hand to the church many years ago. It has served us well but lately has been temperamental and spare parts are no longer available.

The new organ is a second-hand Allen’s Protégé L9 digital pipe organ with two keyboards and a 32-note pedalboard. The organ was originally installed in St Gerard’s Church in Bellshill, near Glasgow. St Gerard’s closed in November 2024 after amalgamating with Sacred Heart in the same area.

The organ is now ten years old but comes with a further ten years warranty. Our organist, Rory Marsden, believes that this new organ will significantly enhance the music at services and hopefully, encourage us to hold more musical performances in the church.

We are planning a concert for early next year when we hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the arrival of our new organ. More details of this concert will be provided in a future issue of Blofield News.

‘...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.’

Ephesians 5: 19-20

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 email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk. Next film is on the **14th October**: 'THE PENGUIN LESSONS'.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Next meeting is on the **8th October at 7.30pm**.

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. The next meeting is on the **13th 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, 6th October, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 13th 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 always welcome! Our next evening meeting is on Monday, 13th October at Heathlands at 7pm.

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 **14th October**.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG has been involved in local conservation management over 40 years. This active group undertakes site management of wildlife habitats ranging from fen meadow, woodland (old and new), ponds, churchyard conservation areas and a number of other sites some of which are designated Local Nature Reserves. All are rich habitats for flora and fauna.

Fortnightly, 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, 11th October - Howe's Meadow; Saturday, 25th October - Jary's Meadow; 8th November - Snowdrop Acre.**

For any changes to work party plans please see the website www.badcog.co.uk.

Our evening meeting on Friday **10th October at 7.30pm** in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw will be a talk by Kelly, the warden of Salhouse Broad. **Visitors are welcome and refreshments are available.**

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. July meeting was the last event for 2025. 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. £7.00 for a family including children under 17, Single membership £4.00 until the end of the year. 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

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 **starting on October 30th**.

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

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.

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 will be no meeting this month. The next meeting will be on **24th November**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website:

<http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **6th 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. Just come along any month.

Make & Mardle

The next Make & Mardle sessions are at
Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington
on Thursday 23rd October & Tuesday 25th November
from 10am to 12noon.

In December we will take a break & meet again in January

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands next Management Committee Meeting is on the **7th October**.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

TEA AND CHAT - we are back at Heathlands on 7th October from 2.00pm-4.00pm. Come and join us, tea, coffee, cakes, scones etc., etc. as well as lots of chat, and a raffle - do bring your friends.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE, Saturday, 25th October. Doors open at 2.00pm. Jumble is welcome from 12 noon.

BINGO DATES: 10th & 24th October.

AFTERNOON BINGO starting at Heathlands on Friday, 17th October, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. It is a new venture, come and join us for a few games - Cash prizes.

There is still a few spaces left for new hirers. Also, Committee room is available for hire for small meetings, etc. If you think you might be interested, please contact Jill on 714164 for a chat, thank you.

Early mention of Christmas - our Fayre is on Saturday, 15th November. More information next month.

Is there anybody able to drive members to the Monday Club, we would love to hear from you, please contact Barbara on 01603 712374

THE REVE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Registered Charity No 311132



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The Trustees invite applications for grants from the above Charity. Applicants must be resident in Blofield or Blofield Heath, and should either have begun a course of Further Education or be about to begin such a course.

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 2025** to:

Mrs Rosemary Youngs, Secretary to the Trustees at:
7 Wyngates, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JG.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

The next Gardening Club meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th October (7:30pm) with the legendary Bob Coutts discussing “Practical Jobs for the Autumn”**. The members' competition is “A dahlia or chrysanthemum”.

On **Wednesday, 12th November (7:30pm)** there will be a **talk by local beekeeper, Lynda Hunt - “Looking after Bees”**. The members' competition is “A Christmas meal for the birds”!

All are welcome to come along for these talks at The Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road Blofield. Guests £2:50. Refreshments are included. There will be a ‘£1 Bring and Buy’ table.

Local contact for queries: (01603) 715804,
Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

BLOFIELD HEATH WI

There are two meetings to report on.

The Strawberry afternoon tea meeting was held on 12th August. An array of wonderful Victoria Sponges and other cakes as well as Strawberries and Cream were served. There was no speaker at this meeting, but the President provided a very entertaining quiz, and afterwards a game of bingo took place.

Blofield Heath held its September meeting on the 9th. We enjoyed a very informative talk and an active demonstration of Tai Chi by Rachael Brown. Rachel has been teaching Tai Chi, the art of how to increase your flexibility, strength, and improve cardiovascular fitness, for many years. Most members, whether sitting or standing took part in the moves that Rachael taught and enjoyed themselves. Afterwards, refreshments of, savouries and cakes were served.

The next meeting will be held on the **14th October 2025**, at Heathlands Community Centre at 2.00pm.

BLOFIELD FUEL CHARITY

Another year has passed, and the time has come again for the Blofield Fuel Charity's applications forms to be available. The Trustees would like potential applicants to apply to this Charity for assistance with their fuel payments.

The forms can be collected at the Blofield Newsagents and Blofield Heath Post Office and shop, from 1st September 2025.

The relevant information required is on the forms.

WEA Blofield Branch



The local team of WEA volunteers is sad to report that it has not been possible to find a tutor to take a course in Blofield this autumn. However, we are pleased to confirm that a slightly different course format has been agreed for early next year.

“Why do we say that?” is the intriguing title of a six-week course to be led by Janet Wilson. It will be held at Blofield Court House, but instead of the tutor being there in person, she will appear “on the big screen”, though we will be able to interact with her. **The course will run on Tuesday mornings starting on 13th January 2026 (10.00am – 12 noon).** Further information will be available nearer the time so people can enrol on this course.

Local contact for general information: email: Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or phone (01603) 537029.

Village Screen presents:

“THE PENGUIN LESSONS”

at Blofield Court House on Friday, 10th October

A heartwarming true story of friendship, resilience, and an unexpected bond with a penguin!

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 **Tickets: £5** - Buy online at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/1820846>

or at Mitchells News Agents, Blofield.

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with music commencing at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £10. To reserve your place or for further information, please contact Ann on 01603 715349 or email: jazz@Blofieldcourthouse.org.uk

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER SUDOKU

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OCTOBER DIARY

02 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05 Sunday	Harvest Festival & Lunch	Blofield Church
06 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
06 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
07 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Committee	Heathlands
08 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
10 Friday	Village Screen - 'The Penguin'	Blofield Court House
10 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
10 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
11 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
12 Sunday	Choral Concert	Blofield Church
13 Monday	Blofield PC	Blofield Court House
13 Monday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special Evening Meeting	Heathlands
14 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
15 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
16 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
16 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
17 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
22 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
23 Thursday	Make and Mardle	Gable Farmhouse, Hemblington
24 Friday	Jazz Night	Blofield Court House
24 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
26 Sunday	Concert (Sea songs & Shanties)	Blofield Church
25 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
25 Saturday	Heathlands Jumble Sale	Heathlands
30 Monday	New Melody Memories Café	Blofield Court House

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