

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

Baptism

8th June, Theodore James Perkins at Blofield Church.

Funerals

17th April, Michael Darley aged 79 at Hemblington Church.
9th May, Pauline Gant aged 76 at St Faith's Crematorium.

Interment of Ashes

18th May, Peter Bowyer in Blofield Churchyard.



LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

“Biblical Honey”

In summer, it is a joy to see bees feeding on the fruit of flower and forest. But, how do you take your honey? During the colder months, I stir it into my bowl of porridge or into my nighttime drink of Ovaltine (other beverages are available!). In the warmer months, I find I enjoy it on toast, or even stirred into a homemade muesli. My favourite kind of honey is Swiss Wald (forest) Honey when the bees have been feeding on forest insects such as aphids. It has a dark amber colour, it is runny, and it is delicious. Honey as a natural sweetener is said to be good for your health - physical and mental.



In the book of Proverbs from the Old Testament, we find this:

My son, eat honey, for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.
Know that wisdom is such to your soul;
if you find it, there will be a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.

Biblical wisdom then, is also sweet to the taste of our soul or spirit, and it comes with many health benefits, spiritual, mental and even physical. It directs our lives into the path that is good for us. Biblical wisdom offers the blessings of a future and a hope eternal.

Charles Bridges, an Anglican clergyman from Old Newton in Suffolk during the first part of the 19th century, wrote in his commentary on Proverbs, of the blessings of this spiritual honey and the health it brings, in terms of a love that passes knowledge, a peace that passes all understanding and a joy that is inexpressible and glorious. However, he points out that to enjoy its blessing, we need to partake of it.

So, how do you take your spiritual honey? How do you become acquainted with God-given wisdom? I know no better way than to delve into the scriptures regularly – even daily and allow its sweetness to delight your soul. Or, the next time you put honey in a beverage or use it to sweeten your food, open a Bible at the same time and enjoy some spiritual honey. In so doing, you will be led to the one in whom are all the sweet treasures of wisdom – Jesus himself.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON

July - Summer warmth and rest

Prayers and reflections for each week

Believing the best.

Read: *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor. 13: 4-7.*

Ask yourself: Do you bring out the good in people or the bad? Do you help them to discover their potential or crush their confidence?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, as you have seen the good in me, so help me to see the good in others, for your name's sake. Amen.

A God who never sleeps.

Read: *I will look up towards the hills – from where will my help come? It comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to stumble, for he who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord will guard your going out and coming in, now and always. Psalm 121 (part).*

Ask yourself: Have you lost sight of the fact that God is always keeping watch? Have you mistakenly imagined he has turned his back on you or is no longer interested in your welfare?

Pray: Gracious God, for the constancy of your love, the faithfulness of your guidance and the certainty of your help, receive my thanks and praise, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Kingdom within.

Read: *He said to them, 'when you pray, use words like these': "Our Father in heaven, to you be praise and honour. May your kingdom come and your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven".' Matthew 6: 9-10.*

Ask yourself: do you see the kingdom of God as something that will come in the distant future or as already having begun here on earth? What are you doing to help make that kingdom more real?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, instead of looking for your kingdom, may I help to build it, through your grace. Amen.

Just as I am.

Read: *While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9: 10-13.*

Ask yourself: Do you still, deep down, feel that you must earn God's forgiveness?

Pray: Gracious God, you know what I have been, you know what I want to be, but above all you value what I am. May that truth teach me to value myself and others, and above all to value you and your great love in Christ. Amen.

Rev'd Sue

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
7th July	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
14th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
21st July	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
28th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

Benefice Morning Prayers:

Tuesdays at 9.00am using Zoom with Rev. Kevin (link sent out each week).
Thursdays at 9.00am at Hemblington Church.

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
and follow a pattern of
Holy Communion and Morning Worship:

3rd July - Morning Worship
10th July - Holy Communion
17th July - Morning Worship
24th July - Holy Communion
31st July - Morning Worship

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 Sundays, 14th July and 11th August.**

God’s heart is always open to receive our own needs or those of our family
or friends. Do feel you can come as many times as you need. God’s healing
work is normally a process rather than a one off.



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 Rev. Kevin, Rev. Sue or the
churchwardens know, so that we can make contact.



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.**

SUMMER TERM

5th June - 17th July

**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**

Picnic in the Churchyard

Wednesday 17th July

All welcome to join us for this fun annual event.

Bring a picnic for lunch outside.

Games, ice creams, water play, tea and cake.

A Cambridge Choir

An exciting opportunity to hear

"The Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge"

singing in Blofield Church with

music by Michael Haydn, Benjamin Britten and others.

on Friday, July 5th at 6.30pm.

Interval cheese and wine; Tickets £10 at the door.



Blofield Church

presents a

concert by

**The Choir of
Gonville & Caius College
Cambridge**



**on Friday, July 5th
at 6.30 pm**



**Tickets £10 at the door
Include cheese and wine (at Interval)**

(payable by cash or card)

Blofield Church, Church Road, Blofield NR13 4NA

Contact us at blofieldchurch.org.uk or Friends of Blofield Church on Facebook

**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.

TEDDY PARACHUTING AND SUMMER FAIR AT BLOFIELD CHURCH



Every year we plan, prepare and look forward to this day.

Every year we watch the weather forecast with apprehension.

This year was no different, but the ominous storm clouds didn't deter any of our eager hospitality team, helpers or visitors. They turned out, umbrellas in hand and wellies for some, to enjoy the games, children's activities, the cake stall

and meeting up with old friends. When the clouds came over and the rain came down in torrents, everyone dashed indoors for cover and had another go at the sock surprise game, win a teddy or win a bottle. The teddy stall was a huge hit, with children repeatedly buying tickets for yet another teddy to take home to add to all those already there.

Refreshed with tea and homemade cakes and a lull in the rain, all dashed outside again to enjoy seeing their teddy being wound up the tower, ready to float down again. The delight on the children's faces, as well as the parents, is the reason this happens at Blofield, year after year.

Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make this another memorable day for the village.

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 July we meet on Thursdays the 4th and 18th

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968

As a final lunch before our Annual August Break, we will be celebrating in 60s style. This will be a three course lunch, music and fun (miniskirts and teddy boys style optional). Please ring Sarah on 07584638854 to book your seat.

The Blofield & District Gardening Club

All are invited to come along to the Gardening Club's July talk to be given by Josh Smith about "Goodery" – organically grown fruit and vegetable boxes. This will be on **Wednesday evening, 10th July** (7.30pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall in Blofield. The Members' competition is: "3 radishes with leaves and root intact".

Guests are invited to see what happens at Club meetings (£2:50), and new members will be warmly welcomed (£10 fee for the whole year.) Refreshments and a raffle are held. Local contact for information: (01603) 715804. Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.

The Annual Summer Show will take place on **Saturday afternoon, 13th July** from 2:00pm at The Margaret Harker Hall. All are welcome to come and view the garden produce and home baking exhibits, plus enjoy refreshments, raffles, plant sales and an auction of goods at the end of the afternoon – a proper village show. Free entry. Do come!

WEA Blofield Branch - Volunteers' Week, 3rd - 9th June: A time to say thank you.

The Workers Education Association (WEA) has nominated a long serving local committee member, Robin Bunce, to receive one of the 4 WEA Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Volunteers' Week is an opportunity for the WEA to say a heartfelt **thank you**. They recognise the fantastic contributions that volunteers make, not just to the WEA but to local communities. During Volunteers' week, the WEA celebrated volunteers' dedication, passion and spirit, and the time and effort given. The commendation given to Robin read:

"For commitment to Branch and community led learning, Robin has been a volunteer for Blofield Branch for 18 years. Contributing to the coordination of all aspects of branch management to an extremely high standard, always putting learners first. Fellow branch volunteers say, 'The WEA could not wish for a more well-organised, loyal and supportive member and volunteer'."

Congratulations to all award winners and, especially to Robin, for all he does at Blofield Court House too.

The Blofield branch hopes to organise a short course this autumn. Details will be publicised once all has been confirmed. If you would like to know more about the WEA, please check out their website: www.wea.org.uk.

Susan Rowe

for the WEA Blofield Branch

Tel: 01603 537029; Email: blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Thanks to all who attended the successful art exhibition in church in June and were involved with Great Big Green Week ventures too. The church has achieved the A Rocha Eco-church Silver Award for its efforts to maintain the church and churchyard sustainably and encourage reuse and recycling where possible.

Diary dates: there will be two free illustrated talks in church as part of Heritage Open Days in September:

On Saturday, 7th September (2:00pm) the well-known and popular lecturer Imogen Corrigan will present **“The Hazards of the Journey - pilgrimage and travel in the Middle Ages”**, outlining how people organised themselves for long journeys, often in appalling conditions, who was travelling and why.

On Saturday, 14th September (2:00pm) Joyce and Andrew Burtenshaw will be discussing **“The Journey of St Christopher”** – so well illustrated by the church’s remarkable 15th century wall painting.

All are welcome to these free events. Refreshments will be available. There is level access into the church and the WC.

Information about how to join the Friends group is available from the secretary: E-mail hemblington@gmail.com, phone (01603) 715804 or see

All Saints Church, Hemblington – successful “Art in a Country Church” exhibition



Four Norfolk artists exhibited many paintings and intricate glassware in Hemblington church over the weekend of 8th and 9th June. The nave was filled with paintings by Jan Lacey, Ian Walker, Vivienne Rainsbury and Jan Heath, delighting the many visitors with pictures of flowers, fruit, birds, animals, and scenes from Norfolk and further afield.

Refreshments and a raffle were organised by The Friends of All Saints Church, and visitors donated generously to the Fund which helps keep the church building in good repair.

Other events are organised by The Friends group, who are very keen to support the church team in the management of the churchyards for wild flora and fauna too. Information about the group is on the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.



World Earth Day Service at Hemblington



Weaving creation care throughout the liturgical year helps to ensure that the fifth mark of mission is embedded in the worshipping life of a congregation, as the Revd Sue Shillam of All Saints in Hemblington explains:

All Saints Church is a small round tower church which sits amongst the fields to the east of Norwich. We have always been close to nature, and we enjoy special relationships with the farmers who are our neighbours. Indeed, generations of farmers now rest in peace in our churchyard.

Our churchyard is a conservation area and acts also as a large garden where passersby rest and enjoy the views and the wildflowers. Our management and care of our outside spaces has contributed to first, our bronze Eco Church Award, and now our Silver Award.

Last year, we created a special service for Creation Sunday and then, of course, Harvest. This year, we decided to try and focus on World Earth Day, Creation Sunday, and Harvest. The challenge in writing these special services was that a lot of the material was similar. To try to solve this problem, we reached out to Barbara Bryant at the Diocese who provided some useful information together with some additional information from our Cathedral.

We didn't use the published theme for World Earth Day, instead we focused on the 'Wisdom of the Trees' and used material from the [Bible Reading Fellowship Green Reflections](#). Other material which was useful for ideas came from the [Creation Care Prayers Environmental Programme Church of England](#). It truly was a labour of love to put the services together and ensuring that a number of the congregation played a part in the service.

These services attract a number of people from the rural areas, and we anticipate more involvement from our local school who currently use our churchyard as part of their school studies.

We propose now, that this schedule of creation services will feature each year in our calendar of services.

To register as an Eco.Church or find out more at:
<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk>.

A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales

Complete the free online survey for your church and earn points based on how you care for God's earth. You can apply for a bronze, silver or gold award when you earn enough points across all categories. There are loads of resources to help you and your church express your care for God's world. The survey takes you through five key areas of church life:

- ◆ Worship and teaching
- ◆ Buildings
- ◆ Land
- ◆ Community and global engagement
- ◆ Lifestyle

If you are a Church of England church in the Diocese in Europe, then you can participate in the Eco Church programme and work towards an Eco Church award.

A Rocha UK is a Churches Together in England member and accepts the [CTE's Statement of Belief](#). As such, we welcome any church or organisation (where applicable) that supports this to join the Eco Church scheme.

Eco Church is provided free of charge, to help as many churches as possible celebrate what they're doing to care for the environment, and decide what to tackle next. It costs us money to keep it running, though.

BLOFIELD HEATH WI

At our June meeting we enjoyed an illustrated talk on Cambodia given by Katherine Maidment who helps to run a small independent charity 'Support Cambodia', helping rural communities in Northeastern Cambodia to help themselves. The charity runs sewing workshops; provides bicycles to families as there is no public transport; helps with water purification projects; supports schools and medical centres and other important small projects.

Some members bought beautifully made sewn toys and traditional scarves which are worn in Cambodia - the Kroma. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Our next meeting is on **9th July 2024**.

Make & Mardle

The forthcoming dates for Make & Mardle at Hemblington Church will be **Thursday, 25th July & Tuesday, 20th August from 10am to 12noon**

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

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

There are no films during July and August and back in September after the summer break.

Enquiries to 01603 712306.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 10)

All are invited to attend the Gardening Club's talk, on **Wednesday, 10th July at 7:30pm and the Annual Summer Show on Saturday afternoon, 13th July** 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. This month's Parish Council Meeting is on the **29th July**. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the Agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages reasonably free of litter. The July dates for litter-picks are:

Monday, 1st July, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 8th July, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us, plenty of black bags will be available and there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! As usual, many thanks to residents, walkers and dog-walkers who kindly pick up litter informally, it is appreciated.

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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 summer splendour.

The next working parties will be:

**6th July – Blofield Church; 20th July – Howes Meadow;
3rd August – Walsham Fen.**

Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website www.badcog.co.uk.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Celebrates 100years

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.

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group (see page 20)

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 talk is on **27th July**.

For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Heathlands (see p.18)

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. Do not forget 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. We have plenty going on at the social club over the next month. 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.

Blofield Heath W.I. (see page 13)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **9th July**. New members are welcome.

WEA Blofield Branch (see page 10)

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.

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.

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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@qfqf.plus.com.

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 the **29th July**. 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 the Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, generally on the 1st TUESDAY of the month starting at 7.30pm. This month, it will be on the **9th July**. Planning consultation meetings are sometimes held between meeting dates when planning proposals have to be considered within 23 days. 15 minutes is allocated at the start of all meetings for public participation. Parishioners and the press are welcome to attend any Council meeting. For information, the website is : <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 **1st July**. 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.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on **2nd July 2024**.

Many thanks to Sarah and all the willing volunteers who helped make our DD Celebrations a great success, and thank you to all those who turned up and supported us. Thank you Garret for the great BBQ as well.

Also, Picnic in the Park on 9th June (although it was indoors) was another great success, and thank you to the Band. It was a great afternoon with the BBQ also.

EUROS which kicked off on Friday, 14th June - the Social Club will be open for the England games. Come and cheer the lads and have a pint or two !!!!

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE on **6th July**. Jumble from 12 noon please.

Doors open at 2.00pm

BEER FESTIVAL opens on **Tuesday, 16th July** through to **Sunday 21st July**:

Friday: live music with Simon Howard and his band. Also Nippy Chippy on site.

Saturday: live music from the O'fenders and BBQ from 5.00pm until 9.00pm.

Sunday: open from 1.00pm - live music - Dirty Havana from 2.00pm-4.00pm and BBQ from 1.00pm-5.00pm

Come and join us, hopefully a lovely day so bring your own chairs.

TEA and CHAT - 18th June was our last one. We will hopefully be back in October. Watch this space for dates. Thank you all for your support.

BINGO DATES: 5th and 19th July and then **2nd August**.

Eyes down at 7.30pm. There will be Cash Prizes and great Raffle.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We have plenty going on at the social club over the next month. Please see our facebook page for up-to-date news at:

www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

Forthcoming events:

- Our Summer Festival runs from Tuesday, 16th July until Sunday 21st July. We will have 14 ales and 4 different ciders to sample.
- We will be into the final knockout stages of UEFA Euro 2024. Let's hope our 'home' teams are still involved.

50/50 lottery renewals are due in July - look out for renewal form in the post.

Your club is open from Tuesday through to Sunday. Come and join us. We usually have 3 ales on tap from various 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. *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.

Saturday: Doors open 5:30pm; **Sunday:** Doors open 2pm.

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The Annual Parish Walks



The Annual Parish walks will take place in:

Blofield on Thursday, 4th July at 18:30, meeting at Blofield Courthouse
and

Blofield Heath on Thursday, 18th July at 18:30, meeting at Heathlands.

Please come and join the Village Footpath Wardens, Yvonne and Tricia, to walk the paths in the villages, strong shoes or boots are recommended.



Brundall Local History Group

The next talk is on **Saturday, 27th July 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Helen Murray and will be entitled 'Newhaven Court: Love, Tragedy, Heroism and Intrigue'. Newhaven Court was on the Norfolk coast overlooking Cromer and was home to the colourful Locker-Lampson family who hosted the likes of Alfred Tennyson, Ernest Shackleton, Oscar Wilde, Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein.

The meeting is preceded by a short AGM and is **FREE** to both members and visitors.

For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk



CONCERT IN UPTON

St Margaret's Church
Friday, 19th July at 7.30pm

An Organ recital with various organists to mark 121 years since the famous Holdich Organ was installed.

Tickets for the concert: £10 (with a complimentary glass of wine) - available from the Upton Community shop or Email: rjinghamells@btinternet.com

GRAND FÊTE



1st July from 12noon to 4pm
at Upton Village Hall

Music – refreshments – games – big raffle – children's games and much more! - Arranged by the Friends of Upton Church.

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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SOLUTION TO JUNE SUDOKU

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

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04 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05 Friday	Concert - Gonville & Caius Choir	Blofield Church
05 Friday	Make & Mardle	Hemblington Church
05 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
06 Saturday	Heathlands Jumble Sale	Heathlands
06 Saturday	BADCOG	Blofield Church
08 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
09 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
09 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC Meeting	Lingwood Village Hall
10 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
13 Saturday	Blofield & District Gardening Club Annual Summer Show	Margaret Harker Hall
16 to 21	Beer festival	Heathlands
18 Thursday	Blofield Heath Annual Parish Walk	Heathlands
18 Thursday	Open Doors (60s theme)	Blofield Church
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19 Friday	Concert	St Margaret's Church, Upton
20 Saturday	BADCOG	Howes Meadow
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