

# BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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## **WELCOME**

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

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

## **MINISTRY TEAM**

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

Hand sanitiser is provided.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Weddings**

20<sup>th</sup> September, Chelsea Davies to James Starkings at Hemblington Church

### **Funerals**

20<sup>th</sup> September, Daniela Kelso aged 54, at Blofield Church

*'Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist'.*

1 Corinthians 8: 6 (NRSV)

## LETTER FROM OUR CHURCH WARDENS

As you know, Kevin, our Rector, retired at the end of September. Both he and Helene, were very appreciative of the cards, gifts and good wishes from everyone at his last Benefice Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. So, you may be thinking, “why isn’t there a replacement for Kevin here now?” That is because, in the Church of England, there is always a planned gap before a new appointment. The old fashioned term is ‘Interregnum’ – which is the time between the departure of the current rector and the arrival of a new incumbent.

There are good reasons for this. It provides a period for full and honest reflection and an opportunity to recognise where change may be necessary in order to grow as a Benefice. It also gives the Diocese of Norwich the chance to consider if changes to the way parishes are organised might be beneficial. It is already the intention to join together the churches in the Blofield and Broadside Benefices into a new Benefice.

During an Interregnum, Churchwardens will share the overall responsibility for their churches, ensuring that worship, pastoral care and mission continue in the parish, and that all in positions of responsibility are properly supported. The Churchwardens are supported by the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon, the Ministry team, the PCCs and volunteers. They will arrange for guest preachers to take the Sunday services, where gaps in the Ministry team rota exist (and any other events) and handle their expenses. The Churchwardens are usually responsible for announcing the final selection and arrival of a new incumbent to the parish, by reading aloud the Bishop’s official letter of appointment during the Sunday service.

The process for appointing a new vicar is set out under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986. As a first step, our PCCs are required to prepare a statement (or Benefice profile) describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parishes. The Bishop may also provide a statement, describing the needs of the diocese and the wider interests of the church.

Once the PCCs have completed the parish profile, a meeting is typically held between the Bishop, the Patrons and the PCCs to approve it, as well as to agree the arrangements for advertising the position and the process for interviewing shortlisted candidates. However, we have a ‘Suspension of Presentation’, which means the Patrons will not exercise their right of presentation. Therefore, the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the Deanery Synod Lay Chair, and the PCCs representatives (usually the Churchwardens) make up the group that is involved in the interview and selection process.

This process inevitably, takes a while to complete – an interregnum can often last up to nine months. We are, however, working hard to complete the process as quickly as we can, and the Churchwardens of all the PCCs in the proposed new Benefice have already completed a first draft of the Profile which is currently out for consultation with the Bishop, Archdeacon and Rural Dean. We will keep you posted on progress!

**Simon Mutten** - The Churchwardens

## Reflections for November 2024

### The season starts to change

#### Under the carpet

**Read:** *Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers over all offences. (Proverbs 10: 12)*

**Ask yourself:** Are you willing to forgive and forget, or do you brood over hurts inflicted on you, allowing them to fester deep inside? Is God calling you to put an end to some long running grievance or dispute?

**Pray:** Lord Jesus Christ, as you have forgiven me, teach me to forgive others, wholly and unreservedly, for your name's sake. Amen.

#### A point of reference

**Read:** *I, the Lord, do not change. (Malachi 3: 6)*

**Ask yourself:** Do you feel overwhelmed by changes taking place in your life, or depressed by the rapid pace of change around you? Have you lost sight of God, the same yesterday today and tomorrow?

**Pray:** Living God keep my eyes fixed on you, no matter what happens, assured that although all else may fade away, your love will remain the same, unchanged and unchangeable. In Christ's name, I ask it. Amen.

#### An unwitting mistake

**Read:** *You know my folly, O God; there can be no hiding my wrongs from you. (Psalm 69: 5)*

**Ask yourself:** What inadvertent mistakes have you made recently? What caused them? What might have avoided them? Have you put them behind you?

**Pray:** Living God, flawed and fallible though I am, work within me by your grace to do your will and fulfil your purpose, through Christ my saviour. Amen.

#### Inner Peace

**Read:** *Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14: 27)*

**Ask yourself:** Do you feel at peace with yourself? Is your life based on the things that really matter?

**Pray:** Loving God, wherever I am, wherever I go, whatever I do, however I feel, I know that you will be with me, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. So, I will go in peace, assured of your unfailing love. Amen.

#### The everlasting arms

**Read:** *The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33: 27)*

**Ask yourself:** Do you feel vulnerable and alone? Are you scared of what the future might hold? Have you lost sight of the encircling arms of God?

**Pray:** Living God, embrace me in your arms, and circle me with your grace, and infold me in your love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Revd Sue

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Blofield 11.00am</b>	<b>Blofield 4.00pm</b>	<b>Hemblington 9.30am</b>	<b>North Burlingham</b>
3rd November	Holy Communion	Blofield Hemblington & Nth. Burlingham <b>Memorial Service to remember loved ones who have died</b>	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
10th November	<b>Remembrance Service (10.55am)</b>		<b>Remembrance Service with Holy Communion</b>	Joint at Hemblington
17th November	Morning Worship		Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
24th November	Holy Communion		Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

**Benefice Morning Prayers:**  
**Thursdays at 9.00am** at Hemblington Church.

**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:

<b>BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON</b>	<b>ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM (North Burlingham PCC)</b>
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



**6<sup>th</sup> November - Morning Worship**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November - Holy Communion**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November - Morning Worship**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November - Holy Communion**

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

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in NOVEMBER**

6th November: Holy Communion at Manor House  
7th November: Worship Service at Burlingham House  
13th November: Holy Communion at Brewster Court

**OPEN TO GOD**

**The "One to One" prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after the morning service on the 10th November & the 8th December.**

This time is principally for prayer, but sometimes a person's concerns may need longer than the time available. If this is the case, another extra time could be offered. We hope this may help.



*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 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.

**The Benefice Churches of Blofield,  
Hemblington and North Burlingham  
are holding a Memorial Service for those  
who wish to remember loved ones  
who have died**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4 pm**

**AT BLOFIELD CHURCH**

**You will be invited to come up to the altar and  
light a candle to commemorate a loved one  
during the service**



**If you wish a loved one to be remembered by name during  
the service please submit their name/s to**

**Avril Tyrer [avril.tyrer@hotmail.com](mailto:avril.tyrer@hotmail.com) or**

**Revd Sue Shillam [sue.shillam@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.shillam@btinternet.com)**

**and placing 'memorial service' in the subject line or adding  
their names to the lists that will be available in the three  
churches.**

**Ministers will be available after the service**

**You are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service**

**PLEASE DONATE EARLY TO THE FOODBANK AT  
BLOFIELD CHURCH SO THAT FAMILIES CAN  
BENEFIT FOR CHRISTMAS**



Your donations are sorted and packed by willing volunteers at the Foodbank but they do need your gifts of Christmas items by early December so that they can be included in the food boxes.

The collection basket is situated 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.

# REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 10.55am

## BLOFIELD CHURCH



The service begins outside the church, around the War Memorial to remember all those in the armed forces who have given their lives or been injured in the line of duty

After the 'Reveille' is played on the trumpet the service continues inside the church

All are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service



**WREATH  
making  
Workshop**

**12<sup>th</sup> December - 12noon - 2pm-ish**

At Blofield Church

£20.00 per person

includes all natural, recyclable materials

Homemade lunch

Contact Sarah 07584638854





# BLOFIELD 'PLAY CHURCH' BABY & TODDLER GROUP



**Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time**

**At Blofield Church, Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA  
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.**

**The session is offered free but a donation bowl is available if you  
wish to contribute.**

**Please Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or Barbara on  
714519 for further information or you can go to Blofield  
Church Website at [www.blofieldchurch.org.uk](http://www.blofieldchurch.org.uk)**

**AUTUMN TERM DATES - 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
The Christmas Nativity Play will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**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 November, we meet on Thursdays the 7th and 21st**

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968

**Blofield Church presents  
A Christmas Concert  
by Mundesley Community Choir  
on Sunday, 8th December at 3pm**



bringing a Christmas repertoire and some audience participation.  
Tickets, £10 at the door, include afternoon tea.  
(Payable by card or cash).

**Blofield Church's Christmas Craft Fair  
Saturday, 23rd November: 10.30am - 2pm**



Many exciting crafts stalls and gifts with ideas for Christmas presents.  
Games: fun and challenges with prizes for children of any age.  
Home baking, tea, coffee and lunches.

**A Quiz for Winter Evenings**

A light hearted quiz for you, your family & friends to enjoy.

Why not enclose one with a Christmas card?

Quiz £2 ~ prize £20. Proceeds to Blofield Church.

Available at Blofield Church and from the side porch  
at The White House, The Street, Blofield.

**The Children's Society.  
It's that time of year again!**

If you have one of my home collection boxes for the Children's Society, this is the time of year when I open the boxes. The contents are sent off to help the work of the society with many children who have problems and needs. Please bring me your box when it is convenient.

If other people would like to have a box at home to collect loose change, please speak to me.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

**Thank you!**

Thank you all at Blofield Church, for making my Birthday celebration very special. Also, thanks to Sarah for the delicious cake, and to Jenny for arranging it all. The flowers are beautiful, and I have some lovely photographs to keep.

*Doreen Graham*

# HEMBLINGTON CHURCH



## Harvest Thanksgiving and Generosity at Hemblington

Harvest was celebrated at All Saints Church Hemblington, on Sunday morning, 6<sup>th</sup> October, with a traditional service of hymns and thanksgiving for the plenty that we enjoy, reminding all of the pressing needs of so many people elsewhere. The prayers of the service reminded the congregation that all gifts ultimately came from God.

A request for donations of food, to be offered to the Great Yarmouth Food Bank, had been amply responded to, by the families and staff of Hemblington School, and members of the congregation.

The tiny medieval church had been decorated with symbols of the harvest and flower arrangements, for which the Revd Sue Shillam expressed her admiration and thanks to all who had worked so hard to show gratitude for all we have.



# SYNERGY

## ROCK & BLUES BAND

At Heathlands Community Centre  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm - 10pm.



Join us for a great night of rock & blues music with the popular local band, Synergy, at Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath on **Saturday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be all your favourite numbers, room to dance the night away, good bar at club prices, and you can bring your own snacks along too!

Website: <https://synergy-band.blogspot.com/>

Tickets £8 from Sue or Linda – tel: (01603) 715804 or 715933.

### Children's Books & Toys



*Are you having a pre-Christmas review of your children's or grandchildren's books & toys?*



If you have such items, and they have now grown out of them, Hemblington Church would like to offer them at the Heathlands Christmas Fair (Saturday, 16th November), so please get in touch:

Please telephone Jennifer on 01603 716970 or Pat on 07592 755 027

## Make & Mardle

The dates of the next few Make & Mardle sessions:

**Tuesday, 26th November** at 1 High House Lane, Blofield Heath

**Thursday, 23rd January 2025** at Gables Farmhouse,  
Hemblington Hall Road.

**From 10am to 12noon.**

Usual format - coffee, cake chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, please phone Catherine on 01603 270360

### Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October at Heathlands Community Centre



Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at this event on Saturday 5th October at Heathlands. I would like to say a huge thank you to my hard-working team. As usual, they were brilliant, always willing to give their time and energy to make it a successful event, as well as baking and also generously donating items for the raffle and tombola.

Also, my thanks and appreciation to Jill for making it much easier for me to set up for the event, and have the use of Heathlands for the venue. The total raised on the day was £1573 and, with ongoing fund raising since the last coffee morning, the total for 2024 is £3700 (this includes small donations in memory of Millie Mills).

*Jackie Kearns*

### Brundall Local History Group

**On Saturday, 2nd November at 2.30pm**  
**at Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall**

There is an illustrated talk by Dale Wiseman on:

**SISTER MONICA AND HER TIME AT COONOOR ON YARMOUTH ROAD,  
THORPE 1914-1918.**

This year will be the 110th since the outbreak of the Great War. Sister Monica (Emma Butterworth) was in Thorpe for four years as a matron at one of our four Auxiliary hospitals on Yarmouth Road. We have a box file of her movement and events which happened during this period including 80 postcards, and a wonderful autograph book that belonged to Sister Monica. I will tell her story and some of the other events that happened including a wedding between a nurse and soldier at Thorpe Church.

## 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](mailto:alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk)/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole ([mikecole@uwclub.net](mailto:mikecole@uwclub.net)/Tel. 01603 713839).

### **Blofield Court House Village Screen**

Matinee 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice creams); Evening 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-creams). Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. Enquiries to 01603 712306.

### **Blofield and District Gardening Club**

Meetings will resume after this month's meeting for a winter break and resume on the 12th March 2025. Local contact for information: 01603 715804; Club website:[www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](http://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 **11th November**. 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](http://www.blofield-pc.gov.uk) or email: [clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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 November take place on:

**Monday, 4th November**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

**Monday, 11th November**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

The evenings are now drawing in. However, there is always litter that needs collecting! The informal collecting by residents, when out walking or dog-walking, is much appreciated.

### **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](mailto:Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk) or 'phone 01603 537029.

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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. The next working parties will be:

**2nd November - Jary's Meadow; 9th November - Snowdrop Acre; 23rd November – Howe's Meadow.**

Our evening meeting, on **Friday, 8th November** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw, will be a presentation by Simon Fowler about "Pathmakers" who work to improve countryside access in Norfolk. Visitors are welcome.

*Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website [www.badcog.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

Email: [blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com](mailto:blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com).

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

## NOTICE BOARD

### **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.** We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm

### **Heathlands**

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £10.00 for a family including children under 17; Single membership £5.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up to date news at [www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/](http://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.

### **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](http://www.hemblingtonpreschool.com).



## NOTICE BOARD

### Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. The next meeting is on the **25th November**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

**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. For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://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](mailto:petac@btinternet.com).

### 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 **4th November**. 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.

## Blofield Court House Village Screen

Friday, 8th November

**WILDING (2023, 1h 15m, Documentary)**

Isabella Tree and her husband, Charlie Burrell, strive to breathe new life into the ailing Knepp estate. They reintroduce native ponies, deer, pigs and other wildlife, allowing nature to thrive.

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.



## HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on **5th November at 7.30pm.**

**Please, please** can we ask for the vandalism to stop at Heathlands? We have had reports of two cars which have been damaged on our property. We have witnessed lots of people riding their bikes in and out of cars on the Car Park. Please have respect for owners of their cars and for little children that could be near their cars. Please, parents speak with your children.

Also, the Bowls Club are reporting damage, again, to their greens. The Bowls Club has been going for 96 years. Please do not climb on the shed and over into the grounds, this is private property. The Bowls Club work hard to keep their grounds in top order, please do not spoil them.

### **FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS:**

**TEA and CHAT: 19th November and 10th December.**

2.00pm - 4.00pm. - With lovely cakes, sausage rolls, scones to buy and enjoy, with a cuppa. There is a raffle also.

A lovely afternoon with plenty of tea and chat. Men are so welcome.

### **HEATHLANDS BEER FESTIVAL:**

**From Thursday, 14th November until Sunday, 17th November** - 12 Ales for you all to try. Cider, and our range of lagers and spirits at the bar.

Opening times: Thursday - 7.30pm; Friday - 4.30pm with Nippy Chippy also on site; Saturday - 1.00pm for Beer Festival, and Christmas Fayre starts at 2.00pm in the hall; Sunday 12.30-6.00pm

### **HEATHLANDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 16th November.**

Doors open at 2.00pm

Start your Christmas shopping with us, lovely Gift Stall, Large Raffle, Cakes for sale, Tombola, Children's Games and more stalls from outside people. Free Admission

**BINGO DATES: 8th and 22nd November** - eyes down at 7.30pm.

Cash prizes and also great raffle.

**60's NIGHT - 14th December** - Always a sell out. More information and tickets will be available next month from the Social Club or ring 714164.

*Do not forget to recycle your glass bottles at Heathlands, as we get money from this.*

## HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

### **Opening hours:**

**Tuesday - Thursday:** Doors open 7:30pm.

**Friday:** Doors open 4:30pm.

**Saturday:** Doors open 5:30pm.

**Sunday:** Doors open 2pm.

# MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

## Norwich Castle Green and Norwich Cathedral Upper Green



Norwich Castle and Norwich Cathedral have teamed up to host a spectacular free **Medieval Festival** during the autumn half-term holiday. Norwich Castle has organised this exciting festival in partnership with Norwich Cathedral as part of the Royal Palace Reborn Activity Plan, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, made possible by players of the National Lottery.

Join in the fun - get a taste of medieval life in village camps at Norwich Castle Green and Norwich Cathedral Upper Green.

Norfolk-based Viking, Saxon and Norman re-enactment group, Ordgar, will recreate their award-winning 10-11th Century Saxon and Norman camp at Norwich Cathedral Upper Green.

Norwich and Norfolk Medieval Association (NANMA) will offer visitors an exciting and immersive experience at Norwich Castle Green.

Plenty to see and do for all ages.

See more details on the Norwich Cathedral website at:  
<https://cathedral.org.uk/events/medieval-festival/>

## The Blofield & District Gardening Club

All are very welcome to attend our meeting on **Wednesday evening, 13th November (7:30pm)** at The Margaret Harker Hall in Blofield. Andrew Sankey, a well known garden designer, grower and author of "The English Cottage Garden", will be presenting "**Colour in the Garden**". The members' competition will be "a table decoration to include a candle".

Guests are very welcome (£2.50 for the evening, including light refreshments). There will be a £1 bring and buy stall, raffle, and an extensive sale of succulents and gardening books. The Club runs a seed ordering scheme in conjunction with King's Seeds. Catalogues and ordering forms are available at the meeting, with a 50% discount on seeds already achieved this year.

The Club hibernates during the winter, reappearing refreshed and ready for a new season on 12th March 2025. All details will be on our website: [www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk)

### FATHER IGNATIUS

Joseph Leycester Lyne, born on the 23rd November 1837, became Father Ignatius later. He was considered to be rather eccentric and overly pious. He pushed for the introduction of monasticism in the Church of England. Despite being an Anglican, his preference for high church tradition saw him favour many Catholic practices and attempt to reintroduce them. He was fascinated with religious orders and founded the Society of the Love of Jesus.

While in Belgium, he took the opportunity to visit monasteries and convents, studying their rules and adopting a monastic habit. Upon his return to England, he refused to stop wearing his habit, which saw him resign. Now calling himself Father Ignatius, he attempted to establish a monastic community in Ipswich, but was forced to move and set up his monastery in Elm Hill, Norwich. He even tried to build an abbey in the city. He faced growing resistance and Elm Hill was dispersed due to a mistake in the title deeds.

He spent some time wandering the country before purchasing land, in 1868, near Capel-y-ffin in the Black Mountains, Wales, and built Llanthony Abbey, four miles further up the valley from Llanthony Priory. Being an unconventional and charismatic preacher, there were even stories of miracles and visions.

He died in 1908 and was buried in Llanthony Abbey. The abbey was left to the few remaining monks, subject to the right of an adopted son, William Leycester Lyne. In 1911, it passed into the hands of the Anglican Benedictine community of Caldey Island.

After his death, it is said that his ghost can be seen wandering through Elm Hill, Norwich, cursing those unfortunate enough to meet him!

## SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

Congratulations to those who solved the October SUDOKU as 2 numbers were accidentally left out, which made it more difficult! I do apologise.

Gill

## SOLUTION TO OCTOBER SUDOKU

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# NOVEMBER Diary

02 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
02 Saturday	Brundall Local History Club	Brundall Memorial Hall
02 Saturday	Medieval Festival	Norwich Castle and Norwich Cathedral
04 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
04 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
05 Tuesday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
07 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
08 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
08 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
08 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
09 Saturday	BADCOG	Snowdrop Acre
11 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
11 Monday	Blofield PC	Blofield Court House
12 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
13 Wednesday	District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Thursday to 17 Sunday	Heathlands Beer Festival	Heathlands
16 Saturday	Heathlands Christmas Fayre	Heathlands
19 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
21 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
22 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
23 Saturday	Blofield Christmas Craft Fair	Blofield Church
23 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
25 Monday	Hemblington PC	Heathlands
26 Tuesday	Make & Mardle	1 High House Lane Blofield Heath

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