

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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Christmas Greetings

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

16th October, Roger Marshal aged 76 at St Faith's Crematorium.

10th November, Janet Basey-Fisher aged 90. Funeral at Blofield Church followed by burial in Hemblington Church Yard.

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.

Contact details are above.

LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

As the month of December begins, there is an inevitable Christmas count down. Shops will be stocked up with countless suggestions for Christmas gifts. Decorations and lights will be appearing in high streets, as well as many homes. Christmas parties and celebrations will be getting underway, and children will be expecting to meet Santa Claus.

Such is the association of the whole month of December with revving up for Christmas, that Advent and the themes of waiting and preparing our hearts for its message so easily become sidelined. The season of Advent does not begin until Sunday December 3rd, two days after the first couple of windows on chocolate Advent Calendars have been opened. Have you thought about how you might prepare your heart in Advent – perhaps with a themed booklet or guide?

The Santa Claus of red outfit and reindeer is an enduring fictional character, but the one born in the manger of Bethlehem is not fiction. The Christmas message is the promise that we can find and meet Jesus for ourselves. However, C. S. Lewis points out in an essay, entitled 'The Seeing Eye', how difficult it is for any human being to meet God his creator. Using the illustration of William Shakespeare and his play 'Hamlet', he wrote of how impossible it would be for Hamlet to meet the playwright. No matter where Hamlet would search for him, Shakespeare would be outside of his comprehension. The only way for Hamlet to meet Shakespeare, suggests Lewis, would be if the playwright wrote himself into his own play.

The point Lewis makes by this illustration is that through the incarnation, in the birth of Jesus, God our creator wrote himself into this created world and into our story. The one through whom everything was made, became part of the creation and began a human life, living, dying, and rising again so that we might be able to find him and know him personally. Jesus, the Son of God, has never abandoned his human nature taken when he was conceived in Mary's womb. He is forever one of us and if we call to him, we will surely find him.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON



DECEMBER

Prayers and reflections for each week

In December, we celebrate the feast of the Incarnation, when God came into our world as a human being – Jesus – to make visible the invisible God.

Week 1: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1: 14.

Ponder: Christmas is a time when we give presents to one another with love and in celebration; in this verse, we think of how God gave us his present of Jesus with love and in celebration – the greatest present of all.

Pray: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus our Saviour, who lived as one of us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Week 2: “Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”

John 1:3.

Ponder: In his coming to earth, Jesus was a symbol of light and life in all its fulness. Today, he still brings light and life in all its fulness to us as we seek to find our way in this troubled world.

Pray: Loving God, as Jesus came to bring light and life to all, help us to open our hearts to him this Christmas and shine your light through us to the world around us. Amen.

Week 3: “For to us a child is born, to us a child is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.” Isaiah 9: 6.

Ponder: In the Incarnation, God gives himself to us as a child, but a child who will change the world and who will bring goodness justice and peace to all.

Pray: Loving God, You give yourself to us with generosity; thank you that we do not need to earn or deserve your love, but just to receive it and in that, to receive your son, Jesus – child grown to man – who died and rose again. Amen.

Week 4: “The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it”...”The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.” John 1: 5 & 9.

Ponder: There is much darkness in our world today; what comfort that God’s light still shines in the darkest places in the world and in our lives and is available for everyone.

Pray: Loving God, bring your light to darkness wherever it reigns. Bring your light and peace to the world; bring your light and peace to our lives and our hearts, through Jesus our Lord. Amen

**THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER
BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM
SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2023**

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
3 rd December	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
10 th December	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
17 th December	Carol Service	Carol Service: 4.00pm	Joint at Hemblington
24 th December	Christingle: 4.00pm Christmas Midnight Holy Communion: 11.30pm	Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion 10.00pm	Joint at Hemblington
Christmas Day	Christmas Day Worship: 10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
31 st December	Morning Worship	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, **but will be discontinued during January and February 2024.**

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND TO GIVE THANKS MONDAY MORNING 9.00AM – 9.45AM

Blofield church is open every day for people to visit or to be still and pray for the work of the church, our families, our own community and the wider world. On Monday mornings, we come together, to help carry the burden through prayer and faith, for those in need of healing in our church family and known to us as individuals. All are welcome to join for this quiet time of prayer.

FOODBANK AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Thank you so much to everyone who supports the Foodbank at Blofield Church. It is wonderful to see the generosity of those from church, but also the kind donations of food and toiletries from folk in the villages. The basket is in the porch at Blofield Church and delivered to the Ivy Road warehouse in Norwich weekly, where it is distributed to families and Foodbank Centres.

Please note that your donations need to be at Blofield Church **before the 24th November if they are to be included in the Christmas food boxes for families. The warehouse will not be open after mid-December for donations!**

The Foodbank is experiencing unprecedented requests for food items and is finding it difficult to meet demand, so anything you donate is gratefully received. Tinned meat, fish, stews, chocolate biscuits, Christmas treats and long-life juice are most welcome.

Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.

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:



6th December - Morning Worship
13th December - Holy Communion
20th December - Morning Worship
27th December - NO SERVICE
3rd January 2024 - Holy Communion

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

OPEN TO GOD

Here are the dates for the "One-to-One" Prayer Ministry
It will take place by the high altar after the 11.00am service in Blofield Church, every 2nd Sunday in the month.

Sunday, 10th December (after Revd.Canon Pat's Service of Thanksgiving).
Sunday, 14th January 2024

.....a welcoming space to ask for our Lord's blessing and strengthening in times of uncertainty or worry, fear or weakness – for us personally, and for our friends and family. Music will be playing to maintain privacy. Everyone welcome to...." rest in the shadow of the Almighty"



Liz & Maureen



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 after the Nativity Play.

AUTUMN TERM

Ends on 13th December with everyone joining in the NATIVITY PLAY at 2pm (the group begins at 1pm as usual)

SPRING TERM

Begins on the 10th January 2024

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

BLOFIELD CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

24TH DECEMBER 4 PM

This service is particularly suitable for families



**We will be making
Christingles on
Friday, 22nd
December at 2pm**

Come and join us for a festive afternoon with refreshments

BLOFIELD CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS



**SUNDAY 17th
DECEMBER 11AM**

**Refreshments
served afterwards**



**Blofield Church presents
A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH MUNDESLEY COMMUNITY
CHOIR**



Sunday, 3rd December at 3 pm
bringing a Christmas repertoire and some audience participation
Tickets, £8 at the door, include tea.

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Making Christingles

We need your help transforming oranges into Christingles.
Do come along to Blofield Church on **Friday, December 22nd at 2pm.**
There will be oranges, sweets and fruits, ribbon and candles to assemble,
and many hands will make light and sociable work of it.
All ages are very welcome.

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Small stones

In recent years, as we approach Christmas, a variety of pebbles painted
with a swaddled baby appear around the streets and lanes of Blofield.
These are *Jesus stones*.
Look out for them, suggest your children try to spot them. Keep one for
yourself, or give it to someone who might be feeling alone, ill or sad. Or
maybe, replace it to be discovered by someone else near their home.
We enjoy creating them and we send them out in love.

Blofield Church

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A QUIZ FOR WINTER EVENINGS

A lighthearted 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.



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**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.

BLOFIELD CHURCH
Traditional
Christmas Wreath making
Workshop



Thursday 14th December - 12 - 2pm

“West End” at Blofield Church

£15.00 per person

includes all natural, recyclable materials
and refreshments.

Contact

Sarah on 07584638854

The Healing Garden at Blofield Church

The green area against Blofield church's south wall was created by Christine Pritchard as a peaceful place with a seat and plantings reflective of the range of medicinal plants of the Middle Ages.

Healing garden plants range from Agrimony to Yarrow with Chamomile, Feverfew, Lovage, Pennyroyal, Soapwort, Tansy, and others besides. On several occasions, Christine has described to visitors, the healing garden's herbs, their relevance and historic uses and some remedies, lotions and potions.

The garden is part of the Paston trail around the village, established by Paston Footprints to encourage all ages to become more connected with nature with benefits for physical and mental well being. With help from the award, children will be enabled to learn about medieval herb practices in the healing garden.

Bishop Graham of Norwich's First Nature Campaign

Bishop Graham has awarded first prize to Paston Footprints for its work "to encourage children and families to experience nature and connections in Norfolk". There is a growing movement to use rural walks for health, and Paston Footprints goes further by adding the exploration of heritage to the walkers' experience.

Blofield heritage walk

With a free audio guide you can hear Edward Paston guide you around a peaceful 1.5 mile (2.4km) walk beginning at the gates of Blofield Church with back ground music of William Byrd and Thomas Tallis.

“THE BRAINS OF BLOFIELD”

BLOFIELD CHURCH

presents

a 'Quiz and Chilli Night'



at the Margaret Harker Hall - start at 6.30pm
on **Saturday, 27th January 2024**

To register your team, call 01603 211931
Tickets £10 per person to include food
Teams of up to 6

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS

Everyone is welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and crafting. **For further information contact Jenny 01603 712968**

Thursday 7th December – midday to 2 pm with **Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 21st December – midday to 2 pm with light lunch



Blofield & District Gardening Club

The committee is pleased to report that the Club had a very successful 2023, with lively and interesting speakers, a well-attended Summer Show, and several new members to help spread the word about how good gardening - and generally being outdoors - is for the soul as well as keeping the body fit! We hope many more of you will join us in 2024.

The first meeting of 2024 will be on **Wednesday evening, 13th March at 7:30pm** at The Margaret Harker Hall. This is our AGM, reviewing what happened in 2023, and looking ahead to the speakers booked for 2024, as well as any changes to the Summer Show schedule. This is followed by a free open buffet and usually a quiz! All welcome.

If you have any queries about the club, do please contact the Secretary on: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, or telephone (01603) 715804 or see the Club's website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.



Hemblington Church

Join us for an informal Family Friendly

Carol service

Sunday 17th December at 4pm

Followed by refreshments.



MIDNIGHT in BETHLEHEM

Join us for a service of readings and
carols with communion

On Sunday 24th December
at 10pm.



You are invited to join us to celebrate

the Arrival of Christmas

Monday 25th December at 9.30am.



The Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Many thanks to David Bryant and band “Synergy”, for a great night of rock and blues music at Heathlands on 28th October. Over £440 was made from ticket sales, raffle and donations, all of which go into the Friends Fund. This offers support towards the costs of any necessary repairs to the church and keeping the churchyard in good order.

Further social events are being planned for the spring, including “**The Big Churchyard Birdwatch**” on **Sunday, 28th January (11am – 1pm)** with warming refreshments available, a talk in church before our AGM on **Saturday afternoon, 27th April**, and an Art Exhibition during a weekend in June. All our events will be publicised in local newsletters and parish council websites – or better still you can receive information directly to your inbox by becoming a Friend!

For just £10 per year, or £100 for lifetime membership, you can help support this lovely little church and its beautiful, peaceful churchyard. Perhaps, give the gift of membership to someone as a Christmas gift. Information is available from the secretary: hemblington@gmail.com / 'phone (01603) 715804 or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk



The Free Big Churchyard Bird Watch



in association with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
CHURCH LANE, HEMBLINGTON, NR13 4EF
off Hemblington Hall Road, between Blofield Heath and N. Burlingham

**Come along and see how many birds
visit the churchyard**

Saturday, 28th January, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Warming refreshments will be available

Further details on our website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk



NOTICE BOARD

Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at THE 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 is no film over the Festive season. The next film will be in February - details of which will be given at a later date.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 11)

The next meeting will be Wednesday evening, **13th March at 7:30pm** at **Margaret Harker Hall**. If you would like to know more about the Club, do please contact the secretary: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com or phone (01603) 715804. Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Parish Council

Meetings take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. This month's meeting is on **4th December**. 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 by Blofield Village Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. Website: <https://www.blofieldpc.info>.

Keep Blofield Special

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

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

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

At the close of the year, we sincerely thank the many residents, walkers, and dog-walkers who pick up litter when out and about - it is much appreciated and really helps to Keep Blofield Special! We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

Blofield Parish Council is working in partnership with the Brundall and Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme to support the community. If you need assistance or would just like more information then call free on **0800 688 9677** and we can make sure that someone can help you.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group 1983 - 2023.

BADCOG is an active group which undertakes site management of wildlife habitats, BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties. We meet for work parties on alternate 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: **9th December: Jary's Meadow; 23rd December: Railway Wood; 6th January 2024: Lingwood Pond.**

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

Our January evening meeting will be one when we entertain ourselves with slideshows, presentations and informal talks on items of interest to members. This will be on **Friday 12th January** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Do join us. Visitors are welcome and refreshments are served.

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

Following completion of our second hard court, we are inviting new members to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. It is a great time to start, or get back into tennis at this friendly club, welcoming players of all standards. 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.
- Fun tournaments for mix of ability.
- League team play.
- Family, adult and junior membership packages.

Call Diana Gilder 07799 506809 to discuss membership 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

The next talk is on Saturday, **6th January 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Steve Cash and will be about 'The Origin of the Sugar Industry in Norfolk'. Steve is the archivist for the Cantley Sugar Factory and will illustrate how a combination of the events of warfare and commercial enterprise gave rise to the development of the beet sugar industry in Norfolk, and to the building of the first successful UK sugar factory at Cantley.

Admission is free to members and £3 to visitors who are very welcome.

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 also have a Heathlands Facebook Page which updates each week: www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre)

Our club, which is now open on the second and fourth Monday of the month, and is extending its catchment area to include Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND BRUNDALL. The club is run by volunteers to 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.

Blofield Heath W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 9th January 2024**. New members are welcome.

WEA Blofield Branch (see page 19)

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.

Aid for Animals

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

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Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. There is no meeting in December. 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's meeting is on **5th December**. 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>.

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

MONDAYS: registration at 13.45, so that we start at 14.00 and finish at 15.00. Class is held weekly barring Bank Holidays. Cost: £4.00 per class. For more information please contact Jenny Hall on 01508 494443 or xxfap57@qfqq.plus.com. (Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall).

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! (apart from January and May). The next meeting is on the **4th December**. 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

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and thank you for all your support over the year.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, 2nd December: YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
3-5pm.

Freddie will come and entertain again. There will be a light snack tea, and then we are hopeful of a visit from Father Christmas. Tickets from the Social Club or Preschool.

16th December sees the return of the 60's night with The Ofenders. Only very few tickets are left. Ask in the Social Club or ring Jill on 714164

TEA and CHAT - 19th December. Open from 2pm-4pm. Lots of lovely food, tea and coffee, raffle and lots of good company. Come and join us and bring a friend.

BINGO DATES for December are - **8th December, 22nd December.**
Then back after Christmas on **5th January.** Eyes down at 7.30pm.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

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, Magners, Camden Hells Lager, and Camden Pale Ale. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks.

We have Thai street food fortnightly on a Tuesday (next session 12th December), serving between 5-8pm. Order online at woktruck.co.uk.
Nippy Chippy Van is onsite every Friday.

Christmas Opening:

Last opening Christmas Eve: 12noon - 4pm.

Closed over Christmas and Re-Opening Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Opening hours:

Tuesday (Friendly Crib night) - Doors open at 7:30pm, closed at 11pm

Wednesday (Short Mat Bowls) - Doors open at 7:30pm, closed at 11pm

Thursday (Pool Team night) - Doors open at 7:30pm, closed at 11pm.

Friday (Bingo: Eyes down 7.30pm) - Doors open at 4:30pm, closed at 11pm.

Saturday - Doors open at 5:30pm, closed at 11pm.

Sunday - Doors open at 2:00pm, closed at 6pm.

Make & Mardle

We meet next on Tuesday, 23rd January 2024, at 1 High House Lane, Blofield Heath at 10am to 12noon.

All are welcome.

For further information, please contact Catherine on 01603 270 360

WEA Blofield Branch

We are very pleased that courses continued at Blofield Court House this year and are planned for early next year too. In November Charles Lewis presented "The Earth on Fire", a detailed explanation of the earth's crust and what can happen during volcanic eruptions.

From **23rd January 2024** we are glad to welcome back Stephen Poulter, who will discuss "**Highwaymen vs. the Georgian Judicial System**". This 3-week course will look at the careers of some notorious highway robbers and at the authorities who struggled to apprehend them.

Some of you may remember Nigel Herwin, who amused us no end with comedic extracts from film and TV some time ago. From **27th February**, Nigel will present "**Alfred Hitchcock - The British Movies**" – a 4-week course which promises to explore how he became "the master of suspense" through a series of classic movies during the 1920s and '30s.

These courses will be held at The Blofield Court House on Tuesday mornings, starting at 10am and finishing at 12noon. Light refreshments are offered during a brief interval. Enrolment with the WEA is either online at: www.wea.org.uk or by 'phone: 0300 303 3464.



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DECEMBER Diary



02 Saturday	Children's Party	Heathlands
03 Sunday	Mundesley Community Choir	Blofield Church
03 Sunday	Christmas Tree Festival	South Walsham Church
04 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
04 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
04 Monday	Monday Munch Club	St Lawrence's Church
05 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC Meeting	Lingwood Village Hall
07 Thursday	Open Doors (Christmas Lunch)	Blofield Church
08 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
09 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
11 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
11 Monday	Monday Club	Heathlands
13 Wednesday	Play Church Nativity	Blofield Church
14 Thursday	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	Blofield Church
16 Saturday	60's Night with Ofenders	Heathlands
19 Tuesday	Tea & Chat	Heathlands
21 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
22 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
23 Saturday	BADCOG	Railway Wood



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