

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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WELCOME

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

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

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

21st February, David Morton aged 93 at St Andrews, North Burlingham.

Interment of ashes

4th March, Roger Marshall Blofield Churchyard

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

Travelling from one destination to another, or from A to B as we sometimes say, is made easier these days with the advent of the smart phone and interactive maps. Type in point A and then your destination - point B, and the digital technology behind the map will speedily work out the most efficient route to take you there.

However, I'm sure most of us can remember the days before Google Maps, when we had to use printed maps which needed a little more effort but which, in some ways, were more rewarding to use, once you were able to read them accurately. Indeed, I remember the joy I had as a young teenager, learning how to read an OS map in geography lessons, learning not just the route but all the (literal) ups and downs too, as one noted the contours along the route. Map reading is still a worthwhile skill to learn. However, for a map to be useful, it has to be accurate if it is to guide us to our destination.

The story is told of the tourist who visited St Petersburg (or Leningrad, as it was then) during the days when Russia was part of the Communist USSR with its staunch anti-God philosophy. The tourist used a map to navigate his sightseeing tour. However, what he saw on the map didn't fit with what he saw in front of his own eyes – several huge Russian Orthodox churches. They weren't on the map and yet, he was certain he knew which street he was on. 'Ah', said the soviet tourist guide accompanying him, 'we don't show churches on our maps!' Of course, the reason for this was purely ideological and somewhat confusing.

As we journey through our lives, we need a map to guide us, and we need a map that will give us an accurate route for the journey we need to take, or better, we need wisdom for our lives which will help us to see things as they really are, and not misdirect us by false and misleading ideologies.

The Christian conviction is that the Bible as the Word of God, is the trusted and tested map we need as a guide on our journey through life. A guide that gives us a true assessment of our journey and does not mislead us. The Christian's conviction is that we also have Jesus as our guide, who has travelled this route before us and knows the way. He is the one who has come into the world as a light and who will guide us along the route to God's eternal city.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON



April – Spring into new life

Prayers and reflections for each week

In the weeks after Easter, we celebrate new life and hope with the resurrection of Jesus. Spring is a time for new growth and new beginnings, so let us look ahead and celebrate the gift of life.

Week 1

“Forget the former things; do not dwell in the past. See, I am doing a new thing!” Isaiah 43:18-19.

Ponder: Letting go of the past is easier said than done, but only as we let go of the old, can we see new blessings and challenges emerging.

Pray: Father, help me to let go of the things that I cling to unnecessarily, and help me to move on into the new good things that you have prepared for me. Amen.

Week 2

“Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, ‘Be strong, do not fear;...’” Isaiah 35: 3-4.

Ponder: There come times when all of us feel that we have had enough and that our strength is gone. It is then we can turn to the God who loves us, to lift us up and bring us his peace.

Pray: Father, when I am tired and anxious, at the end of my resources, help me to call on you and know your strength, give me courage to face whatever comes, knowing that you love me and care for me. Amen.

Week 3

“The poor and needy search for water,...I the Lord will answer them;...I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water,...” Isaiah 41:17-18.

Ponder: Just as we need fresh water to sustain life, so we need the water of God’s Spirit to sustain us and lead us deeper into more abundant life.

Pray: Father, pour out your Spirit on my heart and mind. May I know your love and grace and peace surrounding me wherever I am. Amen.

Week 4

“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die’.” John 11: 25-26.

Ponder: In Jesus’ promise, we have life not just here and now, but in eternity.

Pray: Father, thank you for your promise of eternal life in Jesus. Deepen my faith and give me hope so that I may trust you for my present and for my eternity. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
7 th April	Benefice Service of Holy Communion 11.00am at South Walsham		
14 th April	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
21 st April	Holy Communion	Morning Worship (World Earth Day)	Joint at Hemblington
28 th April	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington

Benefice Morning Prayers:

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

Because of the building works, we plan to return to Hemblington Church for morning prayers on **Thursdays at 9.00am straight after Easter**.

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 April - Morning Worship
10th April - Holy Communion
17th April - Morning Worship
24th April - Holy Communion

The service is followed by coffee and chat

OPEN TO GOD

The “One to One” prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after the 11am service on Sunday, 14th April.

A clarification to convey what really happens in the sanctuary:

You do not have to pray out loud. It is an opportunity for you to receive the focus of God’s love and blessing for you, while the leaders are praying for you out loud.

We believe that this can be a healing experience of strengthening our trust in God.



Liz and Maureen

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

Blofield church is open every day for people to visit or to be still and pray for the work of the church, our families, our own community and the wider world.

On Monday mornings, we come together, to help carry the burden through prayer and faith, for those in need of healing in our church family and known to us as individuals. All are welcome to join for this quiet time of prayer.

Blofield Church **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The **APCM** for **Blofield Church** will be held on
Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.00 pm in Blofield Church
All those whose names appear on the Church Electoral Roll
are eligible to attend this meeting.



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

17th April - 22nd May

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

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

BLOFIELD CHURCH ARE COLLECTING FOR

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.

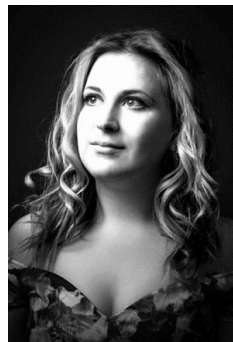
Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.



Blofield Church
presents an
afternoon tea concert
on Sunday
April 21st at 3pm



with John Farmer, organist
and Emma Nuule, soprano



Tickets, £10 at the door, include
afternoon tea

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

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 April we meet on Thursdays the 4th and 18th

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968



SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE FOR SALE

New season Seville Orange Marmalade made in church by a group of hard working people.

Now available in church or phone Sarah 07584638854 who will deliver.

Price from £2.

NOT OURS

Listen to the voice who, even before we could speak,
Spoke His word of love.
Sit at the feet of Him, who, before we could offer healing,
Embraced the sick.
Open your heart to the One who,
Even before we could offer love,
Loved us as brother, sister.
Be ready for the One, who, long before we could act justly,
Set free the imprisoned in guilt and hate.
You may speak words of healing to the other,
They are not your words, but Christ's in you-be humble.
Hold your heart in awe, the love we bring is one small part
of a greater Love.
We cannot create new life,
Only offer His gift of love, sacrificially won.
It is not our own or cling to or boast.
It is His gift placed in open hands.

Paul Oliver

Inspired by Henry Nouwen (Dutch Catholic priest)

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH



Churchwardens Accounts in the 16th Century

You are warmly invited to attend this free
illustrated talk by Adrian O'dell MA
of Past Scapes Landscape History Presentations

Saturday, 27th April 2024 at 2:30 pm



At All Saints Church,
Church Lane, Hemblington
Near Blofield
NR13 4EF

From the early Gothic period until the dawn of the Reformation, new styles of church architecture accompanied a building-boom. Churchwardens played a vital role administering and accounting for the ecclesiastical estate. This presentation brings to life a subject which is far from dry!

Light refreshments will be offered.

**The AGM of The Friends group will follow -
which you would be very welcome to stay on for, if you wish**

Any queries please to the Group's Secretary - (01603) 715804

Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Saturday afternoon, 27th April (2:30 pm) Do come along to hear Adrian O'Dell's illustrated presentation about **Churchwardens' Accounts in the 16th Century**. There were some very odd expenses in churches at that time – come and be surprised and amused. Free entry to the talk - and refreshments will be offered afterwards. The talk will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of The Friends group, but you don't have to stay on for that, though we'd love it if you did!

Diary dates:

The weekend of the 8th and 9th June: Art Exhibition in church all weekend. Work by Jan Lacey, Ian Walker, Vivienne Rainsbury and Jan Heath. Free entry and refreshments available.

8th – 16th June: Churches Count on Nature and Great Big Green Week – expect some interesting and relevant demonstrations/discussions in church. An opportunity to increase our knowledge about reducing waste, recycling, composting and sustainability generally.

Saturday evening, 7th December: Popular rock and blues band “**Synergy**” **back again at Heathlands** for another fundraising session of great music.

Information about the Friends group is available from the secretary:

hemblington@gmail.com / (01603) 715804.

Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

Make & Mardle

Make & Mardle will be held back at the church for the Summer months.

It will be held on **Tuesday 23rd April & Thursday 23rd May**
from 10am to 12noon at Hemblington Church.

Everyone is welcome for coffee, cake, chat & (optional) craft.

For further information, please contact Catherine on 01603 270 360

BLOFIELD HEATH WI

On 12th March 2024, the Blofield Heath WI held their monthly meeting. Phyllida Scrivens, author of the Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874, was the speaker who gave an engaging detailed talk about this railway disaster. The meeting was well attended, and everyone enjoyed Phyllida's talk. Afterwards, tea and cakes were served.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 9th April 2024.**



VILLAGE VOICES CONCERT

Village Voices, a well-known local singing group, have organized a themed concert connected to World Earth day on **Saturday, 20th April** at 2.30pm at Hemblington Church. Entrance will be free; refreshments will be served & donations will be very welcome.

All proceeds will be shared between:

BADCOG (a local conservation group <http://www.badcog.co.uk/>),

Village Voices (<https://villagevoices1.wixsite.com/choir/>)

& Hemblington Church (<https://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk/>)

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Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen (see page 17)

AND THEN COME THE NIGHTJARS (12) - Friday, 12th April

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

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 17)

The next meeting will be Wednesday evening, **10th April 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

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 meeting is on the **22nd April**. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the Agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

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

Monday, 8th April, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 15th April, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately!

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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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG is an active group aiming to promote interest in Norfolk's natural history and to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation. Undertaking site management of wildlife habitats, we hold 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:

6th April – Walsham Fen Cut and clear boardwalks;

20th April – Jary's Meadow Cut and clear path network and others areas;

11th May – Buckenham Woods General maintenance.

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

A fascinating illustrated talk about the life and habits of 'Slugs and Snails' will be given by Garth Coupland on **Friday, 12th April** 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

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons. The next talk is on Saturday, **6th April 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It is entitled 'The History of the Norfolk Wherry' by Mike Sparkes, the archivist for the Norfolk Wherry Trust. 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.

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, 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 p.11)

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

WEA Blofield Branch

The Blofield branch offers interesting short courses to local people. The Court House is comfortable and well-ventilated, and all will be offered a warm welcome as well as an interesting excursion into a fascinating culture. If you would like to know more about the WEA locally, please contact the local branch: Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or 'phone 01603 537029.

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

MONDAYS: Class is held weekly barring Bank Holidays. Registration at 1.45pm Cost: Class starts at 2.00 pm for 1 hour - £5.00 per person at Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall. Gentlemen and ladies are welcome. A range of apparatus is used as we exercise in both standing and seated mode, accompanied by music.

For more information please contact Jenny Hall on 01508 494443 or xxfap57@qfqq.plus.com.

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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 this month. 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 Parish meeting and the Annual Parish meeting are on the **9th April**. 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>.

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.

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 **29th April** (date adjusted due to the holiday breaks). 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 & District Gardening Club



The first full meeting of the Club's year is on **Wednesday evening, 10th April** at the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to hear a talk about "**Henstead Exotic Garden**" by Andrew Brogan.

Membership subscriptions for the year can be paid at this meeting (£10 p.a.), or come along as a guest (£2.50) to see if you feel you might like to join. Members' competition - a cactus or succulent. The summer show schedule and plug plant will also be issued to members this evening, so a good time to start planning your show entries. We offer free refreshments after the talk plus there is a £1 bring and buy table and a raffle.

Future diary dates: Wednesday evening, 8th May: Martyn Davey will be talking about "Allotment and Vegetable Growing".

Saturday morning, 18th May: plant sale and coffee morning at Blofield Church. A sociable morning with some interesting plants available. Hope to see you there.

Information about the club is available from the secretary:

blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com / (01603) 715804.

Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Court House Village Screen

AND THEN COME THE NIGHTJARS (12) - Friday, 12th April

Adapted for the screen from Bea Roberts's multi-award-winning stage play. *And Then Come the Nightjars* is a story of friendship and survival set against the backdrop of the 2001 Foot and Mouth disease outbreak. An unlikely friendship develops between a Devon farmer and the vet who is assigned to cull his precious herd. It stars Nigel Hastings (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) and David Fielder (*Peterloo*).

Matinee: 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice-creams);
Evening: 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-cream).

Tickets £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents,
The Street, Blofield.

Enquiries to 01603 712306.



HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on 9th April 2024.

Our thanks to everybody that helped at our jumble, gave donations, helped behind tables, made tea, etc, etc, and to those who came and supported us.

We made a lovely profit of £460.25 - thank you.

There are lots of events coming up.

TEA and CHAT - 16th April from 2.00pm. Come and join us for cuppa, chat and cake. Raffle as well. Lovely to see more of you this time, bring a friend, see you there.

5th April - Simon Howard and his band are playing in the hall from 7.30pm. Come and have a listen and perhaps a dance. For more information ask in the Social Club.

GARAGE SALE - Sunday, 5th May. If you would like to open your garage at £5.00, please complete a form and return it with your £5.00 to: 58 Mill Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4QS. **OR** you could have a table at Heathlands Hall. Refreshments will be on sale from 9.00am until 1.00pm. MAPS of garages will be on sale from 8.45am.

Any questions, please ring 714164, thank you.

BINGO DATES - 12th April and 26th April. Fun evening, money prizes and great raffle. Drinks from the bar. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Event coming up:

CEILIDH EVENING - rearranged evening from last year - **11th May.** Willowspin will be playing for us. Get your tickets from £10.00 each from the Social Club and join in the fun.

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.

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, *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, closed at 11pm.

Friday: Doors open 4:30pm, closed at 11pm.

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

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

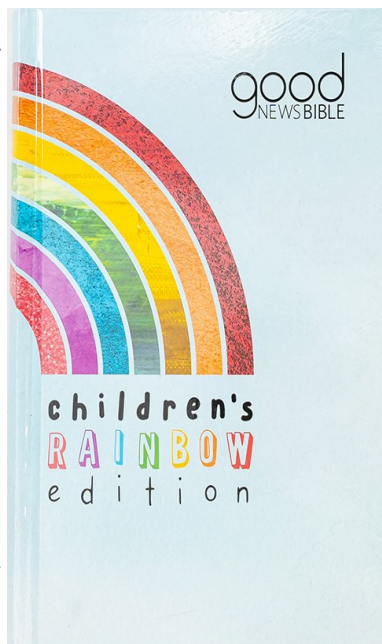
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Lisa Cherrett, Bible Society's Editorial Project Manager, has been a part of this three-year project since its beginning. A colourful, full-text Bible has been thoughtfully designed to excite children to look at. Many of the activities and illustrations, and even the cover design were chosen with the input of children. With captivating illustrations, a key words list, and a reading trail woven throughout the text that connects the epic narrative of the Bible, it presents God's word not just as a book full of information, but as a unified, living story.

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*Information taken from an article by Noel Amos
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*The solution will be in next month's
(May) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

SOLUTION TO MARCH SUDOKU

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05 Friday	Simon Howard and His Band	Heathlands
06 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
06 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
08 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
09 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC & APC Meetings	Lingwood Village Hall
09 Tuesday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
09 Tuesday	Blofield Heath W.I.	Heathlands
10 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
12 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
12 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
12 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
15 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
16 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
18 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
20 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
20 Saturday	Village Voices Concert	Hemblington Church
21 Sunday	Afternoon Tea Concert with John Farmer & Emma Nuule	Blofield Church
22 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
23 Tuesday	Make & Mardle	Hemblington Church
26 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
27 Saturday	Talk - 'Churchwardens' Accounts in the 16 th Century'	Hemblington Church
27 Saturday	The Baudino/Vannini Guitar Duo	St Lawrence's Centre. South Walsham
29 Monday	Monday Munch	South Walsham Church

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