

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

12th March, Joyce Edna Horne aged 89, Blofield Church

THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE

Caring for our church family

Looking after our church family and the wider community is very important to us. Our churches are open every day for you to visit.

If you or someone you know needs support, would like a phone call, or who has something special to celebrate please let Revd. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact. Contact for matters relating to pastoral support, contact Revd. Sue Shillam (details above).

APRIL RECTOR'S LETTER

As the natural world around us blooms with the sounds, sights and colours of spring, the church celebrates its great festival of new life, rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ. After the self-reflective season of Lent, Easter can feel akin to a 'New Year' in the church's calendar as we are invited afresh to journey with Christ toward a new creation.



At the celebration of New Year, the tradition is to make a resolution. While 2026 resolutions may still be going strong for some, there is a generally accepted understanding that for many, New Year's resolutions do not last as long as intended.

The new beginning we celebrate at Easter, goes beyond the 'new me' thinking that might result in a short-lived gym membership. It is not simply a time for us to strive to be better versions of ourselves, as though who we are already is not somehow good enough. Easter is a season in which we might resolve to explore greater things, deeper things, and ways of being that are life-giving for ourselves and others.

Jesus chose the way of the cross and endured difficulty and pain as a result. But ultimately, the life and love of God could not be overcome by any trial, not even by death itself. Likewise, Lent invited us on a difficult journey of honest self-reflection, to look at ourselves and our lives in a mirror and to respond to what we saw. The annual Lenten journey of 'self-spring-cleaning' is not a comfortable thing to do. However, the message of Easter is that, regardless of how we see ourselves, whether we believe that we are good enough or not, each of us is held in the same life and love of God that lay at the heart of the resurrection of Christ.

Out of any person and out of any situation, God resolves to bring life. It is up to us to make that same resolution for ourselves, bringing sparks of resurrection life into the world in any way we can, be it big or small. Easter is an excellent season for asking ourselves the questions 'what new creation is God bringing to birth in my life right now?' and 'in what ways am I able to live life to the full and give fullness of life to other people?' Perhaps you could take some time to ponder these questions for yourself as you tuck into an Easter egg!

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

April 2026 - 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 comes 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.

Revd. Canon Judith Wilson

**THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER
BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM
SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026**

Please note the different times of Services in Holy Week

Easter Week	Blofield Church	Hemblington Church	North Burlingham
1st April	Morning Worship in Holy week 9.30am		
2nd April MAUNDY THURSDAY	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday – 7pm followed by the Watch	Morning Prayer 9am	With Hemblington
3rd April GOOD FRIDAY	Good Friday Service 10am	Last Hour at the Cross 2pm	With Hemblington
4th April HOLY SATURDAY		A Service of watching and waiting 9am	
5th April EASTER DAY	Holy Communion 11am	Dawn Service 6am Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am
Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
12th April	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	With Hemblington
19th April	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	With Hemblington
26th April	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	With Hemblington

Morning Prayer is at Hemblington Church on Thursdays at 9.00am.

Home Communion

For the arrangement of home communion, in cases of illness or where a person is unable to leave their home, please contact a member of the ministry team (telephone numbers on page 2).

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in APRIL

Wednesday, 22nd April - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 23rd April - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 29th April - at Brewster Court at 11am

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



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

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

OPEN TO GOD

The 'one to one' prayer ministry will take place up **by the high altar after the 11.00am service on 12th April and 10th May** - a welcoming space to ask for our Lord's blessing and strengthening in times of uncertainty or worry, fear or sadness.

Everyone welcomed

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.

COLLECTIONS AND GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

We are grateful for all the offerings, gifts and donations that we receive each month. These can be given at each service (both Blofield and Hemblington Churches now have secure card readers) or online by using BACS or standing order. Bank details for each church are detailed below:

BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON	ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM
Sort Code: 09 01 55 Account No. 31794180	Sort Code: 30 96 17 Account No. 00040822	Sort Code: 30 99 97 Account No. 30101668



PLAY CHURCH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church
Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time.

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

**EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE 28TH MARCH -13TH APRIL
THE SUMMER TERM BEGINS ON 14TH APRIL**

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome to
help with heating costs and keep the building warm.

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

FOODBANK

Your donations are gratefully received by
both Blofield Church and the Foodbank in
Norwich. We are extremely grateful to all the
people and our church folk who contribute so
willingly.

Times are difficult for everyone at the
moment and this is reflected in the reduced
amount of food we are receiving each week.
Your generosity helps families who are going
through particularly difficult times. You can
also donate directly to:



Located in: [Henderson Business Centre](#)

Address: 14, 51 Ivy Rd, Norwich NR5 8BF

Phone: [0300 365 1123](tel:03003651123)

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.



Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2026

Everyone's welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and activities

We meet on

The first and third Thursday at 12.00

Two course lunch is provided

This month, the dates are: **2nd April and 16th April.**

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

PANCAKE PARTY AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Pancake Day, also called Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Holy Week are all part of the journey to Easter Day, the biggest Christian celebration of the year.

It was the last chance for a big party before Lent began with Ash Wednesday the following day.

Just as Christians traditionally used up all the eggs and fat, they had stored by making pancakes and feasting on them, so the hospitality team gathered to make pancakes for a Pancake Party at Blofield Church.

The word had got out about the party, and half an hour before the fun started, we welcomed several friends from church and the Open Doors lunch group to join in the celebrations. A few minutes later, families started arriving, some we knew from the toddler group, some from the village and others just wanting to be part of the Shrove Tuesday party.

There were pancake races, balancing pancakes and messy pancakes for the little ones, as well as a chance to talk about the importance of Lent and all that is planned for time with children at Blofield church.

Yvonne

Thank you

Philip and Ruth appreciate very much the condolences and kindness shown at Joyce's funeral. Our thanks to Andrew and Pat for the service, John at the organ and all who attended for making such a special occasion. Also, thanks to Paul and Leanne for the arrangements and Kevin for his hospitality.



Blofield Church **presents** **A SUPPER CONCERT** **by 'YARE FOLK'**



With a selection of
instrumentals, traditional folk music and songs.

Sunday April 26th
at 5pm
followed by supper.

Tickets £15 payable at the door, by cash or card.
Tel. 07720942955 or 01603 714519 for more details

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Wednesday evening, 8th April, "Gardens in the Spring" is the title of a presentation by well-known local gardener, Millie Jenkins.

On 13th May, Holly White, a local horticulturalist and specialist, will be talking about "Houseplants – their origins and care".

All our meetings are held in the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, starting at 7:30pm. Free light refreshments are offered after our gardening-related talks. Do join us! The annual membership is £10 which includes 8 talks and entry into the Summer Show, or guest fee is £2:50 per meeting.

Local contact: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, / (01603) 715804.
Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Thanks to all who came to the Grand Music Quiz at Heathlands on 6th March. It was another fun evening which raised considerable funds for church repairs. Many thanks to David and Linda Bryant for all their hard work.

Diary dates: several events are being planned in church for the summer, so please get the dates in your diaries now!

Saturday afternoon, 6th June at 2:00pm:

Free illustrated talk about Norwich Market. Well-known local historians, Frances and Michael Holmes, will be outlining the long history of this local gem, and what changes are being planned now. This will be followed by the Friends AGM.

Wednesday morning, 10th June:

Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Lucy Seely, will conduct a free wildflower walk around the churchyard, helping us to identify the lovely wildflowers and trees growing so freely there. This is part of Great Big Green Week – more details later.

Saturday afternoon, 1st August:

Popular, well-respected Medieval scholar and presenter, Imogen Corrigan, will offer an illustrated talk on **The Bayeux Tapestry**. This will be very helpful for anyone planning to see the exhibition being held at the British Museum between this September and July 2027.

Weekend of 12th and 13th September:

“Coast & Country” - An exhibition of paintings by John S. Applegate. Another opportunity to enjoy the skill of this much-admired local artist.

If you would like to learn more about what the Friends group has to offer, please contact the secretary on (01603) 715804 or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Hemblington Make & Mardle Gatherings

The next few sessions are back at Hemblington Church, Hemblington

(when we hope the weather will be warmer!) on:

- **Thursday, 23rd April**
- **Tuesday, 19th May**
- **Thursday, 16th June**

10am to 1 noon

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

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270360

The Village Garage Sale on Sunday April 26th - 9am – 1pm

Have you done or are you planning a Spring Clean?

If you have, and find any saleable items / bric-a-brac you would be happy to offer us to help raise funds for Hemblington church at our usual pitch (by very kind favour of Claire & Terry Norton at 'Bird in the Hand', Mill road), please contact Jennifer on 01603 716970 or Catherine on 01603 270360 for more information.

So please support this great community initiative & pick up your map from Heathlands and come and see us!

Blofield Heath WI

Blofield Heath WI had two meetings: February and March. The February meeting had a speaker who told us, very comprehensively, the History of Tulips.

In March, Tanya Knight visited us from 'Come Hoot with Me', an independent company that visits schools, organisations and WI's with her Owls, Tanya brought with her three owls, - a Little Owl, a Tawny Owl and a Barn Owl. She told us all about them, and very well behaved they were too! Our members took photographs, and some even had their photo taken with the owls.

It was very informative and interesting afternoon, and well attended by our members. We had 3 new visitors who are going to join next month. The afternoon was superbly rounded off with refreshments and lovely savouries and cakes. Our next meeting is **14th April 2026** at 2pm.

Holy Wit

- A minister stopped at an historic American hotel and requested rates for a single room. When he was informed that a room on the first floor was 75 dollars, on the second floor 65 dollars, and on the third 55 dollars, he said, "Thank you" and made to leave. "Don't you like our hotel?" the receptionist asked, "Oh it's beautiful", said the minister. "It's just not tall enough!"
- Dr Potter, a former bishop in New York, was asked by a young lady why angels were always portrayed in pictures or stained glass as either women or young men with beards. The bishop's reply was a marvel of diplomacy. "My dear girl", he said, "everyone knows that women naturally inherit the Kingdom of heaven, but men only get in by a very close shave."

Selected and compiled by Rev. James A Simpson

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 Stag, 3 Lower Street, Salhouse NR13 6RW 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 at alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen

The next film will be '**The Choral**' on **Friday, 10th 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 or online at:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/2011469>.
Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

A club with a 100 years' history, that looks to the future.
Start or get back into the sport at this friendly club. We welcome new members of all standards to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. We offer:

- Five high quality courts, three grass, two hard.
- Daytime and evening social play.
- Group and individual adult and junior coaching with LTA licenced coaches.
- Mixed ability fun tournaments.
- League team play.
- Family, adult and junior membership packages.

Call Colin & Dawn Stocker 07483 211926 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

Website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Keep Blofield Special

We meet twice monthly for about an hour's litter-picking helping keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. You are welcome to join us, we are not short of litter!. April litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 13th April, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 20th April, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

We also much appreciate the informal collecting by residents when out and about or dog walking.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG is an active, local conservation group, undertaking practical site management of wildlife habitats. to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation.

Fortnightly **work parties** on Saturday mornings start at 10.30am and finish no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do. The next working parties will be:

Saturdays, 11th April - Howe's Meadow; 25th April – Walsham Fen; 9th May - Buckenham Woods. For details please consult the website www.badcog.co.uk. Our **evening meetings** will continue in the autumn.

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 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 is on the **20th 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.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

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Blofield CREATIVE Club for Arts and Crafts at Margaret Harker Hall

New Club! - Blofield CREATIVE Club for Arts and Crafts every Wednesday at 1-3pm in the Margaret Harker Hall. Free entry - donations welcome. Bring your art or crafts along and enjoy company, good chat and a cup of tea & biscuit. More information on www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk

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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. The next meeting is on the **2nd May** having no meeting in April. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Forget Me Not Café

This meets each Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm in the **St Laurence Centre at Brundall Church** for a time of chat and activities over a cup of tea and cake. Everybody is welcome, especially those on the dementia pathway and their carers. Any enquiries to Peta Cunnane, email: petac@btinternet.com.

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

If you need practical support with small light jobs in or around your home, local lifts to appointments, shopping, prescription collection, or maybe just a chat - give us a call and we will do our best to help. Please call us on **Freephone 08006889677** to speak to a Duty Officer or leave a message.

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? It's local, rewarding and flexible, and will fit around your life. We have vacancies in the Blofield area now. Please contact one of our Duty Officers for more information on Freephone 08006889677 or leave a message.

Heathlands

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 per couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00. 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/ 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.

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Hemblington Pre-school, Hemblington Primary School

Spaces Now Available at Hemblington Preschool.

A warm, caring, and fun start to your child's learning journey. Looking for a nurturing and affordable place for your little one to grow, play, and learn? Hemblington Preschool is a charity-run pre-school offering a safe, supportive environment for children aged 2 to 4 years.

- * Experienced, caring staff.
- * Play-based learning and outdoor fun.
- * Affordable fees and funding options.
- * Inspiring curiosity.

Located in Blofield Heath - Hemblington Primary School. Limited spaces for 3 years until September 2026 and immediate spaces available for 2 years from now, or join our waiting list for September 2026.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

We are hosting an open afternoon on Thursday, 11th June - 1:30-2:30pm.

New Melody Memories Cafe

Come and sing for pleasure in a relaxed setting, have a cuppa and meet new friends. All welcome to this dementia friendly cafe. It will be from 2.30pm - 4.00pm at the **Blofield Courthouse** on the last Thursday of the month. Entry is free and donations kindly received. For more information, please email Suzanne on zanniewilliams@gmail.com or call 01603 716268. The cafe is supported by Norfolk charity Playing for Cake.

Blofield Heath W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2.00pm. The next meeting is on the **14th April**.

Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. The next meeting will be on **18th May**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! But there will be **NO meetings during April and May**, so the next meeting is on the **1st June**. 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 Meeting is 7th April at 7.30pm.

Events for April

TEA & CHAT: 21st April Come and join us at Heathlands from 2.00pm. lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, etc., and a cuppa. With a super raffle. Lovely company and lots of chat, bring a friend, see you there.

BINGO DATES:

EVENING BINGO dates are 10th and 24th April. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

AFTERNOON BINGO dates are: 3rd and 17th April. Eyes down at 2.00pm.

OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ - is on Thursday, 16th April.

No need to book, 6 people to a team, come and test your knowledge.

HEATHLANDS MONDAY CLUB are holding a **JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday, 18th April. We welcome jumble from 12 noon, and Doors Open at 2.00pm - 5.00pm entry. Tea and Cake will also be available.

Please come and support the Club, thank you

Heathlands Social Club: Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00

MARGARET HARKER HALL

Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026



We are looking for craft stalls and community organisations who would like to join us at our Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026. It is an opportunity for you to fundraise for your organisation, while we also try and raise funds for a new roof and maintenance for our Parish Hall - Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Application forms can be found on the 'news' section of margaretharkerhall.co.uk, or please get in touch via the website: www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk.

Blofield Summer Fayre is promising to be a big event with crafts stalls, community groups, dancing, choir, food & bar, and a Ceilidh in the evening (7-10pm). Ceilidh tickets are already on sale at:

<https://margaretharkerhall.sumupstore.com/products>.

Wherry Maud Trust Artists & Craft Makers Show On 3rd & 4th May



The show will be held at the beautiful Ranworth Village Hall, Broad Road, Ranworth, NR13 6HS over the weekend of Sunday, 3rd & Monday, 4th May, from 10am until 5pm on both days.

The event will showcase the work of East Anglian artists and craftspeople. Hanging work will be on display in various media – watercolour, oil, acrylic and prints. Craft items for sale will include wood-turned pieces, studio pottery, stained glass, greetings cards and other small craft items.

Teas, coffees and home-made cakes will be served throughout the two days.

“Maud” will be available for viewing, and will be moored at the Broadland Conservation Centre at Ranworth (Norfolk Wildlife Trust). Visitors will be welcomed by volunteer members of the Trust who will be happy to chat about “Maud”, her history and current use.

Wherry Maud Trust, Reg. Charity No. 1161285



Blofield Court House Village Screen Friday, 10th April

THE CHORAL (12A; 1 hour.58 minutes)

A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army.

Director: Nicholas Hytner; Writers: Alan Bennett & Stephen Beresford;
Stars: Taylor Uttley, Oliver Briscoombe & Amara Okereke.

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 or online at:
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Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

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Saturday, 4th April
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Ticket prices: **£14, £12** (Friends), under 18s: **£5**
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Tickets may be available on the door but advance booking is recommended

EASTER EVENTS AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL

1st April at 8.00pm:

William Lloyd Webber: The Saviour

Norwich Cathedral Chamber Choir

Graham Thorpe: *Director*; Christopher Too: *Organ*

In the third of our musical meditations for Holy Week, Norwich Cathedral Chamber Choir perform William Lloyd-Webber's Cantata, a meditation on the Passion of Christ.

The performance will last about 50 minutes. Admission is free and no tickets are required. There will be a retiring collection.

1st April at 11.15am

A Specialist Tour: 'Monastic Life' which starts at 11.15am.

Norwich Cathedral was founded as a monastic cathedral, a peculiarly English phenomenon in the Middle Ages. From 1096 to 1538 the Cathedral was home to a community of Benedictine monks, and the Cathedral Close a 'town within a town', serving the monks' needs. From the monastery's records we can find out about their life, the buildings they used daily, how they used the Cathedral itself and their influence on the city of Norwich.

Tickets cost £7.59 which includes small booking fee (see the Cathedral's website).

6th April at 11.00am

Easter Monday Organ Concert

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

SOLUTION TO MARCH 2026 SUDOKU

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April Diary

02 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
03 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
04 Saturday	Grand Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary's & St Lawrence's, South Walsham
07 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
08 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
10 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
10 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
11 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
11 Saturday	Young Musicians' Concert	St Lawrence's Centre, South Walsham
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
14 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
16 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Blofield Court House
16 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
17 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
18 Saturday	Heathlands Monday Club Jumble Sale	Heathlands
20 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
20 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
21 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
22 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
23 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
23 Thursday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Hemblington Church
24 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
25 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen.
26 Sunday	Supper Concert with 'Yare Folk'	Blofield Church
26 Sunday	Village Garage Sale	Hemblington
29 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court

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