

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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WELCOME

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

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

MINISTRY TEAM

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Churchwardens: Mrs. Y. Mack Tel: 01603 715213 & Mr. S. Wales Tel: 01603 211931. Website: www.blofieldchurch.org.uk

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St. Andrew & St. Peter, North Burlingham

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

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

7th January, Patrick Burke aged 73, at Blofield Church

The meaning of Faith

'By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.'

Hebrews 11.3 (NRSV)



LETTER FROM OUR CHURCH WARDENS

As these notes are written we have reached Epiphany.

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian feast day which falls on 6th January. It is a special date for many Christians as it is when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

6th January is also '12th Night' which marks the end of Christmas and is traditionally the day that the Christmas decorations come down. (However, apparently some people combine the Christmas and Epiphany periods together in order to keep their Christmas decorations up until Candlemas which falls on February 2nd, although we have never met anyone who does that!).

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. This is why you might hear people say they have had an epiphany, when they have just realised something they never knew or understood before.

Epiphany is a chance for Christians to reflect on the nature of God's physical manifestation on Earth and pay homage to three important visitors in the biblical account of Jesus' birth. We hope you will find time in your own lives to do just that.

In the November issue, we explained the Interregnum process now taking place following the retirement of Kevin at the end of September. Since then, significant progress has been made, with the Benefice Profile document completed and agreed by all the Churches within the new Benefice. The next stage, a meeting with the Archdeacon to agree the arrangements for advertising the position, and the process for interviewing shortlisted candidates, is scheduled to take place on the 15th January, after which, we hope to be able to advertise. Please pray for all those involved in this process.

During this period, we are grateful to the Ministry team who have worked extremely hard to ensure that the vast majority of services across all our churches, have continued including during the busy Christmas period. Our sincere thanks go to all of them.

Simon Mutten - The Churchwardens



February 2025 - The Winter Season

Prayers and Reflections for each week

In the cold dark month of February, winter seems it will never end, but spring will come, and the seasons roll round allowing change and growth to the earth and to humanity too.

Week 1: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. (Genesis 8: 22)

Ponder: There is a familiarity to the changing seasons and, even in these days of climate change, we can be thankful for the stability of the world we live in and its variety of plant, animal and human life.

Pray: Thank you God, that you give us the changing seasons and the wonderful world that we live in. Help us to cherish our planet and its resources, and to live wisely. Amen.

Week 2: But you, Oh God, you are my King from of old;... The day is yours, and yours also is the night; you established the sun and the moon. It was you who set the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. (Psalm 74: 12 & 16-17)

Ponder: However the earth was created and came into being, God is king over all, and his power sustains our world – and us too. Just as he sets the boundaries of the earth, so he holds us in his hand to love and bless and heal.

Pray: Father God, thank you that you sustain our world by your power. Thank you too, that you hold us in your hand to protect and guide us every day. Amen.

Week 3: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:...He (God) has set eternity in the hearts of men; (Ecclesiastes 3: 1 & 11)

Ponder: There may be a time for every activity under heaven, but it is a wise man or woman who knows what to do and when to do it. We need wisdom and insight in our daily lives and in our dealings with others.

Pray: Gracious God, help us to be wise in our doings; guide us in our decisions and choices and give us discernment between right and wrong, that we may enjoy peace and wellbeing in our daily life. Amen.

Week 4: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43: 18-19)

Ponder: How sensible is the advice not to dwell on the past. It is gone, yet so often it hinders us going forward. As we look forward to spring, let us see what new things God has for us, to bless and encourage us.

Pray: Loving God, give me courage to look forward and not back. Help me to rejoice in the new things that you have for me and to receive them gladly. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

**THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER
BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM
SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
2nd February	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
9th February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
16th February	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
23rd February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

There will be NO Morning Prayer at Hemblington Church during January 2025 and February 2025.

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 FEBRUARY

19th February at Manor House
20th February at Burlingham House
26th February at Brewster Court.

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



5th February - Holy Communion
12th February - Morning Worship
19th February - Holy Communion
26th February - Morning Worship

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

OPEN TO GOD

There is an opportunity for any of us to bring our joys and sorrows, our thanksgivings and our concerns, in confidence, to the source of all Love.

This will take place privately, up by the High Altar after the services on **Sundays, 9th February and 9th March.**



Maureen and Liz

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

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

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

THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE Caring for our church family

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

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

Contact details are on page 2.

NORWICH AND GREAT YARMOUTH FOODBANKS



Your donations to Blofield Church for the Foodbank have been remarkable leading up to Christmas.



Thank you to all our regular givers, but also to all those who gave, especially for that time of year. January is always a lean time for households, so we look forward to being able to deliver food and toiletries once again to the warehouse in Norwich.

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2025

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 February, we meet on Thursdays, the 6th and 20th

For further details, telephone Jenny on 01603 712968



SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE FOR SALE

Homemade Seville Orange Marmalade
now available in Blofield Church or phone Sarah 07584638854

Price from £2 per jar



MONTHLY CLEANING IN BLOFIELD CHURCH

on Monday, 3rd February at 10.00am.

All welcome.



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

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.

SPRING TERM

8th January - 12th February
26th February - 2nd April

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

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

Christmas Quiz

Thank you to all who tried their hands [and brains] at the quiz on the subject
of Fruit and Vegetables. Many seemed to enjoy it and a number of very
clever people handed in completely correct sheets.

***The result of a draw was that a local couple were the winners.
Congratulations to them.***

For the curious - a list of answers will be pinned up in Blofield Church.

It's back! BIG BREAKFAST



**At Blofield Church
on 22nd March, 8.30am to midday
Supporting DEC Humanitarian Aid**

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM

Just before Christmas, the Norfolk Community Payback Team spent a day clearing dead leaves and accumulated soil from the road outside the churchyard of St. Andrew & St. Peter Church Blofield, clearing a corner of the churchyard which was heavily overgrown with brambles, and putting a protective coating on the church gates.

The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council are very grateful for their continued hard work (this was their second visit) so, **a big thank you to Megan, the placement coordinator, and to the Community Payback Team for their invaluable work; we hope to see you again in 2025!**

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* **Blofield & District Gardening Club** *
* Happy New Year to all – to members, and to those who would like to *
* learn more about aspects of gardening and related subjects. *
* The group has been hibernating during the winter, but will burst forth for *
* the first meeting of the year – **Wednesday evening, 12th March** *
* **(7:30pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall in Blofield.** The full programme *
* of talks for the year will be disclosed plus the schedule for the Club's *
* Summer Show in July. Light refreshments plus a quiz or two will be *
* offered after the meeting. This meeting is free and open to all – do *
* please come along to see what is being planned. *
* Queries to (01603) 715804; *
* Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk *
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HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday evening, 15th March 2025: Grand Music Quiz at Heathlands Community Centre, with profits kindly being donated to the Friends fund. Please see poster.

Do you have any family memories about the Second World War? 2025 marks the 80th commemorations of Victory in Europe Day (8th May) and Victory over Japan Day (15th August). The Friends group is considering holding a small VE exhibition and talk in Hemblington Church in May, ideally with memorabilia of the time and any memories of family involvement during the war or at the VE Day celebrations. If you feel you have a family story to tell, or would lend documents or information for the one day exhibition, please contact the Friends secretary – 01603 715804 - or one of the church team - Thank you.

We are also planning to hold a formal presentation in church in August, by well-known local historian, Neil Storey, concentrating on the War in the Far East. We will publish information about this talk soon.

Friends contact: hemblington@gmail.com / 01603 715804;

Website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO HELP US at Hemblington Church?

There are two vacant volunteer roles - might you be able to help us with either please??

The first is **Fabric Officer** to help us sort out mainly minor building works & acting as an interface with tradespeople in accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese (of Norwich).

The second is **Health & Safety Officer**.

If you have some experience in either of these areas & are happy to work with us in a voluntary capacity, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact one of the Church Wardens for more information:

Simon 01603 715 701 or Catherine 01603 270 360

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 7th 2025

**This year the service has been written by
the Christian Woman of the Cook Islands.**

Hemblington Church; 10.30am - 12.30pm

There will be a morning of prayer and fellowship with the opportunity to learn something of this relatively little-known country, followed by a simple lunch.

Brundall Church

A service in the afternoon. Time to be confirmed.



Grand music quiz 2025

*at Heathlands Community Centre,
Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath*

Saturday evening, 15th March 2025

**Back by popular request, David Bryant will be
presenting his music-based quiz,
probably the only live music quiz
in the area!**

**Music-related dingbats, pictorial band
questions and lots more**

Teams of up to six at £5 per person

*All proceeds go to Hemblington Church repair fund whilst your
support will boost Heathlands' social funds.*

**Tickets from Linda or Sue:
(01603) 715 933 or 715 804**

Make & Mardle

The next Make & Mardle session is
Tuesday 18th February 2025
at Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington

From 10am to 12noon.

Usual format - coffee, cake chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

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

Enquiries to 01603 712306.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

Meetings will resume on the 12th March 2025. Local contact for information is 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 will be on the **13th February**. 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 attractive and reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately!. February litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 3rd February, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 10th February, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

As usual, a big thank-you to residents, dog-walkers and others who also collect litter around the villages.

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.

Dr Mary Fewster is presenting "**Country Life 1700 – 1900**" on three Tuesday mornings: **28th January, 4th and 11th February**. The course reference number is Q00019922.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

Leave your screen, get out in the green.

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties, and is an active group undertaking site management of local wildlife habitats. We meet 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:

1st February - Howes Meadow; 15th February - Walsham Fen; 1st March - Buckenham Woods.

Our evening meeting is on **Friday, 14th February** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Visitors are welcome.

For details of this meeting and any changes to work party plans, please see the website: www.badcog.co.uk.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Celebrates 100 years

A club with a history, that looks to the future.

Start or get back into the sport at this friendly club. We welcome new members of all standards to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. We offer:

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

Call Diana Gilder 07799 506809 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Blofield Heath W.I. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm.

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors who are very welcome. For further details visit our website:

www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk. The next meeting is on **1st February 2025**.

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. £10.00 for a family including children under 17; Single membership £5.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up to date news at www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ 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.

NOTICE BOARD

Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. There is no meeting this month. The next meeting is on **31st March**. 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: 9am - 12noon and Wednesday to Friday: 9am - 3pm. 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: Sasha on 07716869506 and visit our website: www.hemblingtonpreschool.com. There is availability for new children to start at preschool immediately.

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **3rd February**. 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.

BUS SHELTER AT SOUTH WALSHAM



What a lovely Christmas nativity to come across over the Christmas period.
Thank you to those who created it.

HEATHLANDS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all from Heathlands Management Committee. Our next meeting is **4th February**.

Thank you to everybody that came to our 60's Night - a great success as usual, thanks to The Ofenders for great music.

Also, our Quiz in December was another enjoyable evening, enjoyed by everybody who took part.

Now on to 2025:

6th NATIONS RUGBY: Social Club will cover all games. **1st February** is England's first game and we will be open from 2.00pm on the day.

TEA and CHAT: Tuesday, 18th February - we will be back from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa, cake, sausage roll etc, raffle and plenty of chat. March date for another Tea and Chat is **18th March**.

WINE TASTNG: Monday, 24th February from 7.30pm in the Social Club. Harper Wells are coming with some of their wines. It is always a lovely evening, sample some wine, enjoy light buffet. Tickets are £12.00 each from Social Club or 01603 714164.

TEA DANCE: come and join us on **Sunday, 2nd March** from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Tickets are £8.00 each, please ring 01603 714164 to book your tickets. Tea and Coffee will be on sale. Social Club will also be open, so you can have a drink and enjoy the dancing.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 8th March

Doors open at 2.00pm; Jumble etc from 12 noon. Thank you

SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on the **3rd March 2025**, 7.30pm. A review of the current committee has been completed and a number of roles have been identified which we believe are needed in order to continue to support the operation of the Social Club and help it to grow to meet the future needs of the Community. Everybody is welcome.

Also, gentle reminder 2025 memberships fees are due.

HEATHLANDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on **Tuesday, 11th March** at 7.30pm, everybody welcome.

GARAGE SALE: Sunday, 13th April. Garages open from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Hopefully, the form will be in next months Focal Point. If not, please ring 01603 714164 to book your garage, £5.00 per garage.

BINGO DATES for February are the **14th and 28th**. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

VE/VJ CELEBRATIONS: Heathlands are planning an afternoon of music, talks, tea and cakes from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on **Sunday, 4th May**. If you have any memorabilia or somebody is willing to come and talk, please get in touch with us. Please ring Claire Norton on 713101 for more information.

DOG MESS: Please can all dog owners be responsible for their dogs, an awful lot of mess on the paths etc in Blofield Heath, especially Mill Road and Cuttons corners area. Thank you for your help.

Art in 100 paintings

wea.org.uk

Art Appreciation

WEA Blofield is offering this 3 week course at Blofield Court House, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield NR13 4JU with tutor Fiona Fitzgerald.

The course aims to enable you to make sense of art works you might encounter in a gallery. It will offer an overview of art history, global in scope and time scale.

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings 4th, 11th and 18th March 2025.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £25.20

If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.

To enrol online: go to www.wea.org.uk/



or scan this QR code to access the homepage

and quote Course reference Q00019919

or 'phone 0300 303 3464 quoting the Course reference Q00019919

Please contact the Blofield branch with any queries:
blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or telephone 01603 537029

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BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue.

(Members are free; Non-members £3)

Saturday, 1st February 2025 at 2.30pm

READING AND ANALYSING THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE OF YOUR AREA

An illustrated talk by Adrian O'Dell.

Some believe that Norfolk has forever been an untouched backwater, but this was the most populated and prosperous part of the country from the 11th century until the 1750s. By using OS and Tithe Survey maps, combined with research at the Norfolk Record Office and other sources, amateur historians can interpret land usage and factors affecting settlement to reveal a district's now-hidden past.

Saturday 1st March 2025 at 2.30pm

NORWICH IN THE 1950s AND 60s

An illustrated talk by Pete Goodrum.

A sometimes serious and sometimes humorous look at 20 crucial years of post-war history as the city emerged from war damage and moved towards the rebuilding of the 1950s and the affluence and social change that defined the 1960s.

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs
(Poemsource.com)

Event at Norwich Cathedral Naomi Blake, Sculptor and Auschwitz Survivor

The talk 'Glimmer of Hope': the story of Naomi Blake will take place on Sunday, 9th February at 2pm in the Weston Room at Norwich Cathedral.

As the world this year commemorates the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the life and art of Holocaust survivor Naomi Blake will be put in the spotlight at Norwich Cathedral.



One of Naomi's works, 'Mother and Child', stands in the Cathedral Close, and Naomi's daughter, Anita Peleg, will visit the Cathedral to share her story.

The free talk, '**Glimmer of Hope**', will take place on Sunday, 9th February, shortly after the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps in the Second World War, on the 27th January.

Anita said: "I am really pleased to share my mother's story with the Norwich community. She felt very honoured to have a sculpture commissioned for the cathedral. She wanted me to tell her story so that, together through her sculpture and through my words, we can remember and learn from the past to promote tolerance and understanding for a better future."

Entry is free and there is no need to book in advance.

Interregnum Prayer

GOD OUR FATHER

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus Christ and called us to be his body in this place. Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new priest for this benefice, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example, in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

SOLUTION TO JANUARY SUDOKU

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01 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
01 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
03 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
03 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
03 Monday	Monthly Cleaning	Blofield Church
04 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Committee	Heathlands
06 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
09 Sunday	Talk: 'Glimmer of Hope'	Norwich Cathedral
10 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
13 Thursday	Blofield P C	Blofield Court House
14 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
14 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
15 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
18 Tuesday	Make and Mardle	Gables Farmhouse Hemblington Hall Road
18 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
19 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
20 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
20 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
24 Monday	Wine Tasting	Heathlands
26 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
28 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands

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