

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.

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

Hand sanitiser is provided.

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).

FEBRUARY MINISTER'S LETTER

With every passing year, it seems as though Christmas products hit the shop shelves earlier and earlier, and if that isn't infuriating enough for us, we also have to live with Easter eggs appearing on shop shelves early too, often before the twelve days of Christmas have even finished!



However, with the month of February upon us, we can no longer ignore the fact that Easter is drawing closer. Before we get there though, we must pass through the season of Lent, beginning this year on 18th February, Ash Wednesday. Unlike advent, the marking of which may be done with advent calendars that can now contain almost anything imaginable, Lent has largely escaped popularist commercialisation. This may well have something to do with the fact that the common practice for those who wish to observe Lent is to give something up and that is something not easily monetised.

Pancake day, (Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras to give it more correct titles), is perhaps the most commonly kept tradition relating to Lent in our current society. This is a day on which festivities and feasting are traditionally indulged in as a last hurrah before the fast of Lent begins, pancakes being a good way of using up the perishable food of eggs, milk and butter. While we seem to be ready and willing to celebrate this day of plenty, the days which come after it, the contemplative and penitential days of Lent, are not so obviously marked.

This may be because Jesus warned us against practicing righteousness before others in order to be seen by them (Matthew 6:1-18), but a more cynical suspicion is that it has much more to do with self-reflection and fasting being less popular than celebration and feasting. If the latter has any truth to it then it perhaps ought not be so, especially at a time when we are living in a high-volume, fast-paced and often misleading information-filled world. For anyone who thirsts for space in which one can simply hear themselves think, breathe, and just be, for anyone who yearns to slow down, rediscover themselves and find a dimension of authenticity in their lives, lent is a wonderful season to explore and observe.

This year, the Church of England has a wealth of resources available for those who wish to meaningfully keep Lent and with which we will be engaging as a church. To find out more about these resources, feel free to contact me or search the web for *Draw Near: Life-Giving Habits for Lent*.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

February 2026

Prayers and Reflections for each week

Even in the depths of winter snowdrops bring a sign of spring and new life, so this month we ponder and pray about God's new life in us.

Week 1: 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: Just as God renews the earth each spring, so he brings new things into our lives to bring hope and blessing.

Pray: Father, sometimes it is hard to let go of the old and see the new. Help me to be open to the new things you want to do in and through my life. Amen.

Week 2: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5: 17

Ponder: When we come to faith in Christ, we become a new creation, and God gives us a new start, a new life and a new place in his kingdom. This comes from his generous grace and mercy, and is open to all.

Pray: Father, thank you that you have given me new life and a new place in your kingdom. Renew me and fill me again with your Spirit that I might know your ways and live as your beloved child. Amen.

Week 3: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).

Ephesians 5: 8-9

Ponder: New life in Christ brings new responsibilities. We are called to live lives that are good, kind and true, showing mercy and love – not always easy – but something that can happen when we are filled with God's love and power by the Holy Spirit.

Pray: Father, I am only too aware that old habits and attitudes may linger on. Give me your strength to live and walk in the light of Christ, that I may be faithful to all that you have called me to be and to do. Amen.

Week 4: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Ponder: How exciting to think that God has created good things for us to do in his kingdom, to bring blessing to our world. What might God have in store for us this spring?

Pray: Father, as I look back, I can see all that you have done in my life; thank you that you continue to work in me and to renew me. Show me the things that you have called me to do and the people that you have called me to walk beside. Guide and direct my steps, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
1st February	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
8th February	HOLY COMMUNION 10.30am JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE AT UPTON Racial Justice Sunday		
15th February	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
18th February ASH WEDNESDAY	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am		
22nd February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

There will be no Thursday morning services at Hemblington Church until March. There will be a service at Rev. Sue Shillam's house in February, still at 9am. Please contact her if you need her address.

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

Wednesday, 18th February - at Manor House at 11am

Thursday, 19th February - at Burlingham House at 2pm

Wednesday, 25th February - at Brewster Court at 11am

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

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



4th February - Morning Worship
11th February - Holy Communion
**18th February - Holy Communion with
imposition of ashes**
25th February - Holy Communion

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

OPEN TO GOD

A sense of God's healing peace and re-assurance is something we all want on our Christian journeys, but it, so often, gets swamped by the business and worries of daily life.

Please feel that you can join us as we specifically bring each of our needs into God's presence. Come as often as you feel the need.

The future dates are Sunday, 15th February and 8th March at the High Altar, after the morning service.

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.

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 generously.

We hope this continues during 2026, ensuring families going through difficult times have enough food to feed themselves and their families.

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.





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.

THE SPRING TERM

25th FEBRUARY 2026 - 25th MARCH

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.

Blofield Church presents a

Valentine's Quiz & Chilli evening



(alternative to chilli is available)

**Saturday 14th February at 7 pm
in the Margaret Harker Hall**



**£10 a person
(payable on the night
by cash or card)**

**Please contact
07584 638854
to book in a team
of up to 6 people**

A date for your diary:

Lenten Lunch at Blofield Church

Do join us on Sunday, 1st March at 12.15
(after the morning service).

There will be homemade soup and bread
plus delicious puddings.

Donations will support the work of
'Hand in Hand' in Zimbabwe.



To help us with numbers for catering please sign up
at the back of church or phone 01603 715213 or 714519.



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: **5th February and 19th February.**

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

Cleaning of the church

Cleaning
Team



We welcome anyone who is able to give us just 30
minutes of their time to come and help clean Blofield
Church on the first Monday of the month.

This month, it will be the 2nd February from 10.00am.

Christmas Greetings and Cards at Blofield Church

Donations on the communal notice board in the church, for sharing
Christmas greetings and cards, raised £45. This has been donated to the
Royal Society for Blind Children, as shown on the board. Many thanks to
those who took part in the display. More information on the work of the
charity is outlined on the Society's website: www.rsbc.org.uk.

"Oh Christmas Tree"

Blofield Church in December



1st December – The tree was kindly donated and delivered by "Norwich Camping and Leisure". It was placed in the bucket and tied to the pillar to keep it safe. A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate it.

Thursday, 5th – "Open Doors" Christmas lunch. A delicious Christmas meal was provided in church for over 40 people. A big thank you to Blofield Farm Shop, the Co-operative and the Hardware Store in Brundall, for donated items for the lunch. Also, a big thank you to all those that kindly help provide the lunches during the year.

Sunday, 8th – Broadland Singers entertained a large crowd of local friends with Christmas songs, carols and readings.

Wreath Making Workshops were a great success and enjoyed by two groups of ladies and gentlemen who attended on **Thursday, 11th and Saturday, 13th**.

The Advent Course, which took place on each Saturday during December, was led by Revd. Andrew and Revd. Canon Judith which was greatly appreciated by all who attended.



The Children's Society

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

Please bring me your box when it is convenient.

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

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

Christmas Quiz

Thank you to all who tried their hands [and brains] at the quiz on the subject of 'Creepy Crawly Creatures'. A number of clever people handed in completely correct sheets.

The winner, after a draw, is Wendy - Congratulations.

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

PANCAKE PARTY

Blofield church

Tuesday 17th February

1pm - 2.30pm

Come along to eat pancakes with yummy toppings to choose from, play pancake games and explore the meaning of Lent

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

It's time to get your music albums and books out – David Bryant is going to test you on your knowledge of all things musical with another of his popular Music Quizzes! - **Friday evening, 6th March, at Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath.**

It is always a fun evening, with live guitar solos as well as dingbats and much else. The Heathlands bar is open, serving drinks at Club prices. Please organise your tickets early, so that we know it can go ahead without worrying. It is tables of up to 6 people at £5 per person. If you do not raise a full team, we can seat you with others.

Please contact Sue at hemblington@gmail.com / (01603) 714804 or Linda at linda_bryant7@hotmail.com / (01603) 715933.

If you would like any information about the aims of The Friends group, how to become a member, or what events are being planned, please contact the Secretary: Email: hemblington@gmail.com / (01603) 715804 - Thank you.

World Day of Prayer

This annual event is held every year on the first Friday in March. This year it is on Friday, 6th March. The organisation behind this event is led by Christian women from 170 countries, bringing together many races, traditions and cultures to share in a common day of prayer.

This year the service is the work of Christian women of Nigeria.

The event is not intended just for women, but it is meant as a gift from the Christian women of Nigeria to Christians the world over. The theme is "I will give you rest, come".

Our local service will be held at St Lawrence Church, Brundall at 2pm.

To complement this, we will be holding a morning of prayer, reflection, fellowship and a chance to learn something about Nigeria at Hemblington Church from 10.30am until 12.30pm. This will be followed by a simple lunch and end about 1pm, allowing plenty of time for those who wish to attend the service at Brundall to get there. Everyone is welcome.

Jennifer Harvey

We would like to increase our group of volunteers who help us with cleaning Hemblington Church....

Every so often the group doing a particular role dwindles to such a level that we need to ask for external / more assistance & this is where we are at the moment with cleaning the church...

Could you help us, or do you know someone who might like to help us please - the more in the group, the less often each person does it...

Pat Patten (ppatten953@gmail.com) very ably co-ordinates this group, so if you have any specific questions, please contact her directly.

We look forward to hearing from you - Thank you so much.



**All Saints Church,
Church Lane,
Hemblington
NR13 4EF**



Churchyard work party

Friday, 20th February, 2026



from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon



- for as long or little as you wish

**You are warmly invited to help us
with hedging, clearing of brambles,
setting bonfire, etc.**

**The churchyard is very uneven and may be wet,
so please wear good stout footwear.**

**Please bring any gardening equipment
you are happy to use, e.g. loppers and secateurs,
as well as good thick gardening gloves.**

Refreshments will be provided!

Queries to: hemblington@gmail.com / (01603) 715804

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

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 email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk. This month's film is on **Friday, 13th February**.

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

Our small group of volunteers continues to help keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking when you are welcome to join us.

February litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 2nd February, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 9th February, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to come along; we are never short of litter! The informal collecting by residents, when out walking or dog walking, is much appreciated.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG is a group of keen volunteers undertaking wildlife conservation management at 14 sites in and around the Blofield area. Wildlife habitats range from fen meadow, woodland (old and new), ponds, churchyard conservation areas and a number of other sites, some of which are designated Local Nature Reserves. BADCOG holds fortnightly **work parties** on Saturday mornings starting at 10.30am and finishing no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do. The next working parties will be: **14th February - Walsham Fen; 28th February - Buckenham Woods.** Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website: www.badcog.co.uk.

Our February **evening meeting** will be on Friday, the **13th at 7.30pm** in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Drew Lyness will give a presentation on "*Scarcities and Swallowtails: 50 years of RSPB Strumpshaw Fen*". Drew is the Development and Engagement Coordinator at the British Trust for Ornithology. He is also a volunteer at the RSPB at Strumpshaw where he organises and leads guided walks, Visitors are welcome and refreshments are available.

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 meeting is on the **9th 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.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

The Club is hibernating now. Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening, **11th March, 2026**. All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Local contact for information: Tel: 01603 715804; Club website:www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.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 **7th February**. 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. £7.00 for a family including children under 17, Single membership £4.00 until the end of the year. 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.

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 **10th February**.

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 **30th March**. 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! The next meeting is on the **2nd 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.

HEATHLANDS

HEATHLANDS MANAGEMENT MEETING IS 3rd FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM.

With Christmas and New Year behind us, we are busy planning some events for you all to share at Heathlands

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday, 7th February sees **The Wapscallions** playing at Heathlands from 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Tickets from the Social Cub are £5.00 - selling fast.

Sunday, 15th February - **Soul Afternoon Music** in the main hall from 1.00pm. It is always a great afternoon - come and join us.

TEA & CHAT: Come and join us on Tuesday, 17th February from 2.00pm. There will be lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, etc, plenty of tea and coffee together with a raffle. An enjoyable two hours, come and make friends, bring your friends along.

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ is Thursday, February 19th.
No entry fee, starts at 8.00pm. Teams of six, come and join us.

BINGO DATES:

EVENING BINGO dates for February are: 13th and 27th.

Eyes down 7.30pm.

AFTERNOON BINGO from 2.00pm: 6th and 20th February.

Each Tuesday in the Social Club we have a **Friendly crib evening**.
7.30pm start, come along. It is not competitive just enjoyment of the game.

Each Wednesday (changed from Thursday) - **Short Mat Bowls**, just a friendly evening playing bowls, 7.45pm start.

WEA Blofield Branch

It is with great sadness that the small group of volunteers at the Blofield branch confirms that the branch has had to close. For 74 years, the Blofield branch offered short courses to local people wishing to keep their minds active and meet socially. However, a combination of a lack of tutors willing to offer face to face courses with the WEA, and national funding restrictions for non-work-related courses, mean that the volunteers at Blofield are not able to continue to organise this much appreciated service. The team thanks all who have enrolled for courses over the years and supported the branch in many ways.

For those who would like to continue learning, the Norwich Lifelong Learning group offers many very interesting short courses and day

Hemblington Make & Mardle Gatherings

**These will be held on Thursday, 26th February & Tuesday, 24th March
At Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington
from 10am to 12noon.**

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft,
you will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

Village Screen presents: "DOWNTON ABBEY; THE GRAND FINALE" at Blofield Court House on Friday, 13th February

"Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale" is directed by Simon Curtis and written by Julian Fellowes. It is the third and final film in the "Downton Abbey" series, following "Downton Abbey: A New Era" (2022). The film features many original cast members, including Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, and Elizabeth McGovern, and introduces new characters played by Joely Richardson and Alessandro Nivola. The film was released on 12th September 2025, and has received positive reviews, grossing over \$102 million worldwide.

Set in 1930, the film follows the Crawley family as they navigate financial difficulties and societal changes. Lady Mary Talbot faces public scandal following her divorce, which tarnishes the family's reputation. The Crawleys must adapt to the evolving world while dealing with the threat of losing their cherished estate, Downton Abbey. The film captures the emotional weight of the family's legacy and the challenges of the next generation stepping into leadership roles.

Critics have praised the film for its emotional depth and the way it ties up the series' long-running storylines. The writing has been noted for its ability to resonate with audiences, providing a satisfying conclusion to the characters' journeys. The film's cinematography and nostalgic elements have also been highlighted, making it a fitting farewell to the franchise.

This film, not only serves as a conclusion to the beloved series but also reflects on the themes of change, legacy, and the enduring bonds of family.

Time: Matinee (2.30pm) and evening (7.30pm) showings. Doors open half an hour before the performances start.

Tickets: £5 - Buy online at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/1820846>
or at Mitchells News Agents, Blofield.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

The Club's year starts on Wednesday evening, 11th March (7:30pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. It will be a social evening with a short AGM followed by a buffet. All are very welcome to this free event where the titles of this year's talks and details about the Annual Summer Show will be outlined. Gardening-related presentations are held on the second Wednesday evening of most months and details will be available in local newsletters, on posters, and on our website. Do join us!

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

Brundall Local History Group

Our next meeting is on the **7th February** with an illustrated talk by Georgette Vale on '**JULIAN OF NORWICH AND MARGERY KEMPE**' at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL.

Georgette will play both roles of these two medieval mystics and their contrasting characters. Julian of Norwich – the first known authoress in the English language, and Margery Kempe – the first known auto biographer in English. Whilst Julian remained enclosed in a small cell, Margery rampaged across Europe. We share their visions and take a journey through their books.

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.



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Date for your diary: The St Lawrence's Centre for the Arts
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The solution will be in next month's
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Good luck!

SOLUTION TO JANUARY 2026 SUDOKU

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FEBRUARY DIARY



02 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
02 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
02 Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
03 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Meeting	Heathlands
05 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
06 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
07 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
07 Saturday	The Wapscallions	Heathlands
09 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
09 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
10 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
13 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
13 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
13 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
14 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
14 Saturday	Valentine's Quiz & Chilli Evening	Margaret Harker Hall
15 Friday	Soul Afternoon Music	Heathlands
17 Tuesday	Pancake Party	Blofield Church
17 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
18 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
19 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Heathlands
19 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
20 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
20 Friday	Churchyard Work Party	Hemblington Church
25 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
26 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Gable Farm, Hemblington
27 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
28 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods.

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