

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.

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.

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)
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LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Two thousand years ago, or thereabouts, a man entered Jerusalem on a donkey. He was accompanied by his followers who were so excited by his entry into the city that they treated him to royal acclamation and tributes. They spread celebratory palm branches and some even their own cloaks beneath his feet and shouted their praise at the top of their voices. Their praise of God and of this man stirred the whole city. Many asked what was happening and 'who this man was'. 'This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee', replied his excited followers.



Like so many of Israel's prophets before him, Jesus knew that neither he nor his message would be welcome in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a very religious city with the temple standing at its heart as the centre of Israelite worship. Yet for all that, many could not accept the ministry of the man who came so humbly and meekly into their midst, with the promise that God desired to forgive and heal their past rebellion and wrongdoing, if only they would turn from it all and put their trust in him.

The pride and jealousy of those with power and influence meant that their eyes and ears were closed to the message he brought. A few days later, an opportunity came to destroy him. With great irony, on the holiest day of their religious calendar, they handed him over to the Roman forces of occupation as a troublemaker and an enemy of Rome - his fate was sealed. His life was exchanged for that of a terrorist who was released by the Roman governor as a gesture of forever tarnished 'good will'.

Using their most barbaric and demeaning form of execution, the Roman authorities stripped him naked and nailed him by his hands and feet to a splinter ridden cross and lifting it upright, they mocked him and gloated over his suffering and death. Yet, with the final few words from his mouth, he prayed for the forgiveness of all those who conspired against him and he yielded his life to trust in God, crying out, 'It is finished.' A tomb close by was his final resting place on that day but this was not the end of the story.

Three days later, when the most loyal of his followers revisited the tomb, they found it empty, except for the grave clothes neatly folded in one corner with a young man on one side. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified', he said. 'He has risen! He is not here'. Sure enough, for many days after this the risen Jesus showed himself alive to many.

It is this incredible story, that has transformed the lives and given courage and hope to millions of people, from the 1st century and down through the ages. Countless people have had their lives changed forever, transformed by the hope of eternal life by meeting for themselves, Jesus who is alive. This Easter, we will celebrate his resurrection with great joy in our hearts. Please join us and listen to this story of wonderful good news and joy.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON

Brothers and Sisters, Kevin suggested to the Tuesday prayer group that we might say the Lord's Prayer daily throughout Lent and so I offer you these words to reflect on each day.

Our Father in heaven

Thank you, Father, for letting us get this close; for letting us call you Abba. We are overwhelmed to be part of the family, with Jesus as our brother. Help us to be more like him.

Hallowed be your name

May your name be holy in a world that recognises holiness in all the wrong things, worshipping money, sex, celebrity and power.

Instead, may our vision be filled with the holiness of your tenderness and love.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven

We know that your kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and of peace.

Yet in this world, there is so much injustice, where violence, fear, persecution and deceit are the tools used to gain power over both individuals and nations.

So Lord, let your will be done soon, until we can finally say, heaven is possible here on earth.

Give us today our daily bread

... so that everyone on earth has enough to eat.

We bring to your table the world's hungry outsiders and pray that finally, and together, we might come to the place where the last will be first and no one is forgotten.

Forgive us our sins and we forgive those who sin against us.

When we have failed to love You and our neighbour, renew us and enable us to make up for whatever we have failed to do.

So Lord, Give us hearts that can share your grace by forgiving others.

Let us be humble and make us wise and discerning.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Not just the little stuff, the failings and mistakes to which we are all prone, but the heavy-duty, deep darkness that opposes your love over the world.

Help us to resist the attacks of evil wherever we see it, including in ourselves, and to fight back confidently in the name of our Lord Jesus.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever

Thank you, Lord, that the outcome of the struggle isn't in doubt. We can raise our eyes to the coming dawn because nothing can ultimately hold back your reign of love.

In the resurrection, nothing is left unchanged.

Amen.

Revd Sue

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
3 rd March	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
10 th March Mothering Sunday	Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday	Morning Worship For Mothering Sunday	Joint at Hemblington
17 th March	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
24 th March Palm Sunday	Morning Worship for Palm Sunday	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
Services for Holy Week			
28 th March Maundy Thursday	Benefice Service of Holy Communion 7.00pm at Blofield Church		
29 th March Good Friday	Good Friday Service 10.30am at Blofield	'Hour at the Cross' 2.30pm at Hemblington	
31st March Easter Day	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
7 th April	Benefice Service of Holy Communion 11.00am at South Walsham		

Benefice Morning Prayers:

Tuesdays at 9.00am using Zoom with Rev. Kevin (link sent out each week).
Because of the building works we plan to return to Hemblington Church for morning prayers on **Thursdays at 9.00am straight after Easter.**

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

If you or someone you know needs support, would like a phone call, or who has something special to celebrate, please let Rev. Kevin, Rev. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact (details on p.2).

Blofield Benefice Pastoral Outreach Help in the Community

The Broadland and South Norfolk Councils' 'Help Hub' brings together over 27 organisations which can give extra support when needed.

The Help Hub offers:

- ⇒ Support with your health and help to remain independent.
- ⇒ Advice and support with money
- ⇒ Help in getting and staying active
- ⇒ Mental health and wellbeing
- ⇒ Relationships and domestic abuse
- ⇒ Staying safe online
- ⇒ Families and children
- ⇒ Employment and training
- ⇒ *And much, much more*

All of these areas are covered by specialist organisations.

The Blofield Benefice is hoping to join the group offering Christian focused spiritual consolation, especially of those in later life, including bereavement ministry for those residents in the parishes of Blofield and Hemblington/Pedham.

Help Hub One Call 01603 430431
8.15am to 10pm Monday to Friday.

Revd. Sue
Sue.shillam@btinternet.com
01603 211629

The Churches of the Blofield Benefice and the Parish of South Walsham, Upton and Fishley.

**Our Lent course this year is entitled
'Be Still: A simple guide to Quiet Times.'**

Exploring the simple, transformative practice of a daily quiet time with God.

The course is over five weeks during Lent at the venues and times below:

- * **Blofield Church, West End** at 2.30pm
on the following **Tuesday afternoons:**
20th February, 27th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March.
- * **The Rectory (10 Oak Wood, Blofield)** at 7.30pm
on the following **Wednesday evenings:**
21st February, 28th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March.

Each session lasts about an hour and will include a video presentation and some group discussion. Everyone is welcome to any of the sessions.

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE AT BLOFIELD CHURCH



The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am
and follow a pattern of

Holy Communion and Morning Worship:

6th March - Morning Worship

13th March - Holy Communion

20th March - Morning Worship

27th March - No Service

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

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.

OPEN TO GOD

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

This month it will be:

Sunday, 10th March (with Maureen Utting and Liz Oliver)

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



Liz and Maureen

BLOFIELD CHURCH ARE COLLECTING FOR

The collection basket is in the church porch where it is collected daily and delivered to the Norwich warehouse on Ivy Road on a weekly basis. From here it is distributed to families and Foodbank centres in the city and surrounding areas.



WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN OUR VILLAGE WHEN APPROACHED.

Thank you to everyone who donates regularly to help families going through challenging times. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of church wardens for Blofield Church will be held on **Sunday 17th March 2024 after the 11am service in Blofield Church.**

The meeting may be attended by:

- All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and
- All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church for those wishing to put their name forward for the role of church warden or to nominate someone else.



PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, 24th MARCH AT 11.00 AM
AT BLOFIELD CHURCH**

**You are warmly invited
to a service celebrating
the triumphal entry of
Jesus into Jerusalem on
a donkey**



Refreshments are served after the service

Easter Services for the Blofield Benefice



**MAUNDY THURSDAY
28TH MARCH**

**BENEFICE SERVICE AT
BLOFIELD CHURCH 7.00pm
Holy Communion Service
celebrating Jesus sharing the
Last Supper with his disciples**

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

BLOFIELD CHURCH

Outdoor Service at the cross 10.30am

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Last hour at the cross 2.30pm



**EASTER SUNDAY
CELEBRATION
31ST MARCH**

**BLOFIELD CHURCH
Holy Communion Service
11.00am**

**HEMBLINGTON CHURCH
Holy Communion Service
9.30am**



PLAY CHURCH

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at

Blofield Church

Church Road Blofield NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship and a chance for babies and toddlers to learn and play in a safe, welcoming & well resourced setting.

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

Healthy snacks are provided for children with tea and cake for adults served at the end of the session.

SPRING TERM

28th February - 27th March

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

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

LENTEN LUNCH AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Do join us on **Sunday, 17th March** at 12.15pm (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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY
Morning Worship
BLOFIELD CHURCH
Sunday March 10th 11.00 am



POSIES WILL BE HANDED OUT TO ALL THE LADIES



JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SIMMNEL CAKE

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2024

Everyone is welcome to join us at Blofield Church on the first and third Thursday every month from 12.00 midday. We provide a homecooked, two course lunch, lots of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and a little bit of crafting.

In March we meet on Thursday 7th and 21st.
Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968



**SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE
FOR SALE**

New season Seville Orange Marmalade made in church by a group of hard working people.
Now available in church or phone Sarah 07584638854 who will deliver.
Price from £2.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH



Churchwardens Accounts in the 16th Century

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

Saturday, 27th April 2024 at 2:30 pm



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

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

Light refreshments will be offered.

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

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

Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

The Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Lots of plans afoot for spring and summer at All Saints Church. Our next big event is on **Saturday afternoon, 27th April (2:30pm) when Adrian O'dell will talk about "Churchwardens' Accounts in the 16th century"**. Funds were spent on some extraordinary items – this will be an interesting and, at times unexpectedly funny presentation. A short AGM will follow this talk, describing all the other events being planned to raise funds for church repairs. Do come along – though you don't have to stay for the AGM, honest!

Diary dates:

Weekend of 8th and 9th June: art exhibition in church featuring work by Jan Lacey, Ian Walker, Vivienne Rainsbury and Jan Heath. Free entry and refreshments available.

8th – 16th June: Great Big Green Week and Churches Count on Nature – various events to celebrate the natural world and the importance of churchyards for wild flora and fauna.

Saturday, 7th December: Synergy Rock n Blues Night at Heathlands.

Information about the work that the Friends of All Saints undertake is available from the Secretary – hemblington@gmail.com/(01603) 715804. Church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

World Day of Prayer - Friday, 1st March.

This annual event, formerly known as "The Women's World Day of Prayer", is held every year on the first Friday in March. This year it is on Friday, 1st 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 Palestine. The service was prepared before the turmoil of the current situation arose, and it provides an opportunity to hear the rarely heard voice of these women.

This event is not intended just for women, but is meant as a gift from the Christian women of Palestine to Christians the world over. The theme is "I beg you bear with one another in love."

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 and fellowship 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 so wish to attend the service at Brundall.

Everyone is welcome.

Jennifer Harvey

Make & Mardle

This will be held on **Thursday, 21st March** from 10am to 12noon at Gables Farmhouse Hemblington for coffee, cake, chat & optional craft. All will be very welcome. For more details, call 01603 270360.



Save the date:

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

All proceeds will be shared between:

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

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

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

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Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at THE RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people.

Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason (alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen (see page 21)

THE MIRACLE CLUB (12) - Friday, 8th March

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

Blofield Court House Jazz Evening - Friday 16th April. Tickets £10 by phone reservation only - please call Ann on 01603 715349 or email jazz@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk and provide a contact number.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 20)

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

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. This month's meeting is on the **11th March** and the **Annual meeting of the Parish is on 14th March**. 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! March litter-picks take place on: **Monday, 4th March**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am; **Monday, 11th March**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am. As always, a big thank-you to residents, dog-walkers and others who also collect litter around the villages.

Jubilee Bank is already showing signs of Spring. It was created as an initiative by KBS some years ago. It continues to be a delightful show of colour between the library and the school because of the hard work and gardening skills of Sarah Tetlow, for which we are very grateful.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG is an active group aiming to promote interest in Norfolk's natural history and to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation. We undertake site management of wildlife habitats and hold fortnightly work parties and monthly evening meetings.

Work parties on alternate 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: **2nd March – Jary's Meadow** – Path network/bramble; **16th March – Holly Lane Pond** – Annual Maintenance; **23rd March – Howes Meadow.**

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

A presentation by Stephen Cash on the "History of Cantley Sugar Beet Factory" with its 40 -50 acres will be given on **Friday, 8th March** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Do join us. Visitors are welcome and refreshments are served.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club

Following completion of our second hard court, we are inviting new members to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. It is a great time to start, or get back into tennis at this friendly club, welcoming players of all standards. We offer:

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

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

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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Brundall Local History Group

The next talk is on **Saturday, 2nd March** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Dale Wiseman and will be entitled 'St. Andrews, once visited never forgotten'. Dale will talk about St Andrew's Hospital in Thorpe called the Norfolk County Asylum when it opened in 1814, and his first visit there over 40 years ago.

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

For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Heathlands (see p.19)

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £10.00 for a family including children under 17; Single membership £5.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. Do not forget we have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. We also have a Heathlands Facebook Page which updates each week: www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)

Our club is flourishing and is now meeting every two weeks. Our catchment area is Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, Little Plumstead and Brundall. We welcome lonely, isolated, elderly and disabled people. Coffee, hot lunch and afternoon refreshments are available as well as activities, entertainment and outings, and most of all companionship. If you or anyone you know would benefit from joining us please ring Sarah Russen on 01603 714800 for a friendly chat. We are always short of voluntary drivers, if you would be happy to help on a regular or occasional basis, please ring Sarah.

WEA Blofield Branch (see pages 21 & 22)

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

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

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

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

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

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

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Blofield Heath W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on the **12th March**. Some of the Committee Members are stepping down, and we are looking for new people to volunteer. New members are welcome.

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. This month's meeting is on the **27th 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, Thursday and Friday 9.30am until 12.30pm and on Wednesday from noon until 3 pm. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. Ofsted Rated - Good. If you require further information (particularly during these uncertain times) then please call 01603 712616 (office hours) or contact: Fiona Trimble on 07716869506 and visit our website: www.hemblingtonpreschool.com.

Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council

All meetings are held at the Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, generally on the 1st TUESDAY of the month starting at 7.30pm. This month's meeting is on the **5th March**. Planning consultation meetings are sometimes held between meeting dates when planning proposals have to be considered within 23 days. 15 minutes is allocated at the start of all meetings for public participation. Parishioners and the press are welcome to attend any Council meeting. For information, the website is: <https://lingwood-burlinghamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>.

Aid for Animals

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

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 4.00pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **4th March**. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome. From time to time, as funds allow, we donate to various charities and often have raffles in aid of specific causes, for example, Macmillan, Breast Cancer and Great Yarmouth foodbank. A warm welcome is extended to people in the Benefice, we would love to see you. Just come along any month.

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on 4th March 2024.

There are lots of events coming up and it will be great to see you.

RUGBY MATCH - 9th March - Doors open at 2.00pm, lots of you have been and watched at the Club. It has been a great atmosphere, great to see so many of you; also lots of nibbles.

TEA and CHAT - We are back **Tuesday, 19th March** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm (or longer if you want to stay). There will be lots of lovely cakes, savoury items, tea, coffee etc, a fine raffle also. Come and join us, catch up with friends or bring a friend.

Date for next one after March is 18th April.

Annual General Meetings - it's that time of year again.

Social Club is on **Monday, 25th March**, in the Social Club at 7.00pm.

Heathlands is on **Tuesday, 26th March** in the Committee Room at 7.30pm.

Everybody welcome.

BINGO DATES for March are **1st, 15th and 29th**.

Eyes down at 7.30pm, lovely raffle and drinks from the bar available as always.

Events coming up:

5th May - GARAGE SALE, more information next month

11th May the re-arranged CEILIDH evening.

Tickets available from the Social Club. It is a great evening, so come and join us.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We have plenty going on at the social club over the next month. Please see our facebook page for up to date news at www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

Your club is open from Tuesday through to Sunday. Come and join us. We usually have 3 ales on tap from various breweries, plus Lagers (Birra Moretti, Stella Artois, Carlsberg), Guinness, Magners, *Lacons LGR* and Camden Pale Ale. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks.

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome and forms are available in the Bar.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: Doors open 7:30pm, closed at 11pm.

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

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

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

Sky Sports are shown throughout the week. Come and join us, have a pint and watch the sports. 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.

New School Update from the Governors of Blofield Primary School.

We were delighted to be invited by Pentaco, the new school building contractor, to attend the official groundbreaking ceremony on January 19th to mark the start of the new school construction.

We accompanied Mrs Doggett (Headteacher), Mrs D’Rosario (School Secretary) and the two youngest and two oldest children to attend the ceremony. Thankfully, the ground had already been prepared following overnight freezing temperatures!

The children were brilliant and took centre stage in the photographs along with Mrs Doggett in the digger!

An official press article has been released by Norfolk County Council on their website and Facebook page. The current plan suggests that the new school should be completed in December 2024, and we are working closely with Norfolk County Council (NCC) to plan when a move into the new building can be achieved. This does mean that Blofield Primary will be staying as single form entry with a Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 30 for the time being. Again, we are working closely with NCC to understand when the time is right to increase to two form entry.

We are excited to see the build under way and will issue further updates as the new school building progresses.

Paul Culley-Barber
Chair of Governors – Blofield Primary School

Blofield & District Gardening Club



Our Gardening Club year starts again on **Wednesday evening, 13th March (7:30pm) at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield.** This will be the Club’s Annual General Meeting, with a review of last year, and information about the speakers and topics organised for this year. The schedule for the very popular Summer Show (Saturday, 13th July) will also be outlined, so all can start to prepare prize-winning vegetables, plants and chutneys!

A light buffet and quiz will be offered to all attendees after the short meeting – past club members and anyone interested in gardening will be warmly welcomed. Free entry to all.

Information about the club is available from the secretary: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com/(01603) 715804.

Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Court House Village Screen

THE MIRACLE CLUB (12) - Friday, 8th March

Set in 1967, THE MIRACLE CLUB follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) in Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to Lourdes. However, just before their trip, their old friend Chrissie (Laura Linney) arrives for her mother's funeral. The women set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives, with Chrissie, a sceptical traveller, joining in place of her mother. Old wounds are reopened along the way, forcing the women to confront their pasts, even as they travel in search of a miracle.

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

Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield.
Enquiries to 01603 712306.



Blofield Court House Jazz Evening - Friday 16th April RED SHADOW QUARTET

Join us for the very welcome return of the Norwich-based quartet playing a selection of originals, standards, material from Still, their latest CD (available on Bandcamp) and some new work. Featuring Trevor Rowland (saxophones), Peter Hayes (piano), Dave Pullin (bass) and Rob Masters (drums).

If you have not been to our jazz events before you can expect a warm welcome. The Court House evokes the cosy feel of a cabaret-style nightclub with subdued lighting and comfortable seating. Our bar sells beers, wines and soft drinks and is open all evening.

Tickets £10 by phone reservation only - please call Ann on 01603 715349 or email jazz@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk and provide a contact number

WEA Blofield Branch

Alfred Hitchcock – the British Movies” (course ref. number Q00010682) is running for four weeks on **Tuesday mornings, 27th February – 19th March** (10am – 12 noon). The course will be led by Nigel Herwin.

This will be at Blofield Court House, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield. You can enrol online at www.wea.org.uk or by phone on 0300 303 3464. There have been some issues registering for courses, so if preferred, please just attend in good time before the first session of a course, and you can be enrolled by the local team.

Please contact the local branch with any queries: Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or 'phone 01603 537029. Go to the main WEA website for details of other courses: www.wea.org.uk.

”Alfred Hitchcock – the British Movies”

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

This course will explore how he became “The Master of Suspense” through a series of classic movies made in Britain during the 1920s and ‘30s. An essential course for anyone who wants to know how Hitchcock managed to manipulate cinema audiences!

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings 27th February – 19th March, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £33.60

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

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



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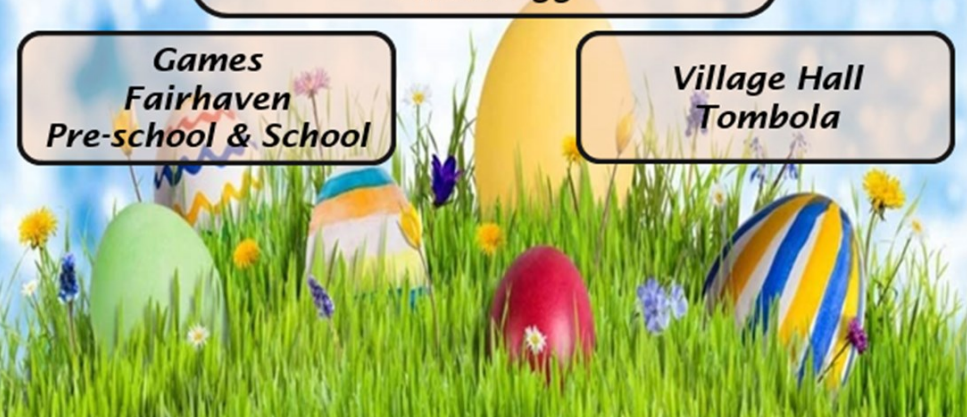
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*The solution will be in next month's
(April) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY SUDOKU

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MARCH Diary

01 Friday	World Day of Prayer	Hemblington Church
01 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
02 Saturday	BADCOG	Jary's Meadow
02 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
04 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
04 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's Church
04 Monday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
05 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC Meeting	Lingwood
05 Tuesday	Lent Course (Afternoon)	Blofield Church
06 Wednesday	Lent Course (Evening)	The Rectory, Blofield
07 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
08 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Com. Hall
08 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
11 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
11 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
12 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI AGM	Heathlands
12 Tuesday	Lent Course (Afternoon)	Blofield Church
13 Wednesday	Lent Course (Evening)	The Rectory, Blofield
13 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Thursday	Annual Meeting of Blofield Parish	Blofield Court House
15 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
16 Saturday	BADCOG	Holly Lane Pond
19 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
19 Tuesday	Lent Course (Afternoon)	Blofield Church
20 Wednesday	Lent Course (Evening)	The Rectory, Blofield
21 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
21 Thursday	Make & Mardle	Gables Farmhouse
23 Saturday	BADCOG	Howes Meadow
25 Monday	Social Club AGM	Heathlands
26 Tuesday	Heathlands AGM	Heathlands
27 Wednesday	Hemblington PC	Heathlands
29 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
30 Saturday	Grand Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary's & St Lawrence's Churchyards

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