

BLOFIELD NEWS

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

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WELCOME

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

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

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

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

16th January, Stanley Arthur William Thompson aged 94, Blofield Church, cremation at St Faith's.

12th February, Michael John Poulton aged 81, St Faith's Crematorium.

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).

MARCH MINISTER'S LETTER

March is the month during which the spring equinox falls, after which the hours of light in the day start to outnumber the hours of dark. Snowdrops are giving way to daffodils and foliage is starting to return to our trees and hedges. The early signs of spring are here! Against the backdrop of the stark winter months, the natural world starts to offer us glimpses of colour, warmth and new life.



This year, the whole of March falls within the church's season of Lent, which, like the winter months, is a time of starkness, of stripping back to re-connect with the core of who we are and the roots of our faith. However, right in the middle of March and Lent, there is a day which, just like the first signs of spring, offers us a foretaste of what is to come.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare* (Latin for rejoice) Sunday, which offers a day of respite from Lenten discipline and fasting in order to anticipate the joy of Easter which is to come. It is a day on which the colour of robes, altar frontals and falls used in churches is permitted to be changed to a joyous rose pink rather than the purple of Lent. This particular Sunday therefore, offers us a reflection of the natural world's own offering at this time of year: a glimpse of colour, warmth and new life.

Laetare Sunday is well known to many, if not all people in our society, but if this is news to you, then it may well be because it is more commonly known as Mothering Sunday. Despite having its origins in the church, Mothering Sunday seems to have become an increasingly secularised and commercialised occasion rather than a day on which to celebrate our own mothers, our mother church and our mother God by attending a service.

Still, Mothering Sunday continues to be celebrated in churches as a way of recognising all that nurtures us and encourages us to bear good fruit, all within a season that shows us signs of the natural world being pregnant with the beauty of spring and new life. Reflecting on all these things, you may want to use this time of Lent and spring to consider ways in which you are nurtured, what the results of that nurturing are, and how you might nurture others. You will be warmly welcomed to any of the Mothering Sunday services being held in our churches this month.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

Reflections for March - Welcome to Spring

The beauty of creation

Read: *The heavens extol the glory of God; the firmament testifies to his handiwork. Each day witnesses eloquently and each night communicates knowledge, without need of speech, language or any other voice. Their music pervades all the earth; the words of their mouth reach out to the furthest parts of the world.*
Psalm 19:1-4

Ask yourself: What aspects of creation speak most powerfully to you of God? In what ways are you helping to preserve the environment and in what ways are you guilty of exploring it?

Pray: Gracious God, open my eyes to the loveliness of this world and in honouring your creation may I honour you. Amen.

The gift of hope

Read: *My soul waits quietly for God; my confidence comes from him. He, and he alone, is my rock, my deliverance and my stronghold; nothing will shake me.*
Psalm 62: 5-6

Ask yourself: Does the thought of the future fill you with confidence or dread? Do you feel able to leave your ultimate destiny in the hands of God, confident that, whatever you may face, he will finally make all things work together for good?

Pray: Loving God, send me back into the world renewed in hope and restored in faith, to live and work for you. Amen.

Celebrating the new morning

Read: *Satisfy us each morning with your unanswered love, so that we may rejoice and celebrate all our days.*
Psalm 90: 14

Ask yourself: Do you still welcome each day as a gift? Do you need to re-examine your sense of perspective?

Pray: Loving God, I thank you for the gift of this and every day. I praise you for all the possibilities each brings. Teach me to count my blessings and to welcome this day as your gift, consecrating it to your service in grateful praise, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Your God needs you!

Read: *How can they cry out to someone they have not believed in? How can they believe in someone they have never heard of? And how can they hear of him unless someone proclaims it to them? And how can anyone proclaim unless they are sent?*
Romans 10: 14-15

Ask yourself: Have you taken seriously God's need of you? Are you guilty sometimes of wondering why he hasn't answered your prayers when the reality is that you have failed to help answer them yourself?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you have touched my life, brought me joy and given me life in all its fullness. Equip me now, through your Spirit, to make you known and share with others the blessing I have found in you, for your name's sake. Amen.

Revd Sue

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
1st March	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
8th March	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
15th March	Morning Worship Mothering Sunday	Morning Worship Mothering Sunday	Joint at Hemblington
22nd March	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
29th March	Holy Communion Palm Sunday	Holy Communion Palm Sunday	Joint at Hemblington

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

Home Communion

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in MARCH

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

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

Wednesday, 25th March - 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 March - Morning Worship

11th March - Holy Communion

18th March - Morning Worship

25th March - Holy Communion

***The Feast of the Annunciation of
Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary***

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, 8th March and 12th April 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.

Easter Fun Day

Blofield Church

Tuesday 31st March

Drop off at 10am, pick up at 2pm

For children aged 5-12 years

A fun filled activity day exploring the meaning of Easter through
games, baking, stories, modelling, creative crafts and songs.

Bring a packed lunch, your friends, and plenty of energy!

£5 per child on the day

Reduction for more than one child per family

Booking is essential

Book by 24th March, numbers are limited

Leaders are all DBS checked

Booking forms available in Blofield and Hemblington churches

For more information or to make a booking, contact Yvonne Mack

01603 715213 / 07720942955

yvonnemack60@gmail.com

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 March and 19th March.**

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 March from 10.00am.

*'Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may
exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for
you.'*

1 Peter 5:6-7



DRAW NEAR

**LIFE-GIVING
HABITS FOR LENT**



Lent Course

Join this journey through lent as we explore life-giving patterns and practices of the Christian faith.

Thursdays

Ranworth Church
Tearooms
10.30am

Hot drinks and biscuits



Saturdays

Blofield Church
9.30am

*Hot drinks and
breakfast pastries*

19th February
26th February
5th March
12th March
19th March
26th March

Worship
Prayer
Bible
Communion
Service
Good News

21st February
28th February
7th March
14th March
21st March
28th March

The Christian Way

Saturday 11th April 10am at Blofield Church

A joint service to draw near to God, reflect upon the course and to affirm the Christian Way



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Music Quiz - Friday evening, 6th March: 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! It's 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. Tables of up to 6 people at £5 per person but if you don't raise a full team, we can seat you with others. Please contact Sue at: hemblington@gmail.com / (01603) 715804 or Linda at: linda_bryant7@hotmail.com / (01603) 715933.

Profits from this quiz are going to The Friends of All Saints Church for necessary building repairs. 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.

World Day of Prayer

All Saints Church Hemblington

Friday 6th March, a morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Drop in at any time. Join us for lunch at 12.15pm

For more information contact jennifer@prospero3.co.uk

Or phone 01603-716970

St Laurence Church Brundall

Friday 6th March, service at 2.00pm

For more information contact piano40@btinternet.com



This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria

Hemblington Make & Mardle Gatherings

These will be held on Tuesday, 24th March

At Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington

Then, on Thursday, 23rd April back at

All Saints Church, Hemblington

when we hope the weather will be warmer!

Usual format - 10am to 1 noon, coffee, cake, chat & optional craft.

You will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270360

GRAND MUSIC QUIZ

2026

Heathlands, Woodbastwick Road
BLOFIELD HEATH

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th
Doors open 6.45pm

- **£5 per person**
- **Bar at club prices**
- **Live music rounds**
- **All NEW categories**

Teams / individuals welcome!
Maximum: 6 people per team

Tickets in advance from:

Sue: hemblington@gmail.com
01603 715804

Linda: linda_bryant7@hotmail.com
01603 715933

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

This month's film '**The Roses**' is on **Friday, 13th 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 or online at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/2011469>.

Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk.

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

A club with a 100 years' history, that looks to the future.

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

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

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

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

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

Keep Blofield Special

We meet twice monthly for about an hour's litter-picking helping keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. You are welcome to join us. March litter-picks take place on:

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

Monday, 9th March, 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.

NOTICE BOARD

BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

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

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

Saturday **14th March - Holly Lane Pond** (where BADCOG's work began);
Saturday 28th March – Jary's Meadow or Buckenham Woods.

For details please consult the website www.badcog.co.uk.

Our March **evening meeting** will be a presentation by wildlife photographer Steve Reeve, whose work captures the beauty of Norfolk wildlife. It will be on **Friday 13th** at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. 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 **Annual Parish Meeting** is on **Thursday, 12th March**, and the next Parish Council Meeting is on the **16th 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.

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

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. The next meeting is on the **7th March**. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Forget Me Not Café

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

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

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

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

Heathlands

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. Membership fee for 2026 is £15.00 per couple or family with children under 17, and single is £10.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up-to-date news at:

www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)

Our club meets every two weeks. Our catchment area is Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, Little Plumstead and Brundall. We welcome lonely, isolated, elderly and disabled people. Coffee, hot lunch and afternoon refreshments are available as well as activities, entertainment and outings, and most of all companionship. If you or anyone you know would benefit from joining us please ring Sarah Russen on 01603 714800 for a friendly chat. We are always short of voluntary drivers, if you would be happy to help on a regular or occasional basis, please ring Sarah. Also, we are looking for able people to help put chairs and tables away at the end of each meeting. This only takes half an hour. Please ring Sarah on 714800 or Barbara on 712374 if you can help.

NOTICE BOARD

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 March**.

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 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.

Spuds & Puds QUIZ NIGHT

With Quiz Master Shôn



Teams of 6 - £15 per person

**Ticket includes a baked potato with fillings
and a choice of delicious puddings**

Bring your own drinks

Tea & coffee available for a donation

Friday 27th March

6.45pm for 7pm start

St Lawrence's Centre, South Walsham

**In aid of the Great Fire of South Walsham
Village History Project**



**Contact Chris Bond to book your tickets
01603 270210/07590 307099**



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

The St Lawrence's Centre for the Arts

**“Young Musicians’ Concert”
on 11th April 2026 at 7.30pm**

Ticket prices: **£14, £12** (Friends), under 18s: **£5**
(includes complimentary drinks during the interval)

Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stlawrencesconcertseries
or pre-book via Sue Hitchcock: tel 01603 270212 or
email suehitchcock6@gmail.com

HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Meeting is 3rd March at 7.30pm.

Annual General Meeting for the Social Club is 23rd March at 7.00pm.

Annual General Meeting for Heathlands is 24th March at 7.30pm.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

Forthcoming Attractions for March:

7th March: **Rugby** - England v Italy.

7th March: Come and enjoy **Viktori** in the Hall, playing from 8.00pm until 11.00pm. Further information under Social Club items.

11th March: **WINE TASTING** - This popular event is back in the Social Club, from 7.30pm. Several wines to taste, and light buffet available.

Tickets are £20.00 (same as last year), available from the Social Club or ring 714164 to reserve.

12th March: **QUIZ** in Social Club - teams of 6, free entry, starts at 8.00pm.

14th March **Rugby** - England v France Bar - will be open from 4.15pm.

17th March: **TEA & CHAT** in the main hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come and join us, lots of lovely cakes, etc. and tea.

BINGO DATES:

EVENING BINGO dates for March are: 13th and 27th. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

AFTERNOON BINGO dates are: 6th and 20th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

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

Blofield Heath WI

It has been a while since we communicated; our last meeting was in January when we were joined by Anya from the local charity called 'Little Lifts'. They provide care and personal boxes to those ladies who have suffered or are suffering from Breast Cancer. The variety of boxes differs as to whether it is pharmaceuticals needed before surgery, or those needed after Chemo or Radiotherapy treatment. Alongside Anya was Trisha, a lady who had been through the shock and trauma of having Breast Cancer, who explained how well 'Little Lifts' had looked after her. Our members were very generous with their donations and a figure of over £200 was received. A delicious tea of cakes and savouries was provided afterwards by the Tea Hostesses.

We had a very interesting talk on the History of Tulips at our February meeting. There was a good attendance of members it was followed by a very nice tea with refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on **10th March** at 2pm, when our Speaker will be talking to us about owls. *'To wit to woo!'*



creative
ARTS EAST

Create
Tour
Connect

MAYHEM,
MURDER,
AND REAL
GAMES OF
BINGO!

Eyes DOWN

AN INTERACTIVE COMEDY THRILLER BY DAVID PAYNE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY 'JUST SOME THEATRE'

Sunday 29th March, 7pm
Margaret Harker Hall
Blofield, Norfolk, NR13 4LE

Refreshments available

Tickets £14

(Early bird
offer £12)

SCAN TO BOOK



Book online by visiting...
margaretharkerhall.sumupstore.com



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MARGARET HARKER HALL

Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026

We are looking for craft stalls and community organisations who would like to join us at our Blofield Summer Fayre on 18th July 2026. It is an opportunity for you to fundraise for your organisation, while we also try and raise funds for a new roof and maintenance for our Parish Hall - Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield. Application forms can be found on the 'news' section of margaretharkerhall.co.uk, or please get in touch via the website: www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk.

Blofield Summer Fayre is promising to be a big event with crafts stalls, community groups, dancing, choir, food & bar and a ceilidh in the evening. Ceilidh tickets are already on sale at: <https://margaretharkerhall.sumupstore.com/products>.

"Eyes Down" on 29th March at 7pm

A theatre production comes to the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

It is Bingo Night at The Stairway To Heaven Social Club and that can only mean one thing: 'Mr Razzle Dazzle' himself, Bertie Bingo is ready to host an evening of dabbers, Droopy Drawers... and death!

As games are played, houses are called, tension mounts, and before long a body is discovered... but whose number is up? How culpable are the audience? What really happened to the previous caller? And more importantly... who will win the novelty Toblerone?

Recommended age is 14+.

Tickets: £12 Earlybird / £14 available from

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

The event is fundraising for a new roof for the Margaret Harker Hall.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Wednesday evening, 11th March (7.30pm) at The Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield - a social evening with a short AGM followed by a buffet and light-hearted quiz. 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 of most months and details will be available in local newsletters, on posters, and on our website.

On Wednesday evening, 8th April, "Gardens in the Spring" is the title of a presentation by well-known local gardener Millie Jenkins, while on 13th May, Holly White, a local horticulturalist and specialist, will be talking about Houseplants – their origins and care. Do join us!

Local contact: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com /01603 715804.

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Brundall Local History Group
THE HIDDEN LIVES OF WOMEN IN VICTORIAN
AND EDWARDIAN BRUNDALL
An illustrated talk by Chloe Veale

This will be on the **7th March** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL.

Within the strict patriarchal society of this period, women's everyday lives were subservient to the worldly achievements of their fathers, husbands and brothers. Research undertaken by BLHG Archive Group volunteers, from family records, house deeds and newspaper reports, has revealed the circumstances and remarkable accomplishments of several Brundall women, from different backgrounds and classes in society. Now, at last, some of their compelling stories can be heard.

Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors who are very welcome. For further details visit our



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The solution will be in next month's
(April) Blofield News.

Good luck!

SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY 2026 SUDOKU

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March Diary

01 Sunday	Lenten Lunch	Blofield Church
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	Grand Music Quiz	Heathlands
06 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
06 Friday	World Day of Prayer	Hemblington Church & Brundall Church
07 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
07 Saturday	Victori in the Hall	Heathlands
09 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
10 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
11 Wednesday	Wine Tasting	Heathlands
11 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
12 Thursday	Blofield Annual Parish Meeting	Blofield Court House
12 Thursday	Social Club Quiz	Blofield Court House
13 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
13 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
13 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumphshaw Com. Hall
14 Saturday	BADCOG	Holly Lane Pond
16 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
17 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
18 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
19 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
20 Friday	Afternoon BINGO	Heathlands
25 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
24 Tuesday	Make & Mardle Gathering	Gable Farm
27 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
27 Monday	Quiz	St Lawrence's, South Walsham Jary's Meadow or Buckenham Woods.
28 Saturday	BADCOG	Margaret Harker Hall
29 Sunday	'Eyes Down'	Heathlands
30 Monday	Hemblington PC	Blofield Church
31 Tuesday	Easter Fun Day	

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