

# 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

### **Baptism**

Sofia Webber, Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup> March) at Blofield Church.

### **Funerals**

15<sup>th</sup> March, Iris Bailey aged 96 at St Faith's Crematorium.  
18<sup>th</sup> March, James Wallace aged 76 at Blofield Church.  
20<sup>th</sup> March, Gary Clark aged 76 at Hemblington Church.  
25<sup>th</sup> March, Michael Dale aged 71 at Hemblington Church.  
11<sup>th</sup> April, Monica Law aged 81 at Blofield Church.



## LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

It is not very often that I take the time to read a book unless it has some relevance to Biblical studies or theology, but when Helene and I were visiting some friends recently, they had a book on their coffee table which caught my eye, so much so that I bought my own copy to read. It was a book by Michael Palin, called 'Erebus: The Story of a Ship'. It is a story of adventure and discovery in both the Arctic and Antarctic by two Naval vessels, Erebus and Terror, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is based on much historical fact and quotes historical sources, but there is also some reimagination of the story.



In one of the scenes, Erebus is caught between two icebergs with the walls of ice rapidly bearing down on the ship. The crew expect a miserable end. The only gap available for the ship to escape catastrophe is closing fast. The captain courageously takes two risky decisions - a great gamble - which enable the ship to reverse from the wall of ice, turn and set the main sail in appalling and dangerous sea conditions, and head out of the gap. They make it, just. It was a thrilling bit of the story to read.

In their written recollections that followed, senior members of the crew could only attribute their deliverance to 'God Almighty' and to 'a most wonderful interposition of divine providence'. Somewhat haughtily, Michael Palin suggests it was "all down to the captain and his seamanship rather than the almighty himself that saved the lives of his men".

I think, from his totally secular viewpoint, Michael Palin has failed to understand that God's providence is not in competition with human wisdom and bravery. The scripture tells us God is kind and loving towards all He has made. God often works through the decisions that competent, dutiful, and brave people take. He doesn't need to reach down from heaven like a modern-day Poseidon. God is always at work through human agency.

In the month when we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit into the lives of the disciples of Christ, we believe that the Spirit comes to help us to live our lives for the good of our fellow humans, by doing God's will and work. Amongst the fruit that the Spirit produces in our lives as we seek to "live by the Spirit", are kindness and goodness. We should never be reluctant to thank God for spiritual fruit and gifts in the life of others that bring encouragement and help – even deliverance - into our lives.

**REVD. KEVIN BILLSON**

# May – Summer

## Prayers and reflections for each week

### Learning to say thank you

**Read:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name. For you Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hand I sing for joy. Psalm 92: 1,4*

**Ask yourself:** When did you last make time to thank God for something? Have you been guilty of taking God's gifts for granted?

**Pray:** Gracious God, help me not only to ask in faith but to receive with gratitude, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen

### Learning to forgive

**Read:** *Peter approached him and said, 'Lord, how often should I let someone sin against me and still forgive them? As many as seven times ? Jesus said to him 'not seven times , but I tell you, seventy-seven times. Matthew 18: 21-22*

**Ask yourself:** Do you hold a grievance against someone? What is stopping you forgiving them?

**Pray:** Loving God, teach me to recognise how much I have been forgiven and so help me to reach out to others in turn, ready to show mercy, to forgive and to forget, for your name's sake. Amen

### A friend in need

**Read:** *Ruth said, 'do not urge me to turn back and abandon you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you stop, I will stop; your people will be my people, and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16-17)*

**Ask yourself:** What kind of friend are you to others? How deep is the commitment you put into your relationships.

**Pray:** Gracious God, teach me today the meaning of friendship, to others and to you. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen

### When one door closes

**Read:** *Coming with the gospel to Troas, I found the Lord had opened a door for me there (2 Corinthians 2.12)*

**Ask yourself:** Have doors seemed to close in your life? Could it be that God is looking to lead you in a new direction?

**Pray:** Loving God, through all that life brings and in all the challenges I face, help me to see the way forward and to follow where you would lead me through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen

### Sowing the seed

**Read:** *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation. (Mark 16:15)*

**Ask yourself:** Have you taken seriously the call to share your faith? When did you last witness to Christ?

**Pray:** Lord Jesus Christ, I cannot make disciples on my own, but I can play my part in sowing the seed for you to nurture. Help me to do that faithfully, conscious of my privilege and responsibility, for your name's sake. Amen

**Rev. Sue**

## THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM SERVICES FOR MAY 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Blofield 11.00am</b>	<b>Hemblington 9.30am</b>	<b>North Burlingham</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
19 <sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost)	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
26 <sup>th</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington

### **Benefice Morning Prayers:**

**Tuesdays at 9.00am** using Zoom with Rev. Kevin (link sent out each week).

**Thursdays at 9.00am** at Hemblington Church .

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).

## **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 Rev. Kevin, Rev. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact.

Contact details are on page 2.

## **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:

<b>BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON</b>	<b>ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM (North Burlingham PCC)</b>
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  
and follow a pattern of  
Holy Communion and Morning Worship:

**1<sup>st</sup> May - Holy Communion**  
**8<sup>th</sup> May - Morning Worship**  
**15<sup>th</sup> May - Holy Communion**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> May - Morning Worship**  
**29<sup>th</sup> May - Holy Communion**

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

### **OPEN TO GOD**

**The “One to One” prayer ministry will take place by the high altar after  
the 11am service on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

A clarification to convey what really happens in the sanctuary:

You do not have to pray out loud. It is an opportunity for you to receive the  
focus of God’s love and blessing for you, while the leaders are praying for  
you out loud.

We believe that this can be a healing experience of strengthening our trust in  
God.



*Liz and Maureen*

### **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.

### **Blofield Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The **APCM** for **Blofield Church** will be held on  
**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 pm in Blofield Church**  
All those whose names appear on the Church Electoral Roll  
are eligible to attend this meeting.



# 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.

### SUMMER TERM

17th April - 22nd May

5th June - 17th July

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

Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or [yvonnemack60@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnemack60@gmail.com) or Barbara on 01603 714519



## BLOFIELD CHURCH ARE COLLECTING FOR THE



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.

### **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 May we meet on Thursdays the 2nd and 16th**

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968

### **Flower Arrangers Wanted at Blofield Church**



Our wonderful Judy, with the help of her friend Brenda, are unable to continue the flower arrangements in church every week due to ill health. We gratefully thank them for their dedication to this over the years.

We are asking for anyone interested in helping/learning to flower arrange on a regular basis to contact Sarah 07584638854 for further details.

## USED STAMP COLLECTION THANK YOU

During recent months, kind people have saved and donated used stamps which were collected, at the request of Revd. Ron Ingamells, to be sold for the work of Embrace the Middle East.

A big 'Thank you' to all is given in the letter which Revd. Ron Ingamells has received:

*Dear Mr Ingamells*

*Thank you very much for donating stamps to the work of Embrace the Middle East. Funds raised through the sale of your stamps will be used to support the Helen Keller School for the Visually Impaired.*

*The students at the Helen Keller School have worked hard to achieve both their academic and extracurricular goals throughout the school year. They have all done extremely well and their teachers and families tell us how proud of them they are.*

*The Helen Keller School also saw the introduction of a new form of physical education, with the goal of not only improving physical wellbeing but also developing the student's body awareness and concentration. These new and improved lessons include activities such as gymnastics and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves when taking part.*

*Thanks to your donations, in 2021 the Stamp Fellowship raised over £7,670 for the Helen Keller School. Thank you again for donating your stamps to us and enabling the school to continue its vital work.*

*With kindest regards*

*Victoria Hyde  
Supporter Experience Administrator*

*Embrace the Middle East*

There is a basket at the back of Blofield Church for further collection of used stamps. Thank you to all who continue to contribute.



## **Blofield & District Gardening Club** **Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
*between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.*

**at Blofield Church, Church Road,  
Blofield NR13 4NA**

*Do come along – plenty of good plants  
for sale at very reasonable prices*



***Profits from plant sales will benefit the  
Blofield & District Gardening Club Funds;  
those from the refreshments will go to the Blofield Church fund.***

### **The Blofield & District Gardening Club**

Would you like to learn a little more about **"Allotment and Vegetable Growing"**? Well-known local horticulturalist Martyn Davey will be encouraging us by giving this talk at the Margaret Harker Hall on **Wednesday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> May (7:30 pm)**. Guests are invited to come along to see what happens at Club meetings (£2:50), and new members will be warmly welcomed (£10 fee for the whole year). Refreshments and a raffle are held. The members' competition is: "A home-grown vegetable".

Local contact for information: (01603) 715804.

Club website: [www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk)

## HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

### Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Many thanks to all who attended the “Churchwardens’ Accounts in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century” talk by Adrian O’dell on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and the Friends AGM too. It was a successful afternoon and a great opportunity to show the repairs undertaken in the church recently, supported by funds raised by the Friends group.

If you would like to know more about how you too, can help secure the future of this Medieval gem, please contact the Friends Secretary:

Email: [hemblington@gmail.com](mailto:hemblington@gmail.com) / phone (01603) 715804;

Website: [www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)

**Art Exhibition** – do come along and enjoy a free Art Exhibition in All Saints Church (Church Lane, Hemblington NR13 4EF) over the weekend of **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June (10:00am - 4:30pm) and Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June (11:00am - 4:30pm)**. Artists Jan Lacey, Ian Walker, Vivienne Rainsbury and Jan Heath will be exhibiting their paintings and glass work and refreshments will be on sale too. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the treasures of this lovely little Medieval church and the wildflowers in the churchyard too.

### Make & Mardle

The dates for the next Make & Mardle sessions will be held on:

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May & Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

These will be held in Hemblington Church from 10am to 12noon.

All are welcome: coffee & cake are provided; craft projects are welcome but not essential. Please drop by & join us.

*For further information, please contact Catherine on 01603 270360*

### BLOFIELD HEATH WI

Blofield Heath WI held its meeting on 9th April 2024. Our speaker was Christine Webber, writer, broadcaster and former Psychotherapist. This was Christine's second visit to our WI and today, she gave a very informative and uplifting talk on ‘Ageing Positively’, for which subject she also writes about in a newspaper column. The members enjoyed Christine’s talk and afterwards, an excellent tea was provided which was also to celebrate Blofield Heath's WI 59th birthday.

The next two meetings are: **14th May and 11th June 2024** at Heathlands.

# Art in a Country Church

All Saints Church, Church Lane, Hemblington  
near Blofield NR13 4EF

Weekend of Saturday and Sunday,  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024



An exhibition of paintings  
by local artists

Ian Walker, Jan Lacey,  
Viv Rainsbury and Jan Heath.

*Free entry*

*Refreshments available*

*Paintings for sale - cash or card*

The exhibition will be open on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Church website showing how to find the church: [www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk)/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole ([mikecole@uwclub.net](mailto:mikecole@uwclub.net)/Tel. 01603 713839).

### **Blofield Court House Village Screen** (see page 17)

#### **ONE LIFE (12A) - Friday, 10th May**

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 and District Gardening Club** (see page 10)

The next meeting will be Wednesday evening, **8<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at Margaret Harker Hall**. The Club is also holding a **plant sale and coffee morning at Blofield Church on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May (10am – 1pm)**. If you would like to know more about the Club, do please contact the secretary: [blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com](mailto:blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com) or phone (01603) 715804. Club website: [www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk](http://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 the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** (starting at 7.00pm) and the **Parish Council Meeting** (starting at 7.30pm) on the **20th May**. 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](http://www.blofield-pc.gov.uk) or email: [clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk).

### **Keep Blofield Special**

Our small group of volunteers meet each month helping to keep our villages reasonably free of litter, the dates for litter-picks in May are:-

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

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

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately! We also occasionally meet in the evening to plan forward litter picking dates and to discuss ideas that would help Keep Blofield Special. Please feel free to come along, new ideas are always welcome! Our next **evening meeting** is on **Monday, 13th May** at Heathlands at 7pm.

## NOTICE BOARD

### **BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.**

An active group which undertakes site management of local wildlife habitats, 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:

**11th May – Buckenham Woods** – General maintenance;

**8th June – Lingwood Church** Cut and clear conservation area.

*Further details and any changes to plans will be on the website [www.badcog.co.uk](http://www.badcog.co.uk).*

### **Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall**

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

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

If you would like your child to be added to our Waiting List, please email us on [blofieldpreschool@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

Email: [blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com](mailto:blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com).

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

### **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.

## NOTICE BOARD

### **Brundall Local History Group** (see p. 19)

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons. The next talk is on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors who are very welcome.

For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk).

### **Heathlands** (see p.18)

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/](http://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.

### **Blofield Heath W.I.** (see p.11)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **14th May**. New members are welcome.

### **WEA Blofield Branch**

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

### **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.***

## NOTICE BOARD

### **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@qfqfq.plus.com](mailto:xxfap57@qfqfq.plus.com).

### **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, the **Annual Public Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting** will be held on the **20th May**. 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](http://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, it will be the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council on the **14th May**. 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>.

### **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 **3rd June** (with no meeting in May). 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.

## Blofield Court House Village Screen

**ONE LIFE (12A) - Friday, 10th May**

ONE LIFE tells the incredible, emotional true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton (Johnny Flynn), a young London broker who visits Prague in December 1938. In a race against time, Winton convinces the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, Nicky (Anthony Hopkins), haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England. Finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he carried and moves from anonymity to a national hero. Excellent support from Romola Garai and Helena Bonham-Carter.

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



# ONE LIFE



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

### **Blofield Court House Village Screen needs help!**

The Court House Committee needs someone to find suitable short films to be shown before our main features at Village Screen. If you are interested, and for more information contact the chair:

Mike Coley at [mike.coley2@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.coley2@btinternet.com)

## HEATHLANDS

Heathlands Management Committee Meeting is on **9th May 2024**.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS:

### **GARAGE SALE - Sunday, 5th May (NOT THE SEPTEMBER DATE)**

If you would like to open your garage please fill in the form on the front of Focal Point, or ring 01603 714164 to get yourself on the map. You can also book a table in the hall if you would rather do this.

Maps will be on sale from 8.45am. Refreshments will be on sale in the kitchen from 9.00am. until 1.00pm

Any questions, please ring 714164, thank you.

**TEA and CHAT - 21st May** from 2pm to 4pm. There will be lots of tea, cake, raffle and lots of chat. Come and join us.

**CEILIDH EVENING - Saturday, 11th May** from 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the Social Club, or ring 714164 to book one at £10.00 each.

**QUIZ: Friday, 3rd MAY**

**BINGO DATES - 10th May and 24th May.** Fun evening, money prizes and great raffle. Drinks from the bar. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

**D-DAY CELEBRATIONS** will be taking place at Heathlands **6th June** .....WATCH THIS SPACE.

## 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/](http://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.*

## Brundall Local History Group

The next talk is on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Juyna Lewis and will be entitled 'Norfolk's Indian Princess'. Juyna will talk about Maharajah Duleep Singh's daughter, Sophia who, despite her privileged and wealthy background, was a suffragette and promoter of equality and served as a volunteer nurse during World War 1.

Admission is free to members and £3 to visitors who are very welcome. For further details visit our website: [www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk).



### CONCERTS IN UPTON

**St. Margaret's Church Upton**  
**Friday, 3rd May at 7.30pm**

Concert of **organ music** played by John Farmer... his own compositions and other music. Also, 'Splash' - a Barbershop quartet from Norwich Harmony.

**Upton Village Hall**  
**Friday, 7th June at 7.30pm**

The **Lowestoft Longshoremen** (Shanties and Songs of the Sea).

**St Margaret's Church**  
**Friday, 19th July at 7.30pm**

An Organ recital with various organists to mark 121 years since the famous Holdich Organ was installed.

Tickets for each concert £10 (with a complimentary glass of wine) - available from the Upton Community shop or Email: [rjinghamells@btinternet.com](mailto:rjinghamells@btinternet.com)



**1st July from 12noon to 4pm**  
**at Upton Village Hall**

Music – refreshments – games – big raffle – children's games and much more! - Arranged by the Friends of Upton Church.

# Some May dates in the History of Norwich

## 1st May 1844

The first train in Norfolk, to carry passengers, left Great Yarmouth into Norwich at 8.00am on the 1st May 1844. Since the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1825, every town and city wanted to join the new transport craze and have a railway.

Yarmouth was a natural choice of partner for the first route in Norfolk, being the trade port of Norwich and an increasing popular seaside resort. In 1842, the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway company was created. Work began in April 1843 and took a total of 1500 men to complete, with the formal opening of Norwich station occurring approximately a year later on 30th April 1844.

On the 1st May 1844, 200 privileged guests travelled by train from Norwich at 10.30am, leaving to the sounds of a brass band playing "See the Conquering Hero Comes". It took 50 minutes, with third-class passengers left unprotected against the elements and without seats. The new railway brought commercial benefits to Norwich, with approximately 60cwt of tea and coffee brought by rail in August 1844 for Messrs. Wolton & Co. alone.

The Trowse swing bridge was completed in December 1845, making a direct journey from Yarmouth to London possible and cutting the time in half, compared to travelling by stagecoach. Modernisation had arrived, and by 1882, Norwich had three stations: Thorpe, Victoria and City.

## 24th May 1899



Norwich celebrated the opening of the Royal Arcade on the 24th May 1899. The Victorian shopping arcade was designed by George Skipper, and is an exquisite example of Art Nouveau style. The walls were decorated with tiles inspired by nature and femininity, whilst the high ceiling of glass and timber, along with stained-glass panels, created a light and airy space, while protecting shoppers from the elements. It was restored in 1980 and is regarded as one of the greatest architectural examples of a Victorian shopping arcade and

still provides a shopping experience for visitors to Norwich.

George Skipper is the architect responsible for many of Norwich's grand buildings, including the Jarrolds department store. Skipper attended the Norwich School of Art for one year, and trained in London as an architect for three years before returning to his father's firm, where he announced the opening of his own practice by painting "Architect" above the door of his office.

## SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

## SOLUTION TO APRIL SUDOKU

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07 Tuesday	Blofield Church APCM	Blofield Church
08 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
09 Thursday	HMC Meeting	Heathlands
10 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
10 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
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11 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods
11 Saturday	Ceilidh Evening	Heathlands
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special Evening Meeting	Heathlands
13 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
14 Tuesday	Lingwood & Burlingham PC AGM	Lingwood Village Hall
14 Tuesday	Blofield Heath W.I.	Heathlands
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20 Monday	Blofield Annual Parish Council Meeting and PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
20 Monday	Hemblington Annual Public Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting	Heathlands
20 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
21 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
23 Thursday	Make & Mardle	Hemblington Church
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