

# 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**

27<sup>th</sup> February, Betty Maureen Docwra aged 95, at St Faith's Crematorium.

3<sup>rd</sup> March, Terence John Starkings aged 95, at Hemblington Church.



“Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed life into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.”

*Genesis 2:15. (NRSV)*

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## Thought for Lent

Give up the drinking, smoking! Give up eating chocolate, cream cakes, nice desserts! These are often the challenges people opt for during this season of Lent.

In many ways, this is the traditional concept, and it harks back to the medieval interpretation of events. Preceding this period was Carnival when excess was enjoyed, and pancake day is the modern equivalent. The term Carnival stems from the Latin 'Carne Vale', 'carne' being meat or flesh, and 'vale' meaning goodbye. Before that loss, people indulged in feasting and games in preparations for the upcoming deprivation. It was to be supposed to reflect the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by privation and then the devil.

Although this would seem a sound way to follow the idea of living a Christ-like life, in fact, the privation is only part of what was being asked of him. Much of this time was preparations for the temptations he was to face. Three times he is confronted by the devil, and three times he resisted those temptations. Adam had failed to achieve this in the Garden of Eden, and had turned the beauty of the Garden into a desert or wilderness, and Christ's denial of the offerings made to him see a potential for the restoration of the relationship between God and humanity through his resistance.

This is Jesus affirming his true self, and confirming that he was ready to accept both his role and his fate.

So how should we treat this season?

We can give up things but that should not be the be-all and end-all for this 'bright, sad' as some describe it. It is a time for reflection and contemplation, a time to reassess priorities, and a time to commit to a new and improved purpose. Lent does employ an underlying sadness – we know the painful and distressing end to part of the narrative, but we also rejoice in its aftermath. On Easter Sunday, we focus on the resurrection and celebrate both a rising from the dead and the implications of that for all believers. Lent, therefore, is a time when we are able to move forward, reasserting and developing our beliefs and looking forward to a bright future.

***Stephen Wales***

Blofield Church Warden

## **April 2025 - Spring into New Life**

### **Prayers and Reflections for each week**

In the weeks after Easter, we celebrate new life and hope with the resurrection of Jesus. Spring is a time for new growth and new beginnings, so let us look ahead and celebrate the gift of life.

#### **Week 1**

Forget the former things; do not dwell in the past. See, I am doing a new thing. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

**Ponder:** Letting go of the past is easier said than done, but only as we let go of the old, can we see new blessings and challenges emerging.

**Pray:** Father, help me to let go of the things that I cling to unnecessarily, and help me to move on into the new good things that you have prepared for me. Amen.

#### **Week 2**

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear." (Isaiah 35: 3-4)

**Ponder:** There comes times when all of us feel that we have had enough, and that our strength is gone. It is then, we can turn to the God who loves us, to lift us up and bring us his peace.

**Pray:** Father, when I am tired and anxious, at the end of my resources, help me to call on you and know your strength, give me courage to face whatever comes, knowing that you love me and care for me. Amen.

#### **Week 3**

The poor and needy search for water,...I the Lord will answer them;...I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water,... (Isaiah 41:17-18)

**Ponder:** Just as we need fresh water to sustain life, so we need the water of God's Spirit to sustain us and lead us deeper into more abundant life.

**Pray:** Father, pour out your Spirit on my heart and mind. May I know your love and grace and peace surrounding me wherever I am. Amen.

#### **Week 4**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11: 25-26)

**Ponder:** In Jesus' promise, we have life not just here and now, but in eternity.

**Pray:** Father, thank you for your promise of eternal life in Jesus. Deepen my faith and give me hope so that I may trust you for my present and for my eternity. Amen.

***Revd. Canon Judith Wilson***

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Blofield Church 11.00am</b>	<b>Hemblington Church 9.30am</b>	<b>North Burlingham</b>
6th April	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 13th April	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 17th April	<b>7pm Benefice Holy Communion</b>	<b>7pm Joint at Blofield</b>	<b>7pm Joint at Blofield</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 18th April	<b>10am Good Friday Service</b>	<b>2.30pm Last Hour at the Cross</b>	<b>Joint at Blofield and/or Hemblington</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 20th April	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
27th April	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington

***Morning Prayer 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 APRIL**

**16th April** - at Manor House.

**17th April** - at Burlingham House.

**23rd April** - at Brewster Court.

**Collections and Giving to our churches**

We are grateful for all the offerings, gifts and donations that we receive each month. These can be given at each service (both Blofield and Hemblington Churches now have secure card readers) or online by using BACS or standing order. Bank details for each church are detailed below:

<b>BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON</b>	<b>ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM</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



**2<sup>nd</sup> April - Holy Communion**  
**9<sup>th</sup> April - Morning Worship**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Communion**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April - Morning Worship**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Communion**

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

### **OPEN TO GOD**

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

This will take place privately, up by the High Altar after the services on  
**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.**



*Maureen and Liz*

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

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

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

### **THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE Caring for our church family**

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

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

Contact details are on page 2.

## FOODBANK

We are extremely grateful to the people of Blofield, Blofield Heath and our church folk for their contributions to the Foodbank.

This year we donated 1294kg food, enough for 431 days of food. This is more than double last year.

The following items are most wanted please:

**Long life milk, tinned meat, fruit juice, tinned potatoes, peanut butter, tinned tomatoes, instant mash and sponge puddings.**

**They have a surplus of baked beans and pasta!**

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.



## Blofield Church

### OPEN DOORS 2025

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

**In April, we meet on Thursdays, the 3rd and 17th**

For further details, telephone Jenny on 01603 712968

Everyone's welcome to

**VE Day 80 years celebration**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 12.00**

**Two course 40's style luncheon will be provided**

**Please bring some mementoes to share**

**Please contact Jenny 07398781624**



### MONTHLY CLEANING IN BLOFIELD CHURCH

**on Monday, 7th April at 10.00am.**

**All welcome.**

# PLAY CHURCH

## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church  
Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA

**Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time**

An extra session is planned for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon – 3 pm.

A chance to bring your big brother or sister who is in primary school. There will be Easter activities and lots of fun but please book a place and bring a packed lunch if you'd like to join us.



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

**SPRING TERM**  
26th February - 9th April

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome

Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or [yvonnemack60@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnemack60@gmail.com)  
or Barbara on 01603 714519 to book your place for your Easter holiday session.



## BLOFIELD CHURCH

*you are invited to our*

# ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm.**

**The meeting will be held in Blofield Church**

For the APCM, any member on the Electoral Roll of Blofield Church  
may attend the meeting.

## Blofield Church

presents

a supper concert

by 'Yare Folk'

with a selection of

instrumentals and songs

**Sunday April 6th at 5 pm**

**followed by supper**

*(chilli beef jacket with a vegetarian option)*

**Tickets £15 at the door**

*Tel. 07720 942955 or 01603 714519 for more details or to book*



# HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

## Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

What a great deal of fun was had at the Music Quiz at Heathlands in March. Many thanks to David Bryant for organising all the rounds and to all who came along and took part. The profits from the evening were donated to the Friends fund, to help care for the fabric of the church.

### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April – The Village Garage Sale

We will have a pitch at the **Bird in Hand** on Mill Road (grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs Norton). If you have any items you think will sell to help the church repair funds, please contact Jennifer on 01603 716970 or Catherine on 01603 270360, or leave it in the porch of No.1 High House Lane, Blofield Heath. Thank you.

Work has been done over the past few weeks to ensure the churchyard is accessible and safe for visitors, whilst continuing to ensure it is also a haven for wildlife. This will be celebrated during Great Big Green Week in June, with a free illustrated talk about the local wildlife and a community birdwatch for one hour - more details soon.

If you would like to know more about the activities of the Friends group, please contact the secretary on (01603) 715804.

## Blofield & District Gardening Club

Thanks to all who came to the Club's AGM in March. Lots of interesting talks to look forward to, and of course the Annual Summer Show on 12th July. Membership subscriptions will be due at meetings from April onwards. £10 p.p. please, in an envelope with your name, address and telephone number on it. You will be asked to complete a form confirming whether you wish to receive information from the club via email.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday evening, 9th April (7:30pm)** at The Margaret Harker Hall in Blofield. We are very pleased to welcome Simon White from Peter Beales Roses, Attleborough, to speak about "Highlights of Chelsea and Hampton Court Shows". The company has very successfully competed at these important events, and Simon will discuss and illustrate their award-winning entries. The members' competition will be "3 spring flowers in a vase".

The May meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 14th May, when Sarah Hammond will be discussing "English Peonies". The members' competition will be "A stem of a flowering shrub". On Saturday morning, 24th May (10am - 12noon) the Club will hold a Plant Sale at Blofield Church. Do come along to help fill up the gaps in your garden - and enjoy refreshments too.

All very welcome to our meetings – members free, visitors £2:50 which includes light refreshment. Queries to (01603) 715804.

## **Make & Mardle**

The next few Make & Mardle sessions are:

- Tuesday 15th April
- Thursday 22nd May
- Thursday 19th June

From 10am to 12noon **back at All Saints Church, Hemblington**

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

## **JARROLDS Bowls Club is looking for new members**



We at Jarrolds Bowls Club, who play up the road at Plantation Park, are currently looking for new members to join our friendly club for this forthcoming season.

Whether you have played before, or just looking to try something new, everyone is welcome. You do not have to worry if you have not got any bowls, we can help you out.

We play in two local Leagues and our season starts at the end of April through to mid August.

So, if you are interested and want to find out more, please email me at [haymaker@btinternet.com](mailto:haymaker@btinternet.com) or give me a call on 07910505317.

Mark Pointer  
Jarrolds Bowls Club Captain

# **WEA**

**Adult Learning  
Within Reach**

## **WEA Blofield Branch**

Many people enrolled, for and thoroughly enjoyed the "History of Art in 100 Paintings" course held at the Blofield Court House during March. The branch intends to hold a further course in the autumn.

Details of the course will be publicised in the usual local outlets and on the WEA website: [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk).

Hope to see you there!

## 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**

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**

The next meeting is on the **11th April** at Margaret Harker Hall.

Local contact for information:

Tel: 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 Parish Meeting will be on the **28th April**. 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**

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking reasonably free of litter, we meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Litter-picks for April take place on:

**Monday, 7th April**, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

**Monday, 14th April**, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately!

### **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.

## NOTICE BOARD

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

*Leave your screen, get out in the green.*

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties and is an active group undertaking site management of local wildlife habitats. We meet on alternate Saturday mornings, starting at 10.30am and finishing no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like, or just to see what we do.

The next working parties will be:

**12th April - Howe's Meadow; 26th April - Walsham Fen.**

At our evening meeting on **Friday, 11th April**, a member of the "**Papillon Project**" will describe the work of this educational charity which promotes sustainable living and environmental awareness for young people in Norfolk. They provide 'Cocoon Boxes' and 'Butterfly Boosts' plus sessions at school allotments. Learn more about the project at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Visitors are welcome. For any changes to work party plans please see 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: 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 Diana Gilder 07799 506809 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

Website: [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub)

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

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

## NOTICE BOARD

### **Brundall Local History Group**

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

[www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk](http://www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk). The next meeting is on **5th April 2025**.

### **Forget Me Not Café**

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

### **Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme**

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

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

### **Heathlands**

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £10.00 for a family including children under 17; Single membership £5.00. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up to date news at [www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/](http://www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/) and website.

### **The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)**

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

## NOTICE BOARD

### **Hemblington Parish Council**

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. There is no meeting in April, the next meeting being on **19th 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: 9am - 12noon and Wednesday to Friday: 9am - 3pm. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. Ofsted Rated - Good. If you require further information (particularly during these uncertain times) then please call 01603 712616 (office hours) or contact: Sasha on 07716869506 and visit our website: [www.hemblingtonpreschool.com](http://www.hemblingtonpreschool.com). There is availability for new children to start at preschool immediately.

### **Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham**

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **7th April**. 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 Heath WI**

On Tuesday, 11th March 2025, Blofield Heath held its March WI meeting.

Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker had to cancel due to illness. At very short notice, our Committee member, Sheila, who organises our speakers, stepped up quickly and organised Frank Hume. Frank gave a very interesting talk entitled 'Murder in the family'. This true story is about Dr. Crippen, who allegedly murdered his wife. Where the family connection comes in, is Frank's Great Aunt, a lady called Ida May Kirkham whose stage name was Melinda May and worked with Dr. Crippen's wife in the theatre. A fascinating story, not only in words, but in photographs too. I won't spoil the true ending to the murder, as it will spoil it for those readers who do not know it. The afternoon finished off nicely with refreshments and delicious cakes and savouries. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, 8th April**, which is the 60th Birthday of Blofield Heath WI, where we will be entertained by Jane Bishop, who will tell us all about her life as a Bluebell Girl.

## HEATHLANDS

**Heathlands Management Committee Meeting on 8th April at 7.30pm.**

**HEATHLANDS JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 8th March**

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

**TEA and CHAT: Tuesday, 18th March** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa, cake, sausage roll etc, raffle and plenty of chat.

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

**GARAGE SALE:** Book your garage in for **Sunday, 13th April** from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Slip is in this month's Heathlands News, drop it into 58 Mill Road, Blofield Heath with your £5.00 and get on the map. Maps will be on sale from 9.00am. Any questions please ring 714164.

**TEA and CHAT - Tuesday, 15th April** from 2-4pm in the Main Hall. Lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, scones and more. Tea or Coffee, and a great Raffle. Come and join us for Cake and a chat.

**COMING UP:**

**VE/VJ CELEBRATIONS:** Heathlands are planning VE/VJ day celebrations from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on **Sunday, 4th May**. Big B playing from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Tea and Cake will be available. Bar will also be open. Do you have any memorabilia you can lend for a few hours? If so please contact Claire Norton on 713101. Or maybe you can make a cake for us ??

**BINGO DATES** are **11th and 25th April**.

Eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash prizes and a lovely raffle.



**Blofield Court House Village Screen  
Friday, 11th April**

**PADDINGTON IN PERU PG**

Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

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Roy Algood

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		5	9			2		
7			6	8				
		4		7		3		6
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	8	9				7	4	
5	2							
4		1		2		9		
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	7				9	5		

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

## SOLUTION TO MARCH SUDOKU

8	7	5	3	1	9	6	4	2
3	9	2	4	5	6	8	7	1
6	4	1	8	7	2	9	3	5
1	8	7	6	2	4	5	9	3
2	3	4	7	9	5	1	8	6
5	6	9	1	8	3	7	2	4
7	1	3	2	6	8	4	5	9
9	2	8	5	4	1	3	6	7
4	5	6	9	3	7	2	1	8

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03 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
06 Sunday	'Yare Folk' Supper Concert	Blofield Church
07 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
07 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
07 Monday	Monthly Cleaning	Blofield Church
08 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Committee	Heathlands
08 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
09 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
11 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
11 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
11 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
12 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
13 Sunday	Garage Sale	Heathlands
14 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
15 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
16 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
15 Tuesday	Make and Mardle	Hemblington Church
17 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
17 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19 Saturday	Grand Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary's churchyard S Walsham
23 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
25 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
26 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
27 Sunday	Norwich City Concert Band	St Mary's Church S Walsham
28 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
28 Monday	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Blofield Church

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