

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

21st January, Violet Green aged 92, at St Faith's Crematorium.

29th January, Gwyneth Williams aged 75, at Hemblington Church.

31st January, Amy Webber aged 37, at Blofield Church.

3rd February, Joy Mason aged 94, at Blofield Church.

4th February, Jill Nursey aged 79, at Blofield Church.

7th February, Brian Wildman aged 84, at Hemblington Church.



“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it”. *Genesis 2:15. (NIV)*

MARCH NEWSLETTER

March is the most wonderful time of transformation as the icy air of winter gives way to the first hopeful hints of spring. The quiet countryside begins to stir from its slumber; snow drops, daffodils, crocuses, tulips and many more begin their cycle of reawakening from the frozen earth.

Trees take on that pale lime green hue of new life that always reminds me of one of my little grandsons, some years ago when I picked him up from nursery, aged just three. He sat in the back of the car looking out of the window, and a little voice asked, "*Grandma, who put the leaves on the trees?*" Spring is a time of wonder and awe, not just for young children but for us too.

The word Lent comes from an Old English word, *lencten*, meaning 'spring season.' A time for renewal and preparation for Easter, to prepare for spiritual growth, and to remember Christ's time in the desert. Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, penance and change.

Lent, this year, begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March and, for the next forty days, Christians are called to pray, fast and give alms to the poor. Giving up chocolate would not be much of a personal sacrifice because I know I can replace it with cake or biscuits. However, I hope I will continue to be generous and offer acts of kindness whenever I have the opportunity, and I will pray for family, friends and the many needs of the world. I also hope to join one of the many Lent courses being offered in our Deanery to learn, reflect and pray.

Finding solitude in my 'wilderness' will be the most challenging. In the busyness of a large family, church commitments and an interregnum, this will take real discipline so that I am not distracted. It will be a time to think of Jesus's sacrifice for each and every one of us and hope of personal spiritual change and growth.

Yvonne Mack

Blofield Church Warden

Interregnum Prayer

GOD OUR FATHER

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus Christ and called us to be his body in this place. Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new priest for this benefice, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example, in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Reflections for March 2025 - 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.

This is the day

Read: *This is the day that the Lord has made: let us celebrate and rejoice in it. Psalm 118: 24.*

Ask yourself: How often do you stop and simply enjoy the present moment? How often do you make a point of thanking God for it?

Pray: Gracious God, teach me to take each moment as it comes and to live it to the full, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Revd Sue

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

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
2nd March	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
ASH WEDNESDAY BENEFICE SERVICE 5th March	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am		
9th March	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
16th March	Holy Communion Rt Revd. Bishop Graham	Joint at Blofield	Joint at Blofield
23rd March	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT UPTON CHURCH, 10.30am with Rt Revd Bishop Ian		
MOTHERING SUNDAY 30th March	Morning Worship	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 MARCH

19th March - Communion at Manor House

20th March - Worship at Burlingham House

26th March - Communion 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:

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



**5th March - Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes**
12th March - Morning Worship
19th March - Holy Communion
26th March - Morning Worship

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, 9th March.**



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 March, we meet on Thursdays, the 6th and 20th

For further details, telephone Jenny on 01603 712968



SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE FOR SALE

Homemade Seville Orange Marmalade
now available in Blofield Church or phone Sarah 07584638854

Price from £2 per jar

A Date for your Diary:

**Blofield Church presents A SUPPER CONCERT
on Sunday, 6th April**



by the Yare Folk with instrumental, traditional folk music and songs.

Concert at 5pm followed by supper.

Tickets £15 payable at the door by cash or card.

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 9th, 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 - 2nd April

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome

Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or yvonnemack60@gmail.com
or Barbara on 01603 714519 to book your place for your Easter holiday session.

Come and Support The BIG Breakfast 3 at Blofield Church



Supporting the work of the DEC to provide humanitarian aid in many countries including Sudan and Ukraine —helping people whose lives have been devastated by continuing warfare and conflict.

Saturday 22nd March 2025 08.30 am – midday



As of October 2024, the Sudan crisis has escalated, resulting in unprecedented levels of displacement, with over 11 million people affected. Reports of mass killings and systematic sexual violence across multiple regions. The humanitarian crisis has reached catastrophic proportions, with millions facing hunger, disease, and extreme insecurity. Sudan is easily the most neglected crisis in the world today.



We offer delicious food – sausages and bacon in rolls, soup, croissants, cheese scones, cakes, tea, filter coffee, juices and our ever-popular cake stall with delicious homemade cakes for sale.



Donations can be made by cash, card or online. Scan the QR code with your mobile phone to make a donation with reference "DEC" via our website. A small percentage of the amount collected will go to Blofield Church.

Lent Lunch at Blofield Church Sunday 16th March at 12.15pm

In aid of the Vidiyal Trust, supporting the poorest children with cancer treatment as well as fifty plus elders with food and medical care and those with leprosy in Madurai



Rev. Pat has recently returned from her last trip and will talk to us about the wonderful projects that our donations help to fund.



Lunch is soup and homemade bread, followed by fruit crumble and custard.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you would like to join us or contact **07720942955** to book a place.



The lent lunch follows our Sunday service when the Rt Revd Bishop Graham will be presiding and preaching.

All welcome to the service or just the lunch.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Do you have any family memories about the Second World War? 2025 marks the 80th commemorations of Victory in Europe Day (8th May) and Victory over Japan Day (15th August). The Friends group is considering holding a small VE exhibition and talk in Hemblington Church in May, ideally with memorabilia of the time and any memories of family involvement during the war or at the VE Day celebrations. If you feel you have a family story to tell, or would lend documents or information for the one day exhibition, please contact the Friends secretary – 01603 715804 - or one of the church team - Thank you.

We are also planning to hold an illustrated talk in church on **Saturday, 16th August** with well-known local historian Neil Storey, concentrating on the War in the Far East. We will publish more information about this talk in the summer.

Friends contact: hemblington@gmail.com / 01603 715804

Website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk

Grand Music Quiz – Saturday evening, 15th March Doors open at 6.45pm

Local musician David Bryant has put together a completely new Music Quiz for Saturday evening, 15th March at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath. It will include his live music round, as well as testing memories of song lyrics, groups' names, and much more besides.

Tickets, just £5 per person. Make up a team (max. six) – or we can put people together to make a team. Guaranteed a fun night out! Prizes for the winning team. Tickets in advance from Sue – 01603 715804 or Linda – 01603 715933.

The Village Garage Sale on Sunday, 13th April

If anyone has any unwanted items that we might sell on our pitch (by very kind favour of Claire & Terry Norton at 'Bird in the Hand', Mill road), please contact Jennifer on 01603 716970 or Catherine on 01603 270360 to arrange collection.

Very many thanks

World Day of Prayer on Friday March 7th 2025

**This year the service has been written by
the Christian Woman of the Cook Islands.**

Hemblington Church; 10.30am - 12.30pm

There will be a morning of prayer and fellowship with the opportunity to learn something of this relatively little-known country, followed by a simple lunch.

Brundall Church

A service in the afternoon. Time to be confirmed.

Make & Mardle

The next Make & Mardle session is **Thursday, 20th March 2025**
at Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington
From 10am to 12noon.

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

Lent Courses available for the Blofield and Broadside Benefices.

**Please email the Priest who is running the course that you wish to
attend to book a place.**

Revd. Jane Lingwood Benefice Morrisjane516@gmail.com	Lingwood Rectory	Thursday evenings: 13/3, 20/3, 3/4, 10/4. 7pm to 8 pm.	Book Club Lent Course. 'The Whole Easter Story' by Jo Swinney. Relaxed chat.
Revd. Darleen Bittern Benefice darleenplattin@btinternet.com	Rackheath Rectory	Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm.	Following the Embrace course 'Hope in Hard Places'. Biblically based with discussion, prayer and reflection.
Revd. Dave Yare Valley Churches dave@yarevalleychurches.org.uk	Venue to be confirmed	Thursday mornings beginning 13th March at 10am.	'Alive with Christ' by ReSource. A variety of learning methods, including music and visual material as well as reflecting on Scripture.
Revd. Martin Acle & Bure to Yare Benefice rector@aclechurch.plus.com	Acle Methodist Church	Monday afternoons 10th March to 7th April, 2.30pm	Awaiting confirmation. Possibly 'Caring for Creation'.

NOTICE BOARD

Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

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

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen

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

Blofield and District Gardening Club

Meetings resume on the **12th March** at Margaret Harker Hall.

Local contact for information:

Tel: 01603 715804; Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. This month's Parish Meeting will be on the **24th 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. The Annual Parish Meeting is on the **27th March at Heathlands**.

For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking attractive and reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Anyone is welcome to join us, there is never a shortage of litter unfortunately!. March litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 3rd March, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 10th March, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

As always, a big thank-you to residents, dog-walkers and others who also collect litter around the villages.

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 or 'phone 01603 537029.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties, and is an active group aiming to promote interest in Norfolk's natural history and to conserve, maintain and improve the diversity of our sites for nature conservation.

We 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:

1st March - Buckenham Woods; 15th March - Holly Lane Pond. The annual maintenance at our first site: **29th March** – Buckenham Woods or Jary's Meadow. For details of any changes to work party plans please see the website www.badcog.co.uk.

Our evening meeting, on **14th Friday March**, will be a talk on Bird Watching by Sue Stevenson from the British Trust for Ornithology at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Visitors are welcome.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club: Celebrates 100 years

A club with a 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:

- Four high quality courts, two 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

Email: 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. The next meeting is on **1st March 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.

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/ and website.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)

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

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Hemblington 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 is on **31st March**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Hemblington Pre-School

Hemblington Pre-School operates from Heathlands. A maximum of 26 children may attend at any one time. It is open during term times on Tuesday: 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. 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 **3rd 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.

Blofield Heath WI

We had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Hotel Wroxham for the December meeting of the WI, and earlier in the month of December had a very successful Christmas Wreath making afternoon with Sue Lusted, who is one of our members, and who helped us make the wreaths.

The January meeting, held on 14th January, welcomed back Maria Pennington, who has visited us before. Maria has worked as a jeweller for many years. The talk she gave was all about beautiful Sapphires - very informative and interesting it was too, always a pleasure to welcome Maria. We are still at full capacity for new members for Blofield Heath WI, but we are establishing a waiting list.

Our next meeting is on the **11th March**, but at the time of writing we are unsure who the speaker will be, as our scheduled speaker has unexpectedly cancelled.

HEATHLANDS

SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on the **3rd March 2025**, 7.30pm. A review of the current committee has been completed and a number of roles have been identified which we believe are needed in order to continue to support the operation of the Social Club and help it to grow to meet the future needs of the Community. Everybody is welcome.

Also, gentle reminder 2025 memberships fees are due.

HEATHLANDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on **Tuesday, 11th March** at 7.30pm, everybody welcome.

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: Sunday, 13th April. Garages open from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Hopefully, the form will be in next months Focal Point. If not, please ring 01603 714164 to book your garage, £5.00 per garage.

VE/VJ CELEBRATIONS: Heathlands are planning an afternoon of music, talks, tea and cakes from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on **Sunday, 4th May**. If you have any memorabilia or somebody is willing to come and talk, please get in touch with us. Please ring Claire Norton on 713101 for more information.

DOG MESS: Please can all dog owners be responsible for their dogs, an awful lot of mess on the paths etc in Blofield Heath, especially Mill Road and Cuttens corners area. Thank you for your help.

Blofield Court House Village Screen

Friday, 14th March

CONCLAVE



When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

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

Tickets £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield.

Enquiries to 01603 712306.

Art in 100 paintings

wea.org.uk

Art Appreciation

WEA Blofield is offering this 3 week course at Blofield Court House, 28 Yarmouth Road, Blofield NR13 4JU with tutor Fiona Fitzgerald.

The course aims to enable you to make sense of art works you might encounter in a gallery. It will offer an overview of art history, global in scope and time scale.

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings 4th, 11th and 18th March 2025.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £25.20

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

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



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Please contact the Blofield branch with any queries:
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BRUNDALL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue.

(Members are free; Non-members £3)

Saturday 1st March 2025 at 2.30pm

NORWICH IN THE 1950s AND 60s

An illustrated talk by Pete Goodrum.

A sometimes serious and sometimes humorous look at 20 crucial years of post-war history as the city emerged from war damage and moved towards the rebuilding of the 1950s and the affluence and social change that defined the 1960s.

Hear for Norfolk

This is a local charity that supports people of all ages with all degrees of hearing loss and related conditions. **Hear for Norfolk** is the operating name of Norfolk Deaf Association (NDA), and you can read more about what they do on their website <http://www.hearfornorfolk.org.uk>.

The Fundraising and Marketing Officer is Katja Taits. She asked that we help her inform the people in our community about the range of services their charity is currently providing, across the county of Norfolk, for those who experience hearing loss or related hearing conditions - they can access their support. They run all their services from mobile facilities, therefore ensuring that people can access their support close to where they live. They also undertake home visits for people who are housebound.

Do get in contact if you would like to see how they might assist you if you need this support.

Blofield & District Gardening Club

* **Our next meeting is on Wednesday evening, 12th March (7:30pm)** *
* **at The Margaret Harker Hall in Blofield.** The full programme of talks *
* for the year will be disclosed plus the schedule for the Club's Summer *
* Show in July. Light refreshments plus a gardening demo and a quiz will *
* be offered after the meeting. This meeting is free and open to all – do *
* please come along to see what is being planned. *

* **On Wednesday evening, 9th April (7:30pm)** 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. All are very *
* welcome to the talk – members free, visitors £2:50 which includes light *
* refreshment. *

* Queries to (01603) 715804. Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk. *

Blofield & Blofield Heath Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 7.30pm
Heathlands Community Centre.

* Refreshments will be available *

This is a meeting for parishioners hosted by the Parish Council.
It is not a Parish Council Meeting.
Parishioners are invited to attend and speak on parish matters.



An agenda will be available on the website:

www.blofield-pc.gov.uk



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FREE Learn to Fix Bike Workshop

Sunday 2nd March, 1pm - 4pm
Blofield - Margaret Harker Hall

AtoBetter invites you to join us at our **FREE** Blofield workshop delivered by Jo (Mace Cycle Services)

Our Learn to Fix Workshop is aimed at beginners aged 16+ looking to learn the basics. You'll get stuck in with some Hands-on learning and takeaway skills to enable you to keep you/your family's bike in tip top condition.

Spaces are limited, so sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Use this link: <https://LTFBlofield.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you have any questions, contact AtoBetter:
Email: atobetter@norfolk.gov.uk; Phone: 01603 223379

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Life is a tragedy, confront it.

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Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

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

SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY SUDOKU

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01 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
02 Sunday	Tea Dance	Heathlands
03 Monday	Monday Munch	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
03 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
03 Monday	Heathlands Social Club AGM	Heathlands
06 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
07 Friday	World Day of Prayer	Hemblington Church
08 Saturday	Jumble Sale	Heathlands
10 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
11 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
11 Tuesday	Heathlands AGM	Heathlands
12 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
14 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
15 Saturday	Grand Music Quiz	Heathlands
15 Saturday	BADCOG	Holly Lane Pond
16 Sunday	Lent Lunch	Blofield Church
18 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
19 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
20 Thursday	Make and Mardle	Gables Farmhouse Hemblington Hall Road
20 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
20 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
22 Saturday	The Big Breakfast	Blofield Church
24 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
26 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
27 Thursday	Blofield Annual Parish Meeting	Heathlands
29 Saturday	BADCOG Annual Maintenance	Buckenham Woods or Jary's Meadow
31 Monday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands

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