

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 December, Philippa Holsgrove aged 76 in Blofield Churchyard.

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 above.

LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Cobbles, a flat cap and a brass band - who of us can remember the Hovis TV adverts of the early 70's? It was not filmed in the northeast as the accent of the narrator might suggest, but on Gold Hill in Shaftesbury, Dorset. The original advert can still be viewed on YouTube. What an effective advert that people still remember it after more than 50 years!

Bread is a staple of many a mealtime, though of course it doesn't have to be Hovis. How many people continue to make their own bread, I wonder?

Indeed, bread has been a staple for millennia with frequent references to bread in the scriptures. Perhaps one of the most notable concerns the temptation Jesus faced in the wilderness to turn stones into bread after his forty day fast. The reality of temptation is a significant experience in all our lives and a theme which we visit each Lent. This year, Lent begins on 14th February, thereby elbowing out St Valentine!

The nature of the temptation to turn stones into bread, is in one sense about the quick fix and the short cut that takes little account of our God-given responsibilities. "By the sweat of your face you shall eat your bread" pronounces God in Genesis. Home-baked bread takes considerable effort to make, not least in the kneading of the dough if it is done traditionally by hand. Life itself, if it is to be lived with purpose and direction, requires our effort and dependence and trust in God, sometimes in all manner of challenging times and circumstances. 'Man shall not live by bread alone,' said Jesus in answer to the temptation, 'but by every word that proceeds from God's mouth'.

Another famous reference to bread in the scriptures is the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. We demonstrate our trust in God by our generosity and kindness, like the young boy who donated his lunch that was blessed and multiplied. So, either by the offering of our time on behalf of a worthwhile cause or by a gift generously donated, let us express our thanks to God for all that He provides for us each day. One way we might give generously during this time, is by contributing to the Bishop of Norwich's Lent appeal for 2024, which will help to raise money to provide water tanks for Ordinand's Homes at Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea.

However you journey through Lent this year, may you draw closer to God and trust faithfully in him.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON



Prayers and reflections for February

February can be a difficult month. Christmas and the New Year are over; spring is still a long way off and the days are still short and cold. I find that in February it seems that winter is here to stay. Nevertheless, there is one thing about February that always cheers me – and that is the snowdrops. For me, they are a sign that no matter how cold and miserable the weather, spring will come, and all the other colourful bulbs will follow, the days will lengthen, and the sun will shine again. So, this month's readings are about hope...

Read: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust". *Psalms 91:2.*

Ponder: When the world batters us, we need a safe refuge and God promises that whatever we face, he is with us and will help us if we trust in him. Words of hope when things are difficult.

Pray: Father, I know you are always with me even though I cannot see you; help me to trust you when things go wrong and to rely on your love to see me through. Amen.

Read: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11.

Ponder: What good news to know that God loves us and has our best interests at heart.

Pray: Father, thank you that your plans for us are good and that we can know hope through good and bad times. Amen.

Read: We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19.

Ponder: Ships need an anchor let down into the mud to secure them when storms come, and our souls need an anchor too, that will keep us secure. If we are rooted and anchored in God, then we need not be anxious or afraid.

Pray: Father, keep me safe on my life's journey through this world. Be my anchor so that I may look to the future with hope and not fear. Amen.

Read: Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:21-23.*

Ponder: With every new day, God is with us, and his love is patient and constant. With God at our side, we face each new day, knowing that if we fail, he never will fail us or desert us.

Pray: Father, be with me each new day; may I know your love surrounding me and encouraging me. Help me to step out in faith and hope to meet whatever comes. Amen.

Rev. Canon Judith Wilson

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
4 th February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
11 th February	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday at 9.30am Benefice service of Holy Communion with ashing at Blofield Church		
18 th February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
25 th February	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, *is discontinued during February 2024.*

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).

Collections and Giving to our churches

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

Bank details for each church are detailed below:

BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON	ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM (North Burlingham PCC)
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:



7th February - Morning Worship
Ash Wednesday 14th February:
14th February - Holy Communion
21st February - Morning Worship
28th February - Holy Communion

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

FOODBANK AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Foodbank at Blofield Church during 2023. We are very grateful for the continuing generosity of people in our villages. The basket is in the porch at Blofield Church and delivered to the warehouse in Norwich weekly, where it is distributed to families, churches and Foodbank Centres. Your support is invaluable. Donations of tinned meat, fish, tea and coffee will be greatly appreciated.

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

Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN TO GOD

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

Sunday, 11th February (with Canon Paul and Liz Oliver)

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

...a welcoming space in which to ask for our Lord’s blessing and strengthening in any time of uncertainty or worry, fear or weakness – for us personally and for any friends and family. Music will be playing to maintain privacy.

Everyone is welcome to “rest in the shadow of the Almighty”



Liz and Maureen

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

OPEN DOORS 2024

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

In February we meet on Thursday 1st and 15th.

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968



SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE FOR SALE

New season Seville Orange Marmalade made in church by a group of hard working people.

Now available in church or phone Sarah 07584638854 who will deliver.

Price from £2.



PLAY CHURCH

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

**Come and find your happy place at
Blofield Church**

Church Road Blofield NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time

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

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

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

SPRING TERM

10th January - 14th February

28th February - 27th March

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

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

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Thank you to all who tried their hands [and brains] at the quiz on the subject of 'Travel'. Many seemed to enjoy it and a number of very clever people handed in completely correct sheets.

The winner, after a draw, is Catherine Moore. Congratulations.

For the curious - a list of answers will be pinned up in Blofield Church.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

Grand Music Quiz 2024

Heathlands, Woodbastwick Road
BLOFIELD HEATH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
Doors open 6.45

- * £8 per person
- * Bar at club prices
- * Live music rounds
- * All **NEW** categories

Teams / individuals welcome!
Maximum: 6 per team

Tickets in advance from:

Sue: hemblington@gmail.com
01603 715804

Linda: linda_bryant7@hotmail.com
01603 715933

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Lots of events are being planned by the Friends committee this year. If you read this in time, do come along and help us note the birds in the churchyard on **Sunday, 28th January (11am – 1pm)** as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Bird ID help and warming refreshments will be available.

Saturday evening, 24th February, at Heathlands Social Club – David Bryant's Grand New Music Quiz! By public demand, David has organised an all-new music-related quiz, complete with his famous live music set. Make up a team of six – or we can combine you with others – for a great evening of music and fun. The bar will be open for drinks at club prices and do bring along your own snacks (*but not drink please*). Tickets £8 p.p. and further information from Sue: hemblington@gmail.com / 715804 and Linda: linda_bryant7@hotmail.com / 715933.

Becoming a Friend of Hemblington church will help ensure funds are available for repairs to the building and conservation management in the churchyard. Many of you enjoy visiting this beautiful little church – your financial support would be much appreciated.

World Day of Prayer

This annual event, formerly known as “The Women’s World Day of Prayer”, is held every year on the first Friday in March. This year it is on Friday, 1st March. The organisation behind this event is led by Christian women from 170 countries, bringing together many races, traditions and cultures to share in a common day of prayer.

This year, the service is the work of Christian women of Palestine. The service was prepared before the turmoil of the current situation arose, and it provides an opportunity to hear the rarely heard voice of these women.

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

Our local service will be held at St Lawrence Church, Brundall at 2pm. To complement this, we will be holding a morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship at Hemblington Church from 10.30am until 12.30pm. This will be followed by a simple lunch and end about 1pm, allowing plenty of time for those who so wish to attend the service at Brundall.

Everyone is welcome.

Jennifer Harvey

World Day of Prayer



All Saints Church Hemblington

**Friday 1st March, a morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm
Drop in at any time. Join us for lunch at 12.15 pm**

For more information contact jennifer@prospero3.co.uk

Or phone 01603-716970

St Laurence Church Brundall

Friday 1st March, service at 2.00 pm

For more information contact piano40@btinternet.com

**This year the service has been prepared by the
Christian Women of Palestine**

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 (see page 20)

THE GREAT ESCAPER (12) - Friday, 16th February

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 16)

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

Blofield Parish Council

Meetings take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. This months meeting is on the **12th February**. 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 by Blofield Village Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. Website: <https://www.blofieldpc.info>.

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 February litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 5th February, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 12th February, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

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

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

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

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

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

Work parties on alternate Saturday mornings start at 10.30am and finish no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do.

The next working parties will be: **3rd February – Walsham Fen; 17th February – Buckenham Woods – General maintenance; 2nd March – Jary's Meadow – Path network/bramble.**

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

At our evening meeting on **Friday, 9th February**, Garth Copeland will tell us about "Slugs and Snails". This will be at 7.30pm in Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, Strumpshaw. Do join us. Visitors are welcome and refreshments are served.

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

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

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

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

Blofield Tennis Club

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

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

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

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

Email: blofieldtennisclub@btinternet.com.

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group

The next talk is on Saturday, **3rd February 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Phyllida Scrivens, and will be entitled 'When the Medics came to Norwich'. Phyllida will talk about 'Stories and Scandal from the 42nd Annual Congress of the British Medical Association, August 1874'. Within four weeks of this congress, Norwich doctors would be involved in the Great Thorpe Railway Disaster and, some years later, Dr Beverley would host garden parties for the BMA in Brundall Gardens.

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

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

Heathlands (see p.19)

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

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre)

Our club, which is now open on the second and fourth Monday of the month, and is extending its catchment area to include Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, LITTLE PLUMSTEAD AND BRUNDALL. The club is run by volunteers to 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.

Blofield Heath W.I. (see page 18)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be the AGM on **13th February 2024**. Some of the Committee Members are stepping down, and we are looking for new people to volunteer. New members are welcome.

WEA Blofield Branch (see pages 16 & 17)

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.

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.

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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. There is no meeting this month. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Hemblington Pre-School

Hemblington Pre-School operates from Heathlands. A maximum of 26 children may attend at any one time. It is open during term times on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am until 12.30pm and on Wednesday from noon until 3 pm. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. Ofsted Rated - Good. If you require further information (particularly during these uncertain times) then please call 01603 712616 (office hours) or contact: Fiona Trimble on 07716869506 and visit our website: www.hemblingtonpreschool.com.

Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council

All meetings are held at the Lingwood Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, generally on the 1st TUESDAY of the month starting at 7.30pm. This month's meeting is on the **6th February**. 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>.

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@qfqqf.plus.com.

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 **5th February**. 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 & District Gardening Club



Is your garden looking beautiful, full of bulbs and spring-flowering shrubs? If you feel it could, perhaps, be improved, might you benefit from hearing gardening-related talks or chatting to locals about it? The Gardening Club welcomes people from all our local villages – and beyond – offering formal

professional presentations, informal advice, sociable refreshment time and of course a raffle!

The first meeting this year will be on **Wednesday evening, 13th March (7:30pm) at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield NR13 4LE**. All are invited to hear what is being planned for the rest of the year, including the very popular annual summer show. Do come along to this free meeting – it might be what you need to recharge your batteries and gain health and enjoyment from being outside and “growing your own”!

Local contact for queries: 01603 715804.

Website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.

WEA Blofield Branch



Adult Learning Within Reach

We are very pleased to confirm that courses will continue at Blofield Court House this year. A short course on “Highwaymen vs the Georgian Judicial System” was held in late January/early February.

From **27th February**, Nigel Herwin will present “**Alfred Hitchcock - The British Movies**” – a four-week course which promises to explore how he became “the master of suspense” through a series of classic movies during the 1920s and ‘30s. Some of you may remember Nigel, who amused us no end with comedic extracts from film and TV on a course a couple of years ago.

This new course will be held at **The Blofield Court House on Tuesday mornings: 27th February, 5th, 12th and 19th March**, starting at 10am and finishing at 12noon. Light refreshments are offered during a brief interval.

Enrolment with the WEA is either online at: www.wea.org.uk or by ‘phone: 0300 303 3464. The course ref. number is **Q00010682**. Your local contact is via e-mail: blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or by ‘phone: (01603) 537029. Hope to see you there!

”Alfred Hitchcock – the British Movies”

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £33.60

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

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



or scan this QR code to access the homepage

and quote Blofield branch and Course reference Q00010682

or ‘phone 0300 303 3464 quoting the Course reference Q00010682

Please contact the Blofield branch with any queries:
blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or telephone 01603 537029

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Film and Media

WEA
Adult Learning
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BLOFIELD HEATH WI 2023/2024

It's been a while since our meetings and publication dates have lined up nicely, so there's a lot of news to report.

On 14th November last year, we had an excellent talk by Peena Kavarana about Intensive Care Nursing through the Covid Pandemic. It was quite an eye-opener to hear what it was like to be on the frontline, facing fear and risk every day. Our admiration for these people who stepped up to the plate, and took on jobs outside of their training and experience, is enormous. Peena spoke eloquently and passionately about the subject, and we all agreed that we hoped she would be on duty, should we ever end up in ITU. Thank you so much Peena.

On 12th December, we had another wonderful Christmas Lunch at The Old Rectory. The food was excellent, and the company and conversation great fun! We'd like to thank Jill for organizing the event, and to Jackie for our lovely gifts of her chutneys (proceeds to MacMillan Cancer).

We started off the New Year on the **9th January** with a really good talk by Clare Belcher, who is an Ambassador for Tropic Skincare Range. It was interesting to hear about how Tropic came into being, and it was so refreshing to find an organization that is concerned about the health of the planet, as well as that of the customer. Clare treated us all to a mini hand spa, which was very well received. I am sure there will be plenty of people booking Pamper Days.

We will be holding our **AGM on the 13th February**. Margaret Barber will be running a short quiz after the business is concluded. Some of the Committee Members are stepping down, and we are looking for new people to volunteer. It is vitally important that people keep helping; we do not want to have to close like so many other groups have, due to no key office bearers (President, Secretary, Treasurer). Our membership is up to 56 – we plan to put a cap on at 60.

Philippa Ferris

Make & Mardle

The next dates for Make & Mardle are:

Thursday, 22nd February & Thursday, 21st March
Both from 10am to 12noon at Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington:
Coffee, cake & chat. All will be very welcome
All are welcome.

For further information, please contact Catherine on 01603 270 360

HEATHLANDS

HEATHLANDS wishes a Happy New Year to everybody and look forward to seeing you through the year. Reporting back from the last few 2023 events: Christmas Fair: as usual a great event run alongside the Beer Festival, making a lovely profit for Heathlands.

Quiz and Chips: another sell out and enjoyable fun evening.

Ofenders 60s night: such a great night again, thank you all for your support, and to the Ofenders for providing great 60s music.

Childrens Christmas Party: 30 children had a lovely time, Father Christmas came as well.

Now onto 2024....

JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 24th February. Doors open at 2.00pm.

Jumble from 12 noon would be great, thanks.

Wine Evening in the Social Club on **Monday, 26th February**, Tickets £13.00 each. This is being run by HarperWells Wines. Nibbles will be available during the evening. Tickets from the Social Club, 01603 714164. Come and join us.

We have rearranged the Ceilidh evening for 13th May, so hopefully those who wanted to come last time will join us, and more. More information later.

Beer Festival is planned for July, and hopefully another Quiz.

Also, other things in the pipeline, so watch this space. Hopefully something for everyone to enjoy.

BINGO DATES for February are 2nd, 16th; 1st March.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP - your membership for 2023 expired at the end of December. Hopefully, most of you received a renewal form, but if not, please call into the Club and get one, this brings you up to date and enjoy cheaper prices. Lots of you have already renewed and thank you for that.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

Happy New Year, come and join us for our **Wine Tasting event on Monday, 26th February 2024** (tickets are £13.00 and available from Jill or at the bar).

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, Camden Hells Lager and Camden Pale Ale. We also have lots of wines, spirits, soft drinks and snacks.

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.

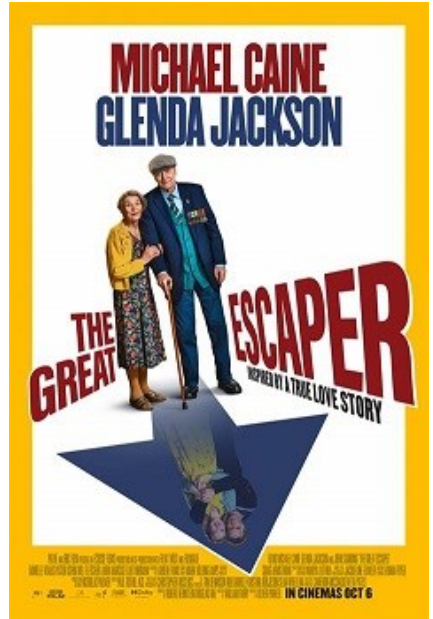
Sunday: Doors open 2pm, closed at 6pm.

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen

THE GREAT ESCAPER (12)
Friday, 16th February

In 2014, on the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) made headlines making a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans at a commemorative event on a beach in Normandy. A story that had Bernie embodying the defiant, "can-do" spirit of a generation that is fast disappearing. The bitter-sweet film explores the reality of Bernie's 48 hour adventure, and the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Irene (Glenda Jackson, in her last screen appearance).



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.

Faith And Courage In Life

Angie M Flores (Published: October 2008)

In life there are people that will hurt us and cause us pain, but we must learn to forgive and forget and not hold grudges.

In life there are mistakes we will make, but we must learn from our wrongs and grow from them.

In life there are regrets we will have to live with, but we must learn to leave the past behind and realize it is something we can't change.

In life there are people we will lose forever and can't have back, but we must learn to let go and move on.

In life there are going to be obstacles that will cause interference, but we must learn to fight them with courage from within.

God holds our lives in his hands. He holds the key to our future. Only He knows our fate.

He sees everything and knows everything. Everything in life really does happen for a reason: "God's Reason".

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/faith-and-courage-in-life>

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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

SOLUTION TO JANUARY SUDOKU

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01 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
02 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
03 Saturday	BADCOG	Walsham Fen
03 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
05 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
09 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
12 Monday	Blofield PC	Blofield Court House
12 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
13 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI AGM	Heathlands
15 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
16 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
16 Friday	Village Screen	Blofield Court House
17 Saturday	BADCOG	Buckenham Woods
20 Tuesday	Lent Course (Afternoon)	Blofield Church
21 Wednesday	Lent Course (Evening)	The Rectory, Blofield
22 Thursday	Make & Mardle	Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington
24 Saturday	Jumble Sale	Heathlands
24 Saturday	Grand Music Quiz (Hemblington Church)	Heathlands
26 Monday	Wine Evening	Heathlands
27 Tuesday	Lent Course (Afternoon)	Blofield Church
28 Wednesday	Lent Course (Evening)	The Rectory, Blofield

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