

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

20th November, Patrick Murphy aged 73 at Blofield Church

Interment of Ashes

28th November, Gerald Williams 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

It is 2024 and we have entered a New Year. What difference will this new year make to our lives? Will it herald a new beginning for us? Perhaps we have pondered that question, perhaps we haven't. The word 'new' of itself can inspire expectation or even hope in our hearts. Think of the way that a new job or friendship or even a house move or a new resolve, can change our outlook. The thought of a fresh start can be an uplift and help us leave behind, or at least face with fresh strength, significant challenges, or difficulties. So, will this year herald the beginning of something new in our lives?



In the church's set of readings for this year, the focus is on the Gospel of Mark. Mark begins his Gospel with the words: 'The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.' Of course, that is an appropriate way to begin a story - it marks the start of the book. But, there is more to Mark's opening sentence than a statement of the obvious. It also is an echo of the very first verse of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Mark is subtly telling us that in the promise of the Gospel, there is the promise of a new start and even a new creation through God's son, Jesus Christ. In stories of people's encounter with Jesus and by Jesus' teaching, Mark will show us how Jesus gives a new start and a fresh beginning to all who come to him with faith and simple trust in his message and a readiness to follow him.

People often start each new year with a glass of bubbly and a toast to a good year. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is bringing new wine to the table. The past, however dark and difficult, can be left behind or transformed with hope and we can begin to share in the promises of the Kingdom to come - the new creation – wine of a completely new vintage.

REVD. KEVIN BILLSON



Prayers and reflections for the New Year

A new creation

Read: Anyone united with Christ is a new creation; the old self has passed away in its entirety; everything is made new.
2 Corinthians 5:17.

Ask: Do you still greet each day as a new beginning, a fresh start? Do you still believe God is able to change your life?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, move within me and draw me closer to you, so that the newness of this year may be echoed in newness of life spring fresh within me every day, now and always. Amen.

A God who seeks us out

Read: I assure you that there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner coming to repentance than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent. *Luke 15: 7.*

Ask: Do you worry about what the future may hold, or have you learned to rest secure in the knowledge that God will be with you and nothing will separate you from his love?

Pray: Gracious God, I praise you for the assurance, that though I may sometimes lose sight of you, you will never lose sight of me. Watch over me and lead me safely through my journey of life. Through Christ my Lord, Amen.

An unexpected encounter

Read: The Lord searches the mind and understands every plan and thought. *1 Chronicles 28:9.*

Ask: Are there times when you have been suddenly aware of God's presence? Is he trying to break into your life?

Pray: Gracious God, though I forget you, do not forget me. Meet with me and help me to glimpse again your glory. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord, Amen.

Getting the message

Read: The Lord called Samuel a third time, and once more he got up and went to Eli, and said 'Here I am, did you call me' Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy, so he told Samuel 'go and lie down and if he should call again say, 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening'. *1 Samuel 3:6-9.*

Ask: Are you open to the guidance of others in relation to what God might be asking of you? Is he perhaps calling you to some area of service at present?

Pray: Gracious God, speak to me now and help me to listen. Open my ears to all the ways your voice may come, and then, like Samuel teach me to respond in faith. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

I wish you a New Year filled with Hope.

Revd. Sue

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

Sunday	Blofield 11.00am	Hemblington 9.30am	North Burlingham
7 th January	Benefice service of Holy Communion at Blofield at 11.00am With the visit of the Bishop of Thetford The Rt Revd Ian Bishop		
14 th January	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Joint at Hemblington
21 st January	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Joint at Hemblington
28 th January	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, ***will be discontinued during January and 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:



3rd January - Holy Communion
10th January - Morning Worship
17th January - Holy Communion
24th January - Morning Worship
31st January - Holy Communion

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

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

Blofield church is open every day for people to visit or to be still and pray for the work of the church, our families, our own community and the wider world. On Monday mornings, we come together, to help carry the burden through prayer and faith, for those in need of healing in our church family and known to us as individuals. All are welcome to join for this quiet time of prayer.

FOODBANK AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

Thank you so much to everyone who supports the Foodbank at Blofield Church. It is wonderful to see the generosity of those from church, but also the kind donations of food and toiletries from folk in the villages. The basket is in the porch at Blofield Church and delivered to the Ivy Road warehouse in Norwich weekly, where it is distributed to families and Foodbank Centres.

The Foodbank is experiencing unprecedented requests for food items and is finding it difficult to meet demand, so anything you donate is gratefully received. Tinned meat, fish, stews, chocolate biscuits, Christmas treats and long-life juice are most welcome.

Please contact Yvonne on 07720942955 for more information.

The Children's Society. It's that time of year again!

If you have one of my home collection boxes for the Children's Society this is the time of year when I open the boxes. The contents are sent off to help the work of the society with many children who have problems and needs.

Please bring me your box when it is convenient.

If other people would like to have a box at home to collect loose change, please speak to me.

Many thanks, Barbara Pilch.

OPEN TO GOD

“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.

This month, it will be on **Sunday, 14th January 2024**

.....a welcoming space to ask for our Lord’s blessing and strengthening in times of uncertainty or worry, fear or weakness – for us personally, and for our friends and family. Music will be playing to maintain privacy. Everyone welcome to....” rest in the shadow of the Almighty”



Liz & Maureen



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

Begins on the 10th January 2024

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

“THE BRAINS OF BLOFIELD”

BLOFIELD CHURCH

presents

a **'Quiz and Chilli Night'**

at the Margaret Harker Hall - start at 6.30pm

on **Saturday, 27th January 2024**

To register your team, call 01603 211931

Tickets £10 per person to include food

Teams of up to 6



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 January we meet on Thursday 4th and 18th.

Further details telephone Jenny 01603 712968

THANK YOU FROM “OPEN DOORS”

We were delighted that 31 came to the Christmas Lunch on Thursday, 7th December.

Many thanks to the Brundall Co-operative stores and, in particular, Blofield Farm shop for their kind and very generous donations of crackers, puddings, vegetables and turkey, all of which helped to make the lunch so enjoyable.

“Open Doors” ladies made candy cane tree decorations to be given to the Baby and Toddlers that meet in church every Wednesday. They also made angel decorations to be given to the residents of Manor Lodge Residential home in Blofield.

Blofield church provided a “Giving Tree”, decorated with crafts made by the ladies of “Open Doors”, for South Walsham Christmas Tree festival. We would like to thank Norwich Camping and Leisure for the donation of the tree.

The Bishop of Norwich First Nature Award.

Paston Footprints, whose local work has given Blofield its Paston trail linked to the church's healing garden, has won the First Nature Campaign and Bishop of Norwich Award.

Paston Footprints aims to help young people reconnect with nature and their local heritage with benefits to their health and wellbeing.

We, at Blofield are linked to the Paston family. A prominent memorial to Edward Paston stands in the church. He was Lord of the Manor of Blofield with his manor house standing between the present Manor Farm and Bay Bridge.

There are fifteen Paston hubs in towns and villages in Norfolk which have connections with the famous family. Ten of these have trails and at Blofield, Paston Footprints has created a heritage trail celebrating both Edward and his protégé, the musician, William Bird. The walk has been used by groups for their physical and mental wellbeing. Also, visited by the trail walkers is the Healing Garden to the south of the church. This was set up by Mrs Christine Pritchard and contains a variety of healing plants. It is a place of peace and contemplation which was particularly sought during the pandemic. The view across the churchyard from the stone seat is a delight.

Bishop Graham's First Nature Campaign

This was created to recognise projects working with children up to 16 years old to connect with nature in ways that will benefit their health and wellbeing.

Five groups gathered on November 4th giving presentations showcasing their plans and ideas. Bishop Graham presented his First Nature Award to 'Paston Footprints'.

Funding from this award will help at Blofield, where 'Paston Footprints' plan is for children to be enabled to learn about medieval herbal practices, using the Church herb garden. As the key Paston character from here is the recusant musician Edward Paston, we will encourage children to consider what they hear in Nature.

In presenting the award, the Bishop said "It is a joy to present my First Nature Award to Paston Footprints which works to encourage children and families to experience nature and connections in Norfolk".



THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated Christmas boxes for this yearly appeal. There wasn't an inch left in the car, just enough space for Mike who co-ordinates the appeal on behalf of the Foodbank.

Thank you again for giving so generously.

Showing the love of Christ through giving.

Revd. Sue

A Children's Hospital for Norwich

Opera singer Jenny Lind, dubbed the "Swedish Nightingale", was one of the best known and most popular entertainers in mid-19th century Europe.

In 1847, she gave her first concerts in Norwich, and they proved so popular that a third concert was arranged. Jenny Lind returned to Norwich in 1849, staying with Bishop Stanley and she gave two concerts in St Andrew's Hall on the 22nd and 23rd January.

The money raised from the Jenny Lind concerts were later earmarked for the purpose of an infirmary for sick children. A public meeting in 1853 unanimously endorsed the idea and in 1854 the hospital opened in Pottergate, Norwich.

Norwich was only the second city in the country to have a children's hospital (the first was London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in 1852). A Norwich infirmary for sick children admitted its first inpatients in April 1854, thanks to the generosity and goodwill of Jenny Lind.

More than one hundred and fifty years later, the Jenny Lind Children's Hospital at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital continues to provide treatment and care for the county's children.

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

The Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Happy New Year from the Friends group. Hope all have kept safe and well and enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. Our first event will be “**The Big Churchyard Birdwatch**” on **Sunday, 28th January (11am – 1pm)** with warming refreshments available. We are also very pleased to announce that local naturalist and musician David Bryant has put together a completely **new Music Quiz!** This will be held at Heathlands Community Centre, Blofield Heath, on **Saturday evening, 24th February**. There will be more details in next month's issue - or on a telegraph pole near you! All our events will be publicised in local newsletters and parish council websites – or better still, you can receive information directly to your inbox by becoming a Friend!

For just £10 per year, or £100 for lifetime membership, you can help support this lovely little church and its beautiful, peaceful churchyard. Information available from the secretary: hemblington@gmail.com/telephone (01603) 715804, or see the church website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

Happy New Year!



The Free Big Churchyard Bird Watch



in association with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
CHURCH LANE, HEMBLINGTON, NR13 4EF**

off Hemblington Hall Road, between Blofield Heath and N. Burlingham

**Come along and see how many birds
visit the churchyard**

Sunday 28th January, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Warming refreshments will be available

Further details on our website: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk



NOTICE BOARD

Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

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

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

Blofield Court House Village Screen

There is no film over the Festive season. The next film will be in February - details of which will be given at a later date.

Blofield and District Gardening Club (see page 18)

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. 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. January litter-picks take place on:

Monday, 8th January, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 15th January, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

At the close of the year, we sincerely thank the many residents, walkers, and dog-walkers who pick up litter when out and about - it is much appreciated and really helps to Keep Blofield Special! We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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 Concervation Group.

BADCOG is an active group which undertakes site management of wildlife habitats, BADCOG holds fortnightly work parties. We meet for work parties 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: **6th January: Lingwood Village Pond** - Annual maintenance around the pond; **20th January: Howes Meadow** - Coppicing and pollarding; **3rd February – Walsham Fen.**

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

At our January evening meeting, Hans Watson, a well-known photographer and knowledgeable naturalist, will entertain and educate us with a presentation. This will be on **Friday, 12th January** 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.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group

The next talk is on Saturday, **6th January 2024** at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. It will be given by Steve Cash and will be about 'The Origin of the Sugar Industry in Norfolk'. Steve is the archivist for the Cantley Sugar Factory and will illustrate how a combination of the events of warfare and commercial enterprise gave rise to the development of the beet sugar industry in Norfolk, and to the building of the first successful UK sugar factory at Cantley.

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.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2pm. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 9th January 2024**. New members are welcome.

WEA Blofield Branch (see pages 16 -18)

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.

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. The next meeting is expected to be on **Monday, 29th January**. 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. 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@qfqq.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! (apart from January and May). 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.

”Highwaymen vs The Georgian Judicial System”

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

This course will look in detail at the careers of a number of notorious highway robbers and reveal the cat and mouse games they played with the authorities who struggled to apprehend them with the very limited manpower and resources at their disposal.

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings 23rd, 30th January and 6th February 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Course fee is £25.20 (to be confirmed)

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 Q00010680

or ‘phone 0300 303 3464 quoting the Course reference Q00010680

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

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History

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”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/



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Film and Media

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WEA Blofield Branch

Happy New Year! We are very pleased to confirm that courses will continue at Blofield Court House this year - and hope to see you there!

From **23rd January 2024**, we are glad to welcome back Stephen Poulter, who will discuss "**Highwaymen vs. the Georgian Judicial System**". This 3-week course will look at the careers of some notorious highway robbers and at the authorities who struggled to apprehend them (Page 16).

Some of you may remember Nigel Herwin, who amused us no end with comedic extracts from film and TV some time ago. From **27th February**, Nigel will present "**Alfred Hitchcock - The British Movies**" – a 4-week course which promises to explore how he became "the master of suspense" through a series of classic movies during the 1920s and '30s (page 17).

These courses will be held at The Blofield Court House on Tuesday mornings, starting at 10am and finishing at 12noon. Light refreshments are offered during a brief interval. Enrolment with the WEA is either on line at www.wea.org.uk or by 'phone: 0300 303 3464.



Blofield & District Gardening Club

The committee is pleased to report that the Club had a very successful 2023, with lively and interesting speakers, a well-attended Summer Show, and several new members to help spread the word about how good gardening - and generally being outdoors - is for the soul as well as keeping the body fit! We hope many more of you will join us in 2024.

The first meeting of 2024 will be on **Wednesday evening, 13th March at 7:30pm** at The Margaret Harker Hall. This is our AGM, reviewing what happened in 2023, and looking ahead to the speakers booked for 2024, as well as any changes to the Summer Show schedule. This is followed by a free open buffet and usually a quiz! All welcome.

If you have any queries about the club, do please contact the Secretary on: blofieldgardeningclub@outlook.com, or telephone (01603) 715804 or see the Club's website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk.

HEATHLANDS

Happy New Year to everyone!

Heathlands Management Committee is on **9th January** at 7.30pm.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

'Northern Soul' is in the hall on **Sunday, 28th January** from 2pm to 6 pm - come and join them.

BINGO DATES 5th and 19th January - Eyes down at 7.30pm.

HEATHLANDS JUMBLE - 24th February.

HEATHLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year!

Why not join us for our **Wine Tasting event on Monday, 26th February 2024** (tickets available from Jill W).

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.*

Sky Sports are shown throughout the week. Come and join us, have a pint and watch the sports.

We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164.

Please see our Facebook page for up to date news at www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/

Make & Mardle

We meet next on **Tuesday, 23rd January 2024**, at 1 High House Lane, Blofield Heath at 10am to 12noon.

All are welcome.

For further information, please contact Catherine on 01603 270 360

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MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT/PLAY LEADER (FROM JANUARY 2024)

MSA Scale A2 - £11.59 per hour

Temporary contract from January 2024 – 31 December 2024

5 hours per week, Term time only

Blofield Primary are looking for an additional Midday Supervisory Assistant/Play Leader to join our friendly and supportive team.

Blofield Primary School is delighted to have achieved the Gold OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Award (November 2023). The OPAL vision is that every child has an amazing lunchtime with high-quality play every day – with no exceptions. As members of the lunchtime team our Midday Supervisors/Play Leaders are crucial in facilitating this and encouraging children's play to help make this vision come true.

The role of Midday Supervisor/Play Leader requires a positive person who is a great team player. The lunchtime team support children for over 15% of their school day, as well as keeping children safe, they play an integral role in children's enjoyment of lunchtimes.

We are looking for someone who:

- is calm, caring and patient.
- enjoys the company of children and getting to know them well.
- is ready to play games.
- is a good role model for the children.
- is fair, consistent and supports school policies.
- is flexible and has a good sense of humour.

The role is varied and includes:

- setting up, cleaning and clearing away tables and chairs
- helping serve the lunches and encouraging children to eat well and develop good eating habits.
- supporting children when things go wrong.
- managing and supervising indoor and outdoor play.

Blofield Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Employment is subject to an enhanced DBS check. This post comes under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations. References with specific safeguarding questions will be followed up.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be obtained from the school office – office@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk.

Please apply in writing to head@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk.

Closing date: Tuesday 9th January 2024 12noon

Interviews: Friday 12th January 2024

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER SUDOKU

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1	4	9	8	5	7	2	6	3
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9	1	8	6	4	5	3	7	2
6	5	3	7	2	8	1	9	4
8	9	5	1	3	2	6	4	7
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*The solution will be in next month's (February) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

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- Monday: 8am to 7pm (8am to 1pm Open Library access only)
- Tuesday: 8am to 7pm (Open Library access only)
- Wednesday: 8am to 7pm (8am to 10.30am Open Library access only)
- Thursday: 8am to 7pm (Open Library access only)
- Friday: 8am to 7pm (8am to 4pm Open Library access only)
- Saturday: 8am to 4pm (8am to 12noon Open Library access only)
- Sunday: 10am to 4pm (Open Library access only)

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JANUARY Diary



04 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
05 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
06 Saturday	BADCOG	Lingwood Village Pond
06 Saturday	Brundall Local History Group	Brundall Memorial Hall
08 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
09 Tuesday	Heathlands Management Committee	Heathlands
09 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI	Heathlands
12 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
15 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
18 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
19 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
20 Saturday	BADCOG	Howes Meadow
23 Tuesday	Make & Mardle	1 High House Lane, Blofield Heath
27 Saturday	Quiz and Chilli Night	Margaret Harker Hall
28 Sunday	'Bird Watch'	Hemblington Church
28 Sunday	'North Soul'	Heathlands
29 Monday	Hemblington PC	Heathlands



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