



Getting to School after the Second World War 1945

I went to Blofield School, I think I was just about seven when I started. I missed the first two years of schooling because of the wartime. We used to go to Blofield School by bus which I think was the 7b, or if it was the 7 we had to get off at *The Kings Head*.

We used to go to Wilkinson's corner, Brundall [*Wilkinson's grocery shop was located where Cucumber Lane joins The Street.*]

When we were quite young, about seven, we'd be taken to the bus stop by one of the older people but then we used to walk home so we could save the bus money.

We used to walk along 'the turnpike' which was the old A47 [*now Yarmouth Road*].

Finally I got a bicycle and used to cycle along Cucumber Lane and along the turnpike to Blofield and cycle back.

When walking back we would stop at Witton Run, which is the stream which comes through to Brundall and ends up at the nature reserve. We used to play there quite a while.

We used to get told off I suppose when we got home for being late. We used to know all the traffic along the A47 particularly the sugar beet lorries, and the drivers used to wave to us. Blofield School in those days was an all range school and we used to keep pigs and bees and we used to do gardening so it was not just an ordinary little school. Many a time I've gone into the class after cleaning the pigs out. They [*the other children*] all used to move away!

***The words of Bernard Westgate who was born
at number 10 (now 31), Holmesdale Road, Brundall. In 1938.***

This is a transcript of his spoken memories, recorded on 21st March 2014





Group photograph of Brundall Scouts 1946
Bernard Westgate is sitting in the front row, second from the left.

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The number 7 bus to Brundall, Acle and Filby leaving Norwich Bus Station 1950s

1956 bus timetable showing the school bus time from Brundall to Blofield King's Head was at 8.27am

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NORWICH — ACLE — PANXWORTH or YARMOUTH 42																				
EASTERN COUNTIES SERVICES 7, 7B. July, 1-September 15 TABLE 42																				
WEEKDAYS																				
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	SCH	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	
Norwich, Bus Stn.	630	655	725	755	8 40	9 09	45	1035	1050	11 01	12 0	1230	1 15	130	210					
Thorpe, Hospital	644	714	744	814	8 59	9 19	10 4	1054	11 9	119	1219	1249	1 34	149	229					
Brundall, P.O.	727	757	827		9 12	9 32	1017	11 7	1122	1132	1232	1 21	47	2	242					
Blofield, King's Head	656	730	8 0	830	9 15	9 35	1020	11 10	1125	1135	1235	1 51	50	2	245					
Pedham, Gravel Pits	7 4	738			9 23				1133			1 58			253					
Panxworth, Red L.	A	743			9*28							*18								
Acle, King's Head	710		813		9 48	1033	1123		1148	1248					218					
Filby, P.O.	725		828		10 3	1048	1138		12 31	3					213					
Caister, P.O.	737		840		1015	11 0	1150		1215	15					245					
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	750		853		1028	1113	12 3		1228	28					258					
Norwich, Bus Stn.	215	340	350	410	435	5 10		6 5	6 5	7 5	740	815	9 15	9 30	10 30					
Thorpe, Hospital	234	359	4 9	429	454	5 29		624	624	724	759	834	9 34	9 49	10 49					
Brundall, P.O.	247	412	422	442	5 7	5 42		637	637	737	812	847	9 47	10 2	11 2					
Blofield, King's Hd.	250	415	425	445	510	5 45		640	640	740	815	850	9 50	10 5	11 5					
Pedham, Gravel Pits	423	433				5 53		648		748					10 13					
Panxworth, Red L.	A	438				5 58									10*18					
Acle, King's Head	3 3		458	523		626		653	717		828	9 3	10 3		11*18					
Filby, P.O.	318		513	538		641		7 8	732		843	918	1018		11*33					
Caister, P.O.	330		525	550		653		720	744		855	930	1030		11*45					
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	343		538	6 3		7 6		733	757		8 9	943	1043		11*58					
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	6 5		720			9 0	1030		1115	12 5		130			240					
Caister P.O.	619		733			9 13	1043		1128	1218		143			253					
Filby, P.O.	630		745			9 25	1055		1140	1230		155			3 5					
Acle, King's Head	645		8 0			9 40	1110		1155	1245		210			320					
Panxworth, Red Lion			745			9*30						*20								
Pedham, Gravel Pits	7 5	750				9 35		1140				1 25			2 0	255				
Blofield, King's Head	713	758	813	831	9 43	9 53	1123	1148	12 8	1258	1 33	223	2 8	3 3	333					
Brundall, P.O.	8 1	816	834	9 46	9 56	1126	1151	1211	1 1	1 36	226	211	3 6	336						
Thorpe, Hospital	725	814	829	847	9 59	10 9	1139	12 4	1224	1 14	1 49	239	224	319	349					
Norwich, Bus Stn.	744	833	848	9 6	1018	1028	1158	1223	1243	1 33	2 8	256	243	338	4 8					
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	330		410	430		545	6 5		740	815	9 15				1030	1045				
Caister P.O.	343		423	443		558	618		753	828	9 28				1043	1058				
Filby, P.O.	355		435	455		610	630		8 5	840	9 40				1055	1119				
Acle, King's Head	410		450	510		625	645		820	855	9 55				1110	1125				
Panxworth, Red Lion	440		6 0									10*20								
Pedham, Gravel Pits	425	444				6 5	650		750			10 25								
Blofield, King's Head	423	433	453	5 3	523	613	658	658	758	833	9 8	10 8	10 33	11 6	1123	1138				
Brundall, P.O.	426	436			5 6	526	616	7 7	8 1	836	911	1011	10 36		1126	1141				
Thorpe, Hospital	439	449	5 5	519	539	629	714	714	814	849	924	1024	10 49	1118	1139	1154				
Norwich, Bus Stn.	458	5 8	524	538	558	648	733	733	833	9 8	943	1043	11 8	1132	1158	1213				
SUNDAY																				
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	
Norwich, Bus Stn.	9 30	1030	1035	11 0	1220	1 15	130	215	410	445	615	740	745	815	9 15	10 0				
Thorpe, Hospital	9 49	1049	1054	1119	1239	1 34	149	234	429	5 6	634	759	8 4	834	9 34	1019				
Brundall P.O.	10 2	11 2	11 7	1132	1252	1 47	2	247	442	517	647	812	817	847	9 47	1032				
Blofield, King's Hd.	10 5	11 5	1110	1135	1255	1 50	2	250	445	520	650	815	820	850	9 50	1035				
Pedham, Gravel Pits						1 58					528				1043					
Panxworth, Red L.						2 3						833			1048					
Acle, King's Head	1018		1128	1148	1 23			233	318	513		718	843		918	1018				
Filby, P.O.	1033		1138	12 3	1 23			245	330	525		730	855		930	1030				
Caister, P.O.	1045		1150	1215	1 35			245	330	525		730	855		930	1030				
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	1058		12 3	1228	1 48			258	343	538		743	868		943	1043				
Yarmouth, Bus Stn.	8 45	1030			12 3	130		230	330	430		6 9	740		815	9 15				
Caister P.O.	8 58	1043			1218	143		243	343	443		638	8 5		940	1040				
Filby, P.O.	9 10	1055			1230	155		255	355	455		650	8 10		955	1055				
Acle, King's Head	9 25	1110			1245	210		310	410	510		645	820		955	1055				
Panxworth, Red Lion					1120			210				835			1050					
Pedham, Gravel Pits					1125			215				840			1055					
Blofield, King's Head	9 38	1123	1133	1258	223	223	323	423	523	538	658	833	848	9 8	10 8	11 3				
Brundall, P.O.	9 41	1126	1136	1 226	226	226	326	426	526	541	7 1	836	851	911	1011	11 6				
Thorpe, Hospital	9 54	1139	1149	1 423	239	239	339	439	539	554	714	849	9 4	924	1024	1119				
Norwich, Bus Stn.	1013	1158	12 8	1 33	258	258	358	458	558	613	733	9 8	923	943	1043	1138				

ADDITIONAL BUS : Blofield, King's Head to Norwich, School days only at 4.30 p.m.
 †-To Drayton, see Table 79. NTT-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. NS-Not Saturday.
 NTH-Not Thursday. NWS-Not Wednesday or Saturday. S-Saturday. SCH-School days only.
 TH-Thursday. WS or *-Wednesday, Saturday. W-Wednesday. A-Arr. Erie Register Works 7.55 a.m.