

SHOULDHAM NEWS

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A lamp to light-up Christmas

Welcome to the Christmas edition of *Shouldham News*! Our village will be a hive of activity over the festive period, starting with the erection of the Christmas tree on the Green (scheduled for Saturday December 2nd). Then, the following weekend sees a highlight of our social calendar: the village pantomime. This year the production is *Shouldham's Version of Aladdin*, complete with lamp, incomparable acting skills and – dare we hazard a guess? – grown men squeezed into women's clothing. There will be three performances this year: on the evening of Saturday 9th December, and a matinée and evening show on Sunday 10th December. Tickets (book yours in advance by emailing shpantotickets2023@gmail.com) are selling fast, with Sunday night already sold out.

Another high point of 2023 in Shouldham was the village's celebration of the Coronation in May. A communal picnic on the Green was followed by a right royal knees-up, dancing to the Carnaby Sound band.

International news might be bleak, but life looks set fair for 2024 in our little corner of Norfolk. Shouldham's Bowls & Social Club has a new lease of life, putting on many regular and one-off events, and next year will see celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of West Norfolk's first community-owned pub, our very own King's Arms. Read about how our community saved the village pub in this edition.

Perhaps most encouraging news of the past year has been the willingness of a younger generation of volunteers to get involved in our village life. They join a group who have devoted countless hours of their time, over many years, to make Shouldham the enviable place that it is. Among them is the band of dedicated folk who help to bring you *Shouldham News* four times a year: our designers Emma Gibson and Laura Hutchinson, our ad manager John Dovey, and our distributors Andrew and Bridget Archibald, Pippa Bennett, John Dovey, Keith (Arna) Gills, Ann Hullah, Jennifer Malby, Marion Mallott, John and Jan McGourty and Val Negus. We wish them, and all our readers, a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2024.



Keep up with the news!

If you would like to keep up with news happening in our village and the local area, between the three-monthly editions of *Shouldham News*, please send your email address to philharriss@icloud.com. This will entitle you to a free electronic edition of this newsletter – in colour! You can also find out what's happening in Shouldham by joining the village Facebook page on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/168280213739979/>. An increasing number of villagers have joined this Facebook page, which now provides an excellent means of communication for advertising events, lost pets, etc.



Rain...

Rain, rain, and more rain,
And I'm looking at 'them' again!
They're in puddles, in mud they wander,

Loving every minute...
Can it be that good, I wonder!
I'll leave them to it,
I've got wet already today,
I'll look at them tomorrow,
And watch them having mud play!

Liz S...

Guess what I've been watching!

Jan Woodruff

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Phil Rudderham

philtracey1@hotmail.com

Downham Market & Surrounding Villages

Christmas jokes

Bear up – not long until 12th night.

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? *He had nobody to go with.*

Who's Rudolph's favourite pop star? *Beyon-sleigh.*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? *Frostbite.*

What was the snowman doing in the vegetable patch? *Picking his nose.*

What does Miley Cyrus have at Christmas? *A twerky.*

How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? *They had a weigh in a manger.*

What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas? *Cross-mouse cards.*

What did the beaver say to the Christmas tree? *Nice gnawing you.*

How does Darth Vader enjoy his Christmas turkey? *On the dark side.*

How did the bauble get addicted to Christmas? *He was hooked on trees his whole life.*

Why is everyone so thirsty at the north pole? *There's no well, no well.*



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Shouldham News is published four times a year and distributed free of charge to all households in Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe.

More on rain...

We've had rather a lot of that,

But out in the forest, there's magic about.

There are puddles galore where children
can play,

But even better shallow pools which say...

Look over the edge, deep into the ground,

Trees and blue sky can easily be found.

It's a mirror giving a picture of what's
above your head,

No need to look up when you can peer
down instead!

... it's magic!

Liz S

Ten years of Shouldham's King's Arms community pub

When my husband Alan and I moved to Shouldham in 2011 we had a good feeling about the place. It had a pub on the Green, a Post Office, and a picture-perfect church on the hill. So when the King's Arms closed a little over a year later it left a big hole. But not for long!

Several villagers started meeting together at the Chalk and Cheese where, with the support of Andrew and Bridget Archibald, we set up a campaigning group SOKA – Save Our King's Arms. At our first public meeting on January 11th 2013, 50 people gathered and agreed a plan; two months later, on March 4th, a company was formed with the aim of buying the pub for the village. Shouldham Community Enterprises Limited came into being and a committee was organised, including John McGourty (Chair), Ant Hobbs (Vice Chair), Keith Matthews (Treasurer) and Phil Harriss (Secretary). I and several of the other founders are still on that committee but we are pleased to say much new blood is bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. It is still possible for people to buy shares and become involved in the pub, and maybe serve on the committee if they are so inclined.

Those early days were a steep learning curve for us all; none of us had run a pub before, and several had day jobs already. Nonetheless, we organised a series of fundraising activities: a regular open mic night at the Chalk & Cheese, a 'pub quiz' at Colt's Hall Barn, then a springtime beer and barbecue event in May with beer from a barrel in the Chalk & Cheese shop, a marquee on the Village Green in case of rain, and Sargeant's bangers and beef burgers on the barbecue.

We held more quiz nights, and raffles and with the encouragement of the Plunkett Foundation (a charity that helps set up rural social enterprises) some of us trekked miles, visiting the few other community-owned projects in our part of the country – the White Horse pub at Upton near Acle and a community shop in Great Ryburgh – to learn from the pioneers more about what we needed to do. Amazingly, there are now 160 community pubs in the UK, and our committee has been able to offer support and advice to several here in East Anglia.

Meanwhile, our Grants sub-committee was hard at work. Nick Hart, Perri Nicholls, myself, and Keith Matthews applied for and were successful in winning a 'pre-feasibility' grant of £10,000. Our project was well underway. Another public meeting was held in the Village Hall on August 16th 2013, addressed by Liz Truss MP, and a share offer was opened to raise money towards the funds needed to purchase the pub. To coincide with this we held our first King's Arms Beer and Music Festival, which proved so successful it has been held every year since (apart from during Covid) going from strength to strength with huge popular support.

We had the help of so many people during 2013: Stephen Fry tweeted for us; CAM-RA the Campaign for Real Ale featured our campaign in the June edition of *Norfolk Nips* and supported our listing of the King's Arms as a community asset, thereby preventing its sale for other development – we were the first to do so in West Nor-

folk. There were articles in the press and on the radio and local television. We tramped the streets distributing share prospectuses and arguing the case for a community hub, and interest grew among villagers, friends and family members. By October we had reached our target of raising £150,000 in community shares.

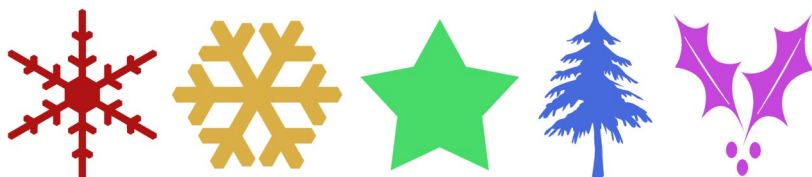
In January 2014 we put our cash together with a major grant from the Social Investment Business and finally bought the pub (the negotiations skilfully handled by James Lee) – and so, the work began!

Considerable renovation was needed, with walls to knock down, a kitchen to extend and bars to move. Our thanks go to Jim Ross, and to John Stevenson for his ongoing help, local builders Steven Seals, and many others. The community really came together, and many hours were spent painting and planning. A first-floor flat was prepared for a potential future manager, and the garden was fenced, tidied up and planted. We hired a chef and our manager Ian Skinner and at last, we were ready to open.

Three days of celebrations followed in September 2014. A reception was held, attended by Council Leader Nick Daubney and Councillor Elizabeth Nockolds, our own Parish Councillor Geoffrey Hipperson, and Deborah Smart the Small Grants Manager of the Social Investment Business that had awarded the major grant. We were visited by our MP Elizabeth Truss and although we invited Prince Charles, he regretted he was unable to come (but we did receive a letter of praise and much encouragement from him). The *Eastern Daily Press* produced a special Shouldham edition of the newspaper.

We are now approaching our tenth anniversary of trading, and it is so good to report that the King's Arms is a major employer in the area, the pub continues to thrive and we are planning a year of on-going celebrations (more updates to follow in due course). After eight fruitful years, Ian, and his partner Abbie who had been so important in advertising our activities, moved on in 2022 and our lovely Jo Freeman, who has been head chef of the pub since 2015, took up the reins as manager too. Jo had barely accepted the post than she was organising the beer festival as well as managing the kitchen and the bar while building a strong team around her.

The beer festival has grown in scale and popularity, and we now have a winter version indoors too. The pub holds monthly coffee mornings and quiz nights to raise money for local charities and there are regular music nights – as well as the good food and real ales that have earned the King's Arms a place in national guides. I must say I still feel very fortunate to have moved to Shouldham and to have been able to play a small part in the King's Arms journey. Long may it continue!



Shouldham Community Orchard update

The orchard is doing well. Most of the trees have weathered the dry and wet spells and have grown a fair bit over the last two years. A couple of them aren't looking too healthy and we will be looking to replace them.

The hedge plants are also growing well, some of them (including a few crab apple, hazel and dog rose plants) reaching three feet tall!

It's great to observe how healthy the soil is, and how it teems with life. It is fascinating to watch the little spiders and insects scurry in the ground as we clear the weeds around the plants.



There is a clump of self-sown spearmint, in the hedge near the road, which we have left to grow (if you ever feel the need for some mint tea, you know where to go!), and lots of ivy too, which we hope will climb up the fence in due course. We are planning to get an expert to come down to help prune the fruit trees this winter. The soft fruit patch is also looking reasonable, with most of the raspberry canes surviving and putting out new shoots.

Excitingly, we have had a new helper in the orchard. Young Briar Hobbs asked to do her DofE volunteering with us, so she has been busy planting bulbs, and putting guards around the tree trunks. It's wonderful to share the orchard upkeep work with you Briar. We all hope you enjoy your time with us, and tell your friends too.

Briar's presence has re-energised us all to spend more time in the orchard, so we should have a rather tidy plot by the New Year!

We will have a long overdue orchard working group meeting in January, date tbc. We shall email everyone on the mailing list – do join in if interested by emailing Shouldhamcommunityorchard@gmail.com

The agenda is yet to be finalised, but will no doubt include new or replacement planting, agreeing workdays through the year, and putting up a noticeboard inside the orchard. Any other suggestions most welcome. *Pallavi*



Fungi...

I was talking with a toad just the other day,

Well I think it was a toad but it wasn't green or grey.

It had an amazing red patch 'behind', with white dots as well,

And I wondered if it was feeling just a little unwell!

But, no, he said he'd been to a party just the night before,

And he'd sat on a pretty cushion for several hours or more.

When he got up this morning, he found to his surprise...

That the cushion had left an imprint on his backside!

He said he was on his way to swim in a pool,

Hoping to wash away the print he'd got from the toadstool!

Was it Fly Agaric?

Liz S

Planning and Shouldham

Part One

On October 2nd 2023 the borough planning committee accepted by majority the officer's report to allow the development of houses on the corner of the 'rhubarb patch' by New Road in Shouldham. This site had been allocated for housing in 2009 and was part of the 2016 Local Development Plan, but hitherto no development there had happened. The development was opposed by individuals and by the Parish Council but to no avail. The officer's report was heavily weighted towards the proposal because the site was defined in the Local Plan.

Several other schemes in the village have had a public impact in recent years. Chronologically there was Willow Court, where there were fears about drainage on the land increasing problems with sewerage and drainage along Lynn Road and parts of Westgate Street; and an approval to redevelop the site of Matthews Coachworks changed from one chalet bungalow to a number of dwellings (though this seems to be bogged down, with a need to decontaminate the land from petrochemical seepage). Then permission was given for the derelict barn on New Road to be rebuilt as a house (again, this is currently stalled, October 2023). Following a complaint about kitchen smells, you may have noticed the King's Arms was given a large new chimney stack for better ventilation. Recently another application for housing, on the field between Westgate Street and New Road, opposite the playing field, was refused as it was not compliant with Local Plan designation for development. After a lapse of a previous approved application, the Bowls & Social Club building on Fairstead Drove is planning an expansion.

These matters and others, such as consent to change preserved trees, are all processed under planning legislation by staff of King's Lynn & West Norfolk District Council. Only large or contentious schemes are taken to councillors for their consideration. As part of the current environment for managing development, the council staff are expected to vet an application against rules set out by the national Government and against the approved plans of local governments applying a 'presumption for development' unless sufficient issues of non-compliance of the proposals are found with an application.

To define what planning means concisely is quite difficult. One version is that planning exists to arbitrate between all interested parties their different visions for the use of land or space to achieve the best outcome for all. This particularly relates to an arm of planning that prepares a plan for a district, which in the current planning process is known as the 'Local Development Framework'. That concept is embedded in the 2019 review of the Local District Plan, which at the time of writing is not yet wholly approved as a working document. The Local Plan is supposed to be the guidance which any development proposal should be judged against, however for many topics this can only be a broad brush that may have only limited relevance to a particular proposal, and all decisions are taken against the backdrop of the values of the decision maker. It is regrettable that the current Local Plan (2016) has elements that were relevant in 2009, which, arguably, are no longer appropriate, but these would still apply to current development proposals.

The 'rhubarb patch' was subject to a planning application for houses in 2002. Permission was refused and it is not clear why the site designation was made in 2009, as this was the main basis for approving the recent application.

Alan Austin

Dates for your diaries

To find out the latest information, please consult the Shouldham Village Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1682802137399791/>), the Shouldham Parish Council Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2089004202121951/>) or join the village email list by sending your email address to philharriss@icloud.com.

Saturday 2nd December, 10am-noon, followed by lunch, The Pagoda, King's Arms (wrap up warm!): **CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP**. With Manor Farm Flowers. All materials supplied. Tickets £45 including tea and coffee, and lunch of soup and cheese scone.

Saturday 2nd December, 8pm, King's Arms: **MEG MCPARTLIN**. Live music from a guitarist/singer with a country twang. Free admission.

Sunday 3rd December, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**. Teams of up to six, £2.50 entry per person. If you would like to book a table, please phone 01366 347410 or just turn up on the night. Raising funds for Little Discoverers West Norfolk.

Sunday 3rd December, 6.30pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **INDOOR CARPET BOWLS**. Every Sunday night until April 2024. Everybody of all ages and abilities are welcome. Bar will be open.

Tuesday 5th December, 11.30am-3pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 9th December, 7pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT**. Teams of four, £10 per team. Christmas food platters available, £10 per table (must be pre-booked).

Saturday 9th December, 6pm, Shouldham Village Hall: **ALADDIN!** Shouldham's extraordinary pantomime – beware of frightening fellows in frocks. Tickets £5 adults; under-16s free. Book tickets in advance at shpantotickets2023@gmail.com.

Sunday 10th December, 2pm (matinée) and 6pm, Shouldham Village Hall: **ALADDIN!** It's behind you! Tickets £5 adults; under-16s free. Book tickets in advance at shpantotickets2023@gmail.com.

Sunday 10th December, 6.30pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **INDOOR CARPET BOWLS**. Every Sunday night until April 2024. Everybody of all ages and abilities are welcome. Bar will be open.

Tuesday 12th December, 11.30am-3pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 13th December, 7pm, All Saints' Church, Shouldham: **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**. Followed by seasonal refreshments. Small Christmas trees in memory of loved ones can be placed in church before the service. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Ann Hullah (347814) asap.

Wednesday 13th December, 7pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **BINGO**. Last of year.

Monday 18th December, 7pm, Shouldham Village Green: **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**. Followed by a mini quiz in the King's Arms. Raising funds for All Saints' Church, Shouldham.

Tuesday 19th December, 11.30am-3pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**. Everyone welcome.

Friday 22nd December, 2-4pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Christmas crafts, games and music, party food and Father Christmas's grotto. Ticket (must be bought in advance) £5 from the bar or www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com.

Friday March 1st 2024, 7.30pm, Shouldham Village Hall: **'DESERT ISLAND FLICKS'**. The latest production brought to you by Shouldham Stage & Screen. A two-woman show from Spilt Milk Dance; a blockbuster, adventure and rom-com rolled into one. Phone 01366 347856 for details.

Sunday 10th March: **SHOULDHAM NEWS DEADLINE**. The final date for copy for the Spring edition. If you have any news, views or details of forthcoming events (up to early June 2024), please contact Phil Harriss (01366 347244 or 01844 238868/ philharriss@icloud.com). Please send articles in Word, rather than pdf, format. Electronic, colour copies of the newsletter can be found at Shouldham Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168280213739979/>) and on the Parish Council website: <http://shouldhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/newsletters/>

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

Organisations, clubs & services

Please contact *Shouldham News* if any of the details below change.

All Saints' Church

<https://www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk/>

Vicar: Reverend David Karoon.

Church wardens: Brian and Ann Hullah (347814/annhullah@btinternet.com/ bbhullah@btinternet.com).

Bell ringing: practice night Thursday 7-8.30pm; contact Brian Hullah (347814).

Bus services

Shouldham has a bus service (the No.39, Monday to Saturday) to Marham and King's Lynn, run by Lynx (<http://www.lynxbus.co.uk/> 01553 611955). There are also occasional bus services (the No.51) run to Norwich and Downham Market by Eagle Coaches (01760 755641/ www.eaglescoaches.co.uk). There is also now a service run by West Norfolk Community Transport to Downham Market, via Fincham, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except Bank Holidays). Contact <https://www.wnct.co.uk/our-services/go-to-town/> or (01553) 776971 for details.

Good Companions

A social club for the village's older residents, meeting on the third Wednesday of each month from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. Contact: John Beckwith (01366 347853/07952766659/ jbeckwith1940@icloud.com).

Ladybirds

Shouldham women's social group.

Contact: Sandra (01366 347789) or Lorna (01760 337089/ lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk).

Scouting

2nd Runcton Holme & Watlington beavers & cubs. Meet at Runcton Holme Scout Hut next to the school in Runcton Holme. Contact: Bob Keens (01553 810855/ scout.keens@btinternet.com). Beavers meet on Tuesday 5.30-7pm, cubs on Wednesday 6.30-8pm.

Rainbows. For girls aged five to seven. Meet at Runcton Holme Scout Hut 4.30-5.30pm Thursdays. Contact: Poppy (Jane Rose-Land; 01366 347452/jsroseland@gmail.com).

Brownies. Meet at Runcton Holme Scout Hut 6-7.15pm Thursdays.

Contact: Brown Owl (Mandy Randle; 01366 388554/mark.randle@tesco.net).

Guides. Meet at Runcton Holme Scout Hut 7.30-9pm Thursdays.

Contact: Guide Leader (Sarah Mac; 01366 501942/sarahjmack@hotmail.co.uk).

Shouldham Bowls & Social Club

New Clubhouse, Fairstead Grove, Shouldham (01366 348196 /shouldhambowls@gmail.com/ <http://www.shouldhambowls.club/> <https://www.facebook.com/shouldhambowlsandsocialclub/>).

Shouldham Community Orchard Group (SCOG)

For information about our community orchard, and to get involved, please contact: shouldhamcommunityorchard@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Shouldham-Community-Orchard-102917321314604>

Shouldham Entertainments Committee

New members are more than welcome to join us, to help plan events for our village. We meet once a month, so if you feel you have something to offer, please get in touch. Email Nige Walsh (Chair) at seebnige@live.co.uk or Cara Hobbs (Secretary) at animale_end@hotmail.co.uk (please note that there is an underscore between animal and end).

Shouldham Football Club

<https://www.facebook.com/shouldhamfc.co.uk/>

Chairman: Ian Haddleton (shouldhamfc.sec@gmail.com or shouldhamfc.chair@gmail.com).

Shouldham Oil Syndicate

Contact Mike Mann on mann@dsv-uk.co.uk to be added to his mailing list.

Shouldham Parish Council

Contact: Mike Inder, Parish Clerk (01760 632011 /shouldhampc@gmail.com; office hours 8am -8pm Mon-Fri). Website: <http://shouldhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>.

Shouldham Post Office

Westgate Street, Shouldham (01366 347789). Open 9am-1pm, 2-5.30pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri; 9am-noon Wed; 9am-1pm Sat.

Shouldham Thorpe Allotment Society

Contact: Graham Addly (grahamaddly@aol.com).

Village Hall

Contact: Ann (01366 347669/ annayres@btconnect.com).

Businesses

If you would like your Shouldham-based business included in this directory, please contact *Shouldham News*.

Chalk & Cheese

Contact Andrew & Bridget Archibald, 1 Eastgate Street, Shouldham (01366 348039/ info@chalkandcheesenorfolk.co.uk/www.bed-and-breakfast-west-norfolk.co.uk).

Driving Miss Daisy

www.drivingmissdaisy.co.uk/King'sLynn

Transport and companionship service. Contact Melanie or Natalie on 0333 014 6211 / 07458 005 575 or

King'slynn@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk

Keith Matthews Accountancy

Contact 01366 348359/ keithjmatthews@aol.com).

King's Arms

www.King'sarmsshouldham.co.uk/ 01366 347410

Owned by our local community, Shouldham Community Enterprises (SCE). SCE and Support Our King's Arms (SOKA) can be contacted by emailing info@King'sarmsshouldham.co.uk. To book a meal at the pub, please phone the manager on 01366 347410. For updates on forthcoming events, consult the King's Arms Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/theKing'sarmsshouldham/>

Shouldham Village Hall bookings

Please could all Village Hall users confirm any dates with me that they wish to book for 2024 as soon as possible? Ann Ayres 01366 347669/
AnnAyres@btconnect.com.

Bin & recycling collection dates

Food waste collected every week in its separate caddy. Bin collection day has now moved to a Tuesday.

For latest details, check: https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20004/bins_and_recycling.



Tuesday 5th December	Green bin
Tuesday 12th December	Black bin
Tuesday 19th December	Green bin
Thursday 28th December	Black bin

Thursday 4th January	Green bin
Wednesday 10th January	Black bin
Tuesday 16th January	Green bin
Tuesday 23rd January	Black bin
Tuesday 30th January	Green bin

Tuesday 6th February	Black bin
Tuesday 13th February	Green bin
Tuesday 20th February	Black bin
Tuesday 27th February	Green bin

Tuesday 5th March	Black bin
Tuesday 12th March	Green bin
Tuesday 19th March	Black bin

More on fungi...

I don't know much about fungi,

But I like to look and see...

The things that are like elephant's ears
Clinging to a tree.

Those huge ears sticking out

Must surely have a name,

I must read to find what it's about.

It's bracket fungus, I should have
guessed...

Describes exactly what it is doing best.

Liz S

A blockbuster, adventure and rom-com rolled into one



The next production brought to you by Shouldham Stage & Screen will be *Desert Island Flicks*. The show sees two leading ladies reimagine, remake and spoof the most memorable movie moments of all time, taking on all the lead roles, stunts, and special effects.

From timeless classics to modern-day marvels, the show celebrates how iconic characters and thrilling plot-twists have captured imaginations the world over, bringing people together to laugh, cry, and cheer along in a room full of strangers. Somewhere between a dance performance, sketch show, a night at the movies and an epic game of charades, *Desert Island Flicks* shines a spotlight on life lessons learnt from the big screen, all set to a sensational soundtrack. Phone 01366 347856 for details of tickets.

IN PRAISE OF SHOULDHAM

I know it has been said before, but it pays to be reminded about what a lovely village and community we live in at Shouldham.

The terrible events occurring throughout the world cannot be ignored, but it reminds us that we can only control and enjoy things in our own sphere of life.

We are so fortunate to live in Shouldham and in Norfolk too. Norfolk has had a good year for tourism, and it is being recognised as one of the best places to live.

It seems ironic to hear the phrase 'Peace and goodwill to all' as we approach Christmas, but let's try. Best wishes to all.

Ray Watts



What's on at Westacre Theatre December

To book tickets visit www.westacretheatre.com or call 01760 755007

An Evening of Wonders

James Phelan presents...

A critically acclaimed, intimate glance at the world's most engaging artforms.

James Phelan is the Greatest Magician.

December 2nd at 7.30pm. Adults: £19; under-16s: £10 (recommended for 12+).

Seascapes with Bryony Knight

Painting Seascapes in Oils with Bryony Knight

Sunday 3rd December, 10am-3pm. Tickets £95 including materials.

Bringing Up Baby (1938)

Screening in the Studio: the Cary Grant season

While trying to secure a \$1million donation for his museum, a befuddled paleontologist is pursued by a flighty and often irritating heiress and her pet leopard, Baby.

Wednesday 6th December, 2pm. Tickets: £12.

The Sleeping Beauty (Filmed Live)

Screening in the Studio: filmed live in 2017

Choreographed by Marius Petipa

Sunday 10th December, 2pm. Tickets: £14.



Grimm Tales

By Philip Pullman, adapted by Philip Wilson

Directed By Kirsty Bushell

Rediscover the magic and wonder of the original Grimm Tales, retold by master-storyteller Philip Pullman.

December 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd at 7.30pm

December 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th at 3pm

Adults: £16; under-16s: £10.



News from All Saints' Shouldham

This year's Christmas service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 13th December and will be followed by seasonal refreshments. Small Christmas trees in memory of loved ones can be placed in church before the service. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Ann Hullah (347814) asap.

King's Arms Christmas opening hours

<i>Date</i>	<i>Bar</i>	<i>Kitchen</i>
Christmas Eve	noon-9pm	noon-3pm
Christmas Day	noon-2pm	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed	Closed



Wed 27th Dec	noon-11pm	noon-2pm, 6-9pm
Thur 28th Dec	noon-11pm	noon-2pm, 6-9pm
Fri 29th Dec	noon-11pm	noon-2pm, 6-9pm
Sat 30th Dec	noon-11pm	noon-2pm, 6-9pm

New Year's Eve	noon-late	noon-3pm
New Year's Day	noon-4pm	Closed

SCE – come and join us!

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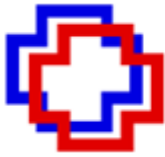


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