

SHOULDHAM NEWS

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A spring in our step!

There is something timeless about Shouldham. Look at the old photos of our village Green, taken in the early years of the 20th century, and there will be much that is familiar. Nevertheless, a vibrant, healthy village must constantly renew itself and it is a mark of Shouldham's vitality that there is always something new happening.



This issue of *Shouldham News* contains the latest information about the village's Neighbourhood Plan, which will help determine the development of Shouldham into the future. Remember to have your say when the forthcoming questionnaire is distributed.

There's plenty to do in the coming weeks too. During the winter the Bowls & Social Club underwent a transformation and is now ready for the new season, sporting a major refurbishment. Go and take a look – perhaps on a Tuesday for lunch at the *Community Friendship Club* (11.30am-3pm: everyone welcome).

As spring gets fully underway, our communal social life outdoors bursts into life again, beginning with the annual *Golf Open* on 25th April and continuing with one of our most popular events, the annual *Village Bike Ride* which starts at 10.30am Sunday 5th May starting on the village green. The leisurely ride of about 25 miles is on quiet country roads and takes in a number of local hosteleries, including a stop for lunch (bring your own picnic) before returning to Shouldham in the late afternoon.

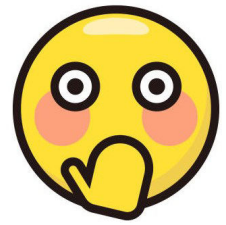
But perhaps our major event of this spring takes place the day before the Bike Ride on Saturday 4th May, when we'll be celebrating the *10th anniversary of the reopening of our community-owned pub, the King's Arms*. An entire day and night of festivities has been planned, including live music, a magician, and an exhibition on how we saved our pub – entrance is free.

As ever, details about all these events and more are listed in the *Dates for your diaries* section. Enjoy!



Erratum

In our winter edition, we missed out the byline to the excellent article on the history of the campaign to save our pub ('Ten years of Shouldham's King's Arms community pub'). It was written by Maureen Austin – sorry Mo!



3 Dads Walking: a Walk of Hope 2024 – Stirling to Norwich

Many residents of Shouldham have asked about the next '3 Dads Walking' walk... so I thought it would be worth sharing details across the village.

After our first walk in 2021, which saw us set off from Cumbria and arrive on Shouldham Village Green with massive support from the community, we have raised over £1.2m for PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide. This has helped the charity advance its expansion plans, from five offices (or community hubs as they are referred to) when we first walked, to 18 across towns and cities in the UK with more to open. The suicide-prevention support line, HOPELINE, is now 24/7, which means there are suicide-prevention professionals available every hour of every day to support young people who are struggling with thoughts of suicide and those who are concerned about those young people.

Our simple question 'If suicide is the biggest killer of our young people under 35, why don't we tell them about it?' led to a petition to have suicide prevention included in the Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Curriculum. This gained over 160,000 signatures and was debated in Westminster with cross-party support. It also resulted in meetings with, and the support of, the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan, as well as support from the opposition front bench and MPs from across the political spectrum. The Secretary of State initiated a series of round tables in late summer last year, where suicide-prevention experts advised the Department of Education on the inclusion of age-appropriated suicide prevention in a reviewed RSHE curriculum. All of these experts supported us, but we are still awaiting the public consultation.



Our 2024 walk will see us focus on five of the new hubs which PAPYRUS has opened or will open this year down the eastern side of the UK. So, on 17th April we will start walking from the new PAPYRUS hub in Stirling, to Newcastle, Leeds, Hull and then Norwich, where the PAPYRUS hub is yet to open. Our route across Norfolk is north of Shouldham, from King's Lynn to Castle Rising, Sandringham, Litcham, Taverham and into Norwich, over the period 8th-11th May. If anyone would like to join us, you would be more than welcome (at your own risk!). More details of our route and timings, as well as a useful tracker, can be found at our website: www.3dadswalking.uk

Finally, the really important bit. If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be, you can contact HOPE-LINE247 for confidential support and practical advice:

Call: 0800 068 4141

Text: 07860039967

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Website: www.papyrus-uk.org

Take care and thanks for your support.
Tim (Andy and Mike): 3 Dads Walking



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.



The flight path

We're on the flight path, and I'm not meaning the RAF,
I'm watching rooks and jackdaws as they make their way to bed.
They talk amongst themselves, and I can hear them as they put
the world to rights,
From the lofty tree tops they may keep discussing things all
night.

But no, as darkness falls, they gather in the trees,
And await the signal, have lift-off, take cover, until the morning
beams they see.

Suddenly it's silent until the early morn...

When they take off together, fly past me once again, it is the
dawn.

Through the winter months, they fly past, come snow or rain,
And then, by about March, the group drifts apart to build their
nests again.

We miss them in the summer as they're busy raising their brood,
And then as autumn comes, it's fly-past time again, and they're
heading to the woods.

Liz S



The 12th Annual Shouldham Golf Open, 2024

This year's event will take place on Thursday 25th April at Swaffham Golf Club, tee off 1pm onwards. Entrance costs £30 (green fees for non-members of Swaffham Golf Club) plus £5 (all competitors) towards prizes, all payable on the day. There will be a prize presentation in the King's Arms at 6pm. Tables have been booked in the King's Arms if you would like to stay on for a meal.

Competition: Stableford. To enter, email seebnige@live.co.uk stating as follows:

- Handicap? (If you're not a regular player, an appropriate handicap will be awarded on the day)
- If you would like to have a meal in the King's Arms.

Closing date for entries is *Friday 5th April*. It is all about a fun day in the fresh air with lots of after-game stories and laughter. There are currently 12 slots booked (Swaffham Golf Club and the King's Arms). This number can be adjusted as required.

Nige Walsh

Daffodils on the Green

Just after I moved to Shouldham, many years ago, sacks of daffodil bulbs arrived to be planted around the Green and a date and time was set for volunteers to meet one morning to do the planting. A group of us started with the instructions that, to help a lawnmower in the future, we'd plant between the posts at the edge of the Green. We were all busy at work doing this, when a couple arrived late, so had missed the instructions.

They had been planting for some time before I realised they were not keeping their bulbs between the posts. As a new villager I didn't know what to do. They looked friendly so I gingerly said, 'I think the idea is to keep the bulbs between the posts!' I could see they were happy with what they had done so smiled as they said, 'Oh well, no one will notice!'

I have to smile each year as I see a group of wayward daffodils proudly standing on the Green and out of line. I don't expect anyone else notices, but when I do, it gives me a warm smile. The couple have since left the village maybe to plant daffodils elsewhere, yet I can't forget them as I admire all the daffodils round the village – but particularly theirs!

Chris Lawrence



News from All Saints' Shouldham

Christmas star

As many will have noticed, the illuminated star that graced the church tower has now disappeared into storage. It is the kind gift of PCC member, Alex Gammie, to be used over Christmas and Epiphany periods in future years. Our thanks to Alex for this public reminder of the true significance of Christmas; and to local electrician, Nick Evry, for some extra wiring from the bell-chamber to enable the star to be seen across the village.

Snowdrops

The old churchyard has shown a veritable profusion of snowdrops around its southern and eastern borders during February this year, somewhat later than might be expected, possibly due to the exceptionally wet weather earlier this winter. Although the 'white carpet' will be past its best by March, it must be rewarding for Jennifer Malby – whose idea of a snowdrop walk it was many years ago – finally to see the fruits of her (and others') labours spread across a broad expanse in the old graveyard.

Café donation

A big vote of thanks to the King's Arms' manageress, Jo, and staff for most generously giving their takings from the Pop-Up café on Monday, 5th February, to All Saints' Church funds. The sum of £232 was much needed in our depleted current account, this being yet another kind, charitable donation that the pub has made to our church in recent months. Many thanks, Jo, for this excellent financial support.

Landmark birthday

Early February saw one of Shouldham's oldest natives attain her 90th birthday. Grace Mary Relph (formerly Matthews) is widely known for her passionate support of the Monarchy, as well as our church. Her significant birthday was celebrated in grand style on Saturday, 10th February, at Shouldham Bowls & Social Club, where a large gathering of relatives and friends duly toasted the grand lady and all enjoyed the splendid refreshments. We wish Mary many more years of happiness and royal watching!

Ann & Brian Hullah



Shouldham Neighbourhood Plan latest

The Steering Group is pushing ahead on developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Shouldham. The following is an update so you know where we have got to, what's being worked on and what can be expected over the next few months.

1. Work on compiling the core statistical data for the village is almost complete;
2. The survey questions from last December have been analysed;
3. Draft proposals for green spaces and protected views are being worked-up;
4. A Housing Needs Assessment has been commissioned which will enable a further survey questionnaire to go out asking for views about possible new housing in the village;
5. We will soon be starting work on drafting a building design code that will be used when considering future planning applications.

The cost of the Parish Council's consultant, who is providing guidance and practical support, is grant-funded on a year-by-year basis. So, in the new financial year, we will be applying for a further tranche of grant monies once the Government announces a new Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme for 2024/25. The Government is on record as confirming its commitment to support neighbourhood planning and therefore we are expecting a new programme to be made available early in the new financial year.

There will be further public consultations for comments and views as work is progressed; this will include the above work streams once the draft proposals have been finalised.

Please remember that all Neighbourhood Plans have statutory backing and practical relevance for their communities. Neighbourhood planning is your opportunity to shape the future of Shouldham. Your participation in future consultations and surveys is essential to ensure that eventually our Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the broadest level of support within the village.

For any questions or further information, please contact the Steering Group by email at: shouldham.nhp@gmail.com or call 07876 800807.

The unspoilt world

Sweet is the world, unspoilt by man,
The hills and the trees, the flowers and the bees.
Quiet and at rest, the countryside still
Has magic for those who bend to its will.
Far, far away, it takes the mind
'Til all absorbed, and mingling as one,
The soul has peace like the rays of the sun.
Liz S 1972!



Help tackle speeding in Shouldham!

We are seeking a volunteer to take over monthly download of traffic data and moving of the Speed Awareness SAM2 sign to the next location in the village. You will need to be able to lift up to 15kg to shoulder height, be OK with using a laptop, and be available around the start of most months. Training, laptop and gratitude all supplied by the Parish Council! Anyone interested can contact the clerk via Facebook or email at shouldhampc@gmail.com... Or phone 01760 632011.



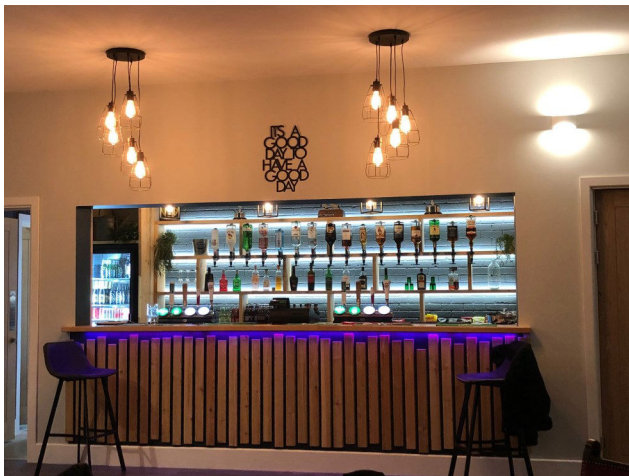
A new look Clubhouse for Shouldham Bowls & Social Club

The Clubhouse at Shouldham has had a complete refit ready for the new outdoor bowls season. This is the first major improvement since the clubhouse was built in 1981.

For the whole of January, it was full steam ahead to improve the Clubhouse, which had become very tired over the years. Tradesmen and club volunteers started the work on January 2nd and completed it by the end of the month. We now have upgraded toilets, including a spacious disabled facility, a fabulous bar, spectacular energy-efficient lighting and sound system, a renewed heating system, practical flooring with room for short-mat bowls, and a complete plaster and paint job on walls and ceilings.

Ongoing projects will include adding more loft insulation, solar panels. and improved parking space.

Recent visitors have remarked favourably about the new improved Clubhouse and several social events have already been booked. The Sunday Roast, on the last Sunday of each month, is very popular as is the weekly Tuesday 'Drop in Hot Hub'.



Shouldham Bowls Club acknowledges the hard work and financial support from:

Community Infrastructure Levy Grant (CIL)
Sport England
King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council
Norfolk Community Foundation
West Norfolk Rural Community Grant
Greene King
Bowls England
RGR Developments
CTN Electrical
Carbrook Windows

A planned formal opening will take place in the bowling season.

Shouldham Bowls & Social Club



Shouldham King's Arms summer beer, music & gin festival

Friday 30th August, Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September, 2024

A reminder that the annual Shouldham Beer & Music Festival will as usual be taking place on the village Green at the end of August/beginning of September.

The first Festival in 2013 coincided with the issue of shares raising money to buy the pub, and this year's event will help to mark the 10th Anniversary celebrations of the King's Arms' reopening and its subsequent success as the first community-owned pub in West Norfolk.

There will be the usual array of beers, ciders, gin, music, hot food, and ice cream – as well as the great opportunity to meet and make new friends.

For many, the weekend has become the community highlight of the year, and we hope that you'll come along and join in the festivities. We are, as always, keen for people to become part of the beer festival volunteer team, which is responsible for many aspects of the event. If you're interested, please email: events@kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP



2014-2024



We would love for you to join us
on

**Saturday May 4th 2024
from Midday**

12pm Pub opens

1pm BBQ

2.30pm Chairman's address

3-5pm Meg Mc Partlin - female vocalist

5.30-6.30pm Josh Maddocks -acclaimed magician

6pm Pizza Slice Guy

8-10.30pm Time Machine! -band

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Watlington Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Who are we and what do we do?

We are volunteers who work with our Practice to represent patients' views on services and facilities that are provided.

What we are not

We are not a forum for individual agendas or personal complaints.

When do we meet?

We meet about four times a year at The Surgery with a doctor and one of the operational team.

Future plans

We would like to encourage more patients and carers of our patients to join our group or make suggestions through our dedicated email address: watlingtonppg@gmail.com

Joining our PPG

To join the PPG email watlingtonppg@gmail.com or contact Watlington Medical Centre Reception on 01553 810253 and we will arrange for the relevant application form to be sent to you.

Thank you panto crew!

Jennifer, Ann and Val of the Village Hall Committee would like to thank Nigel and the panto crew for the fantastic donation of £806 to Shouldham Village Hall after their brilliant show at Christmas. We are very grateful and will certainly put it to good use. The panto brings much joy to our village every Christmas, we are lucky to have so much talent, so a big, big, thank you for everything you do for the Village Hall. We have spent some of the money on having the car park resurfaced so it is no longer under water.

Spring into action with Magpie Centre activities

Ceilidh

Shaking off the winter blues in fine style, more than 90 participants enjoyed the Ceilidh/Barn Dance at Stowbridge Village Hall on February 17th. The event was a huge success and boosted funds for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled, by £1175.



Quiz night

Next up is a Quiz with Hog Roast supper (with veggie alternative), scheduled for Saturday April 27th, again at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PW. Bring your own drinks and glasses. The Hog Roast is accompanied by an array of salads and followed by a mouth-watering selection of desserts. Teams of four to eight people are welcome, or come along and make up a team on the night. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. To book tickets, £12.50 each, call 07715 467866 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk.

Calling all crafters

There will be a craft fair on Saturday June 8th at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP 10am-3pm. Find us on the A10 about three miles north of Downham Market. The fair will be held in the indoor school, with wheelchair-accessible surface, so no worries if the weather is wet. Stalls are £12 per 3m-space and more than 30 have already been allocated. To book yours, please contact 07715 467866 or email magpiecccraft@outlook.com.

Tea With a Pony

Last but not least, our popular Tea With a Pony afternoons will resume in April. These take place on Wednesday afternoons 2-3pm at the Magpie Centre and offer the opportunity for those living with health/mobility difficulties to meet, stroke and spend time with one of our friendly ponies; enjoy tea/coffee and cakes; chat to friends; and take time to relax in our new sensory garden, full of fragrant flowers, plants and water features. Complete wheelchair access is available, and we welcome individuals, small groups or larger groups, up to a maximum of 30. Booking is essential, at £6 per person. To secure your place, visit our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org, call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



University of the Third Age (U3A)

Downham Market and District U3A is your local branch of the national U3A movement. It runs local and online member-led learning and socialising groups for those no longer in full-time work. Meetings are held in Downham Town Hall at 2pm on the second Monday of the month (except August). Visitors £2, annual membership £15.



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SCE – come and join us!

In 2024 Shouldham Community Enterprises, owner of our village pub, will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the reopening of the King's Arms. SCE is eager to reflect a wide spectrum of views from across the village and is especially keen that residents who have recently moved to Shouldham or Shouldham Thorpe get involved. To become a member, you simply need to buy a membership share for £10. For further information, please contact Phil Harriss at philharriss@icloud.com

Rain and rainbows

Through the little drops of rain, I spied a distant rainbow,

It seemed so far away, but I could see the colours glow.

Without the drops of rain, I wouldn't see the colours,
Maybe it was telling me that, from little drops of rain,
we can recover.

When rain comes on heavy, the rainbow seems bigger
and more bright,

It may take time but, as the skies begin to clear, we
know there will be light.

Liz S



Advertising in Shouldham News

Shouldham News' advertising rates are:

- Classified (up to three lines): £1
- Quarter page: £10
- Half page: £20
- Full page: £40

For further details, or to place an ad in the Summer edition (deadline Sunday 9th June), please contact John Dovey (347802/ jdovey@btinternet.com).

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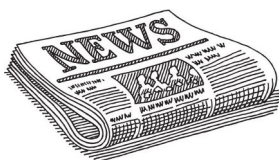
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Keep up with the news!



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!



facebook

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.

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/ourservices/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/jbeckwith1@btinternet.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 animal_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 (ianhaddleton@baesystems.com).

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

Transport and companionship service. Contact Melanie or Natalie on 07458 005575 or kingslynn2drivingmissdaisy.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/>

Bin & recycling collection dates

Food waste collected every week in its separate caddy. Bin collection day is on Tuesday. For latest details, check: https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20004/bins_and_recycling.

Tuesday 19th March	Black Bin
Tuesday 26th March	Green Bin
Wednesday 3rd April	Black Bin
Tuesday 9th April	Green Bin
Tuesday 16th April	Black Bin
Tuesday 23rd April	Green Bin
Tuesday 30th April	Black Bin
Wednesday 8th May	Green Bin
Tuesday 14th May	Black Bin
Tuesday 21st May	Green Bin
Wednesday 29th May	Black Bin
Tuesday 4th June	Green Bin
Tuesday 11th June	Black Bin
Tuesday 18th June	Green Bin
Tuesday 25th June	Black Bin



Dates for your diaries

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Saturday 23rd March 2pm-4pm, starting at the King's Arms: **VILLAGE EASTER TRAIL**. Prizes for all. Entrance £3, pay on the day, cash only please.



Sunday 7th April, from noon, The Green: **CARS ON THE GREEN**. Classic cars to view.

Sunday 7th April, from 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Teams of six, £2.50 per person.

Sunday 14th April, 6-9pm, King's Arms: **FOLK SESSIONS**. Come with an instrument, or come to listen.

Thursday 25th April, tee-off 1pm onwards, Swaffham Golf Club: **SHOULDHAM GOLF OPEN 2024**. Entrance £30 (green fees for non-members of Swaffham Golf Club) plus £5 (all competitors) towards prizes, all payable on the day. There will be a prize presentation in the King's Arms at 6pm. To enter, email seebnige@live.co.uk before Friday 5th April.

Saturday April 27th, 7pm for 7.30pm, Stowbridge Village Hall: **MAGPIE CENTRE QUIZ WITH HOG ROAST**.

Teams of four to eight people are welcome, or come along and make up a team on the night. The hog roast (with veggie alternative) is accompanied by an array of salads and followed by desserts. Bring your own drinks and glasses. To book tickets, £12.50 each, call 07715 467866 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk.



Saturday 4th May, noon-11pm, King's Arms: **10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**. A day and night of festivities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the reopening of our community-owned pub, including live music, a magician, and an exhibition on how we saved our pub. All welcome. Free entry.

Sunday 5th May, 10:30am, starting on the Green: **ANNUAL VILLAGE BIKE RIDE**. Entrance £2 per person, £5 per family. The leisurely ride of about 25 miles is on quiet country roads and takes in a number of local hostelryes, including a stop for packed lunches at the Gooderstone Swan (bring your own) before returning to Shouldham in the late afternoon.



Thursday 6th June, 9.15pm: **D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY**. Beacon lighting at the field near All Saints' Church, Shouldham.

Saturday June 8th, 10am-3pm, Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton: **CRAFT FAIR**. Held in the indoor school, with wheelchair-accessible surface. Stalls £12 per 3m-space. To book yours, please contact 07715 467866 or email magpieccfcraft@outlook.com.

Sunday 9th June, Shouldham Village Green: **D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY**. Afternoon function. Details to be announced soon.

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Sunday 23rd June, King George V Playing Field, Shouldham: **ANNUAL VILLAGE CRICKET DAY**.

Saturday 6th July, noon-5pm: **SHOULDHAM VILLAGE FETE**. For details, see the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

Saturday 20th July, **EVENING FUNCTION**. Our annual dinner and dance. For details, see the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September, The Green: **KING'S ARMS BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**. More details to follow in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

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