

# SHOULDHAM NEWS

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## Time for a party!

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of *Shouldham News* – one of our largest ever. It is testament to the health of the community life in our village that we have so many events to enjoy over the coming months. As well as the much-loved perennials, such as the Village Bike Ride (Sunday May 4th), Cricket Day (Sunday June 22nd) and our annual fete (Saturday 5th July), there are numerous other chances for us all to meet and have fun.



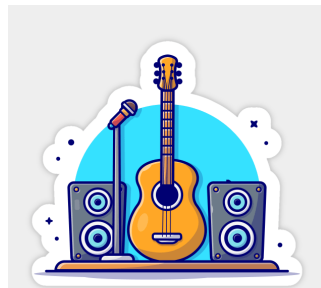
Especially notable this year is the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and we shall be marking the end of World War II in Europe with a special party on the Green, with a band to get everyone dancing and a communal feast (bring your own picnics!) – on Bank Holiday Monday May 5th. That very same weekend, on Saturday May 3rd, our community-owned pub, the King's Arms, will be having a birthday party, with

street food and live music. The VE Day anniversary will also be commemorated on the actual day (Thursday May 8th) with the lighting of a beacon near the Church.

On the subject of our church, All Saints', the campaign to save it is gathering pace. You can hear more about this at a public consultation meeting held at Shouldham Village Hall on Friday June 13th.

Another treat in this issue are Jennifer Malby's fascinating reminiscences of life in Hunstanton and King's Lynn in the 1950s and 60s – not to be missed!

Finally, just before the next edition of *Shouldham News* hits your doormats, a major music event will be held in the beautiful surroundings of Colt's Hall barn, with nationally renowned folk duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman performing. As ever, details of this and all the other events coming up in our astonishing village can be found in this issue's *Dates for your Diaries*.



# Watched pot, more haste...

I put the pot on,  
Didn't watch,  
Didn't rush,  
Drifted away, calm.  
Without any fuss,  
Came back slowly,  
Looked at the pot...  
What had it done?  
Boiled over,  
Boiled dry,  
Makes you want to cry.  
Don't believe the proverb,  
It just isn't true,  
I'll watch the pot,  
Until it boils,  
With haste  
I'll reduce the heat.  
So 'watched pot'  
'More haste'  
Forget it,  
Whatever...  
You're never going to win!  
*Liz S*



## Events at the King's Arms

*Saturday May 3rd*—After the success of the 10th anniversary party, we will be holding a King's Arms birthday party again this year. Live music, street food and a jolly time!

*Sunday May 4th, 7pm*—Charity pub quiz. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

*Bank Holiday Monday, May 5th*—Pub will be open 12-3 for food and bar 12-6. No pop-up café.

*Sunday June 1st, 7pm*—Charity pub quiz. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

*Monday June 2nd, 8.30-11am*—Pop-up café. Charity coffee and cake morning. Please contact Jo ([jofreeman17@outlook.com](mailto:jofreeman17@outlook.com); 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

*Sunday July 6th, 7pm*—Charity pub quiz. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

*Monday 7th July, 8.30-11am*—Pop-up café. Charity coffee and cake morning. Please contact Jo ([jofreeman17@outlook.com](mailto:jofreeman17@outlook.com); 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

*Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August*—Summer beer festival.



**We are having a party!**

**Saturday May 3rd  
from 12 o'clock**

**After the wonderful day we had celebrating our  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year we thought we would  
make it an annual event!**

**You can expect Live music, beer, food  
and warm KA welcome!**

**We would love you to see you there**

## **Shouldham Entertainments programme for the 2025 season**

*Saturday 19th April—*

Easter egg hunt. See poster for details.

*Sunday 4th May, from 10.30am—*

Village Cycle Ride. Depart the Green at 10.30am. Bring a picnic lunch. Normal route (on country roads, avoiding main roads and stopping outside various hostelrys; older children welcome) approximately 23 miles, then back to Shouldham for a well-deserved pint 3.30-4.30pm. Full brief on route and stops will be provided on the morning.

*Monday 5th May, from midday—*

Street party on the Green to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Fancy dress in respect to the occasion optional. There will be 1940s music and later, live music to dance the afternoon away. Bring a picnic.

### *Thursday 8th May—*

Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Registered National Beacon lighting at 9.30pm. In the field alongside Church Road leading up to the church. Pedestrians encouraged to use the public footpath to the church which runs up from Colt's Hall.

### *Thursday 29th May—*

Shouldham Golf Open. More details to follow.

### *Saturday 21st June—*

An evening of folk music, starring Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Venue Colt's Hall Barn, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets, advance bookings £19 or £20 on the door.

### *Sunday 22nd June—*

Village Cricket Day. King George V Playing Field starting at 11am. Fun for all the family.

### *Saturday 5th July, from noon—*

Shouldham Village fete.

### *Saturday 19th July—*

Village Evening Function at Colt's Hall Barn.

Posters will be distributed via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168280213739979>) and email with more detail for the events that have not yet been advertised.

Look out for more events on the horizon such as:

Flower Festival

Yard Sale

Halloween Trail

And dare I say it the 10th Anniversary of the Village Pantomime!

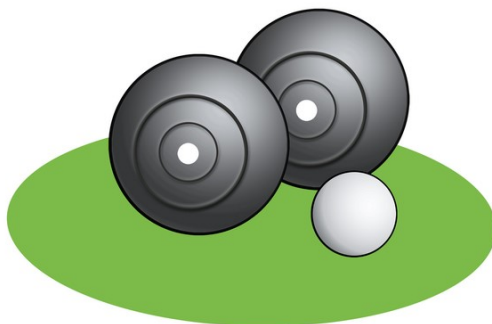
Please do not hesitate to contact Nige if you have any questions or if you would like to join the vibrant Entertainments Committee.

*Nige, Chair, Ents Committee* ([seebnige@live.co.uk](mailto:seebnige@live.co.uk) /07901107084)

## **Bowls & Social Club news**

For all bookings and enquiries, contact the Club at: [susannewbyrobson@gmail.com](mailto:susannewbyrobson@gmail.com)

Please look at our website (<https://www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com>) and our noticeboard for updated information and opening times. The new bowls season will begin at the end of April.



# Send us your limericks!

Shouldham's resident poet, Liz Seymour, has come up with the great idea of a limerick section for the next (Summer) edition of *Shouldham News*. So, simply email your limericks to philharriss@icloud.com by Sunday 8th June and they'll be published for all to see! To set the ball rolling, Liz has kindly written the following limerick:

## LIMERICKS



I once had an Airedale dog,  
He'd run off, disappear in the fog.  
With his nose well bent,  
He'd pick up a scent,  
Come back when he'd been for a jog!!

### Another limerick!

There once was a dog called Tara,  
'Twas squirrels she was always after,  
Each one she did see  
Ran straight up a tree,  
So she's learning to climb much faster!  
*Liz S*

# Thank you panto!

A big 'thank you' to Nigel and the panto crew for the donation of £862 for village hall funds. It is an amazing amount and you all really do bring much fun and happiness to the village from all your hard work. Thank you so much from Shouldham Village Hall Committee.

# THANK YOU!

# Memories of King's Lynn and Hunstanton

It may be hard to believe, but in the 1950s and 60s King's Lynn and Hunstanton were buzzing, mainly due to the thousands of young men in the area. Conscription was still in force and there were hundreds of single men stationed at RAF Marham. There was also a large American air base at Sculthorpe, and hundreds of Americans with their families at Hunstanton. It was a common occurrence to see dozens of Cadillacs parked in the streets of that seaside town. There was still a railway line to Hunstanton and crowds would flock to the town to enjoy the funfair, the outdoor swimming pool, skating rink, boating lake and the pier, which was three times as long before the gales of January 1978. There were many more public houses, and three dance halls, including 'The Casino' where you could dance, eat, drink and gamble – those were the days!



There were few cars, so most people came to King's Lynn from the surrounding villages on coaches. Matthews Coaches (also known as the Blue Coach Company) ran several services to King's Lynn on Fridays and Saturdays, to The Fleet, where the bus station was then, and which would be lined with coaches.

There was a huge market every Tuesday, which covered the whole of the square (no cars parked there then) and around 78 pubs, with four in the Tuesday Market Place including the infamous Palm Court, where the 'Yanks' hung out, and The Maid's Head where 'nice girls' didn't go! Many of the pubs hosted live groups and attracted young people who wanted to 'rock & roll'. There were also three cinemas and a dozen boarding houses. The Palm Court and the American servicemen who used it were a magnet for many girls who flocked there to try and bag themselves a Yank. Several of these young women got to live in the USA.



There was a cattle market in the centre of King's Lynn every Tuesday, and the pubs around it opened at 7.30am so that the old farmers could get a drink. Dozens of cattle trucks caused chaos in the town centre on Tuesdays as the cattle market was situated where Sainsbury's, H&M and the bus station now is.

With so many young men in the town centre there were regular fights between the Americans, RAF servicemen and the local youths; it was the Teddy Boys era, so there were lots of arguments.

One night, we witnessed one of the local boys, who my late husband knew, crawling about on the Square with a lighter. Blood was pouring from this face. When asked what he was looking for he replied, 'my ear; that bloody Yank has just bitten it off!' He never found it.

The military police would turn up when there were fights. The RAF police would wade in and throw offenders into the paddy wagon, while the American police, who were all 6ft, would turn up mob-handed, wearing white helmets, spats and gloves, wielding 2ft batons with which they would beat the lads. They were extremely intimidating.

There were no night clubs then. The pubs closed at 10.30pm and the buses left just before 11pm – if you missed the bus, it was a very long walk home.

*Jennifer Malby*

## **Mixed feelings!**

Love to see the signs of spring,  
Butterflies and bees on the wing,  
Then my eyes are looking down,  
Do I see a large green crown?  
Yes, of course, it's on its way,  
I knew the nettle was here to stay!  
It seems they're good for butterflies,  
Doesn't seem to make them cry.  
The tortoiseshell loves the nettle,  
So I must get a grip, and grasp the mettle!!

*Liz S*

# Shouldham Surface Water Flooding – Steering Group

## *Overview*

Surface Water Flooding, also known as *pluvial flooding*, occurs when rainfall exceeds the drainage capacity of drains and sewers, preventing the water from properly soaking into the ground. This overflow can flow across the land, often carrying debris, effluent, and other contaminants, creating health and safety risks.

In recent years, Shouldham has experienced heavy rainfall, impacting various areas of the village and causing significant disruption. Examples include flooded land damaging outbuildings, blocked driveways, and localised flooding on village roads. Additionally, the surface water has affected the sewage vacuum system, causing interruptions to toilet and plumbing facilities in some homes.



## *Flooding impact on Shouldham*

Although Shouldham is not officially designated as a flood-prone area, even minor instances of surface-water flooding have had significant effects. To date, only one known residential property has experienced direct flooding, but others are at high risk, including stables and outhouses that have sustained damage. Despite the need for support, Shouldham is not currently prioritised by the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA), as other areas in the county are considered higher risk.

## *Action and response*

To address these issues proactively, Shouldham has established a *Surface Water Flooding Steering Group*. This group aims to prevent future flooding and manage local watercourses. The Steering Group meets every six to eight weeks, with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 30th April at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed). Residents concerned about surface-water flooding are encouraged to attend and contact the undersigned initially. Additional meeting dates will be posted on the Shouldham Parish Council webpage.

## *Progress and collaboration*

The Steering Group is actively collaborating with external agencies, exploring options such as rerouting parts of the drainage system. The LLFA, Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance, and local MP Mr Terry Jermy (South West Norfolk) have been engaged with our efforts to identify and implement long-term solutions.

### *How residents can help*

[Check if you are riparian owner](#). Riparian owners are responsible for any watercourse that flows next to their land. A watercourse can be a ditch, stream or river. You may not realise you have responsibilities for the watercourse, because you do not own the land the watercourse is on. You should check watercourses are free from rubbish, garden waste and anything else that prevents the free flow of water. It is very important to check all watercourses, even if they are currently dry.

Resident involvement is crucial to our progress. Please report any drainage or flooding issues by using the Flooding Hotline: 0344 800 8013 or by submitting issues online via Norfolk County Council's flood reporting tool. Additionally, for burst water mains or sewer flooding, contact your service provider (Anglian Water Services).

For further information or to share concerns, please contact the undersigned.

*N Walsh – Nigel Walsh, Chair, Shouldham Parish Council*

*Email: [Cllr.nigel.walsh@shouldham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.nigel.walsh@shouldham-pc.gov.uk)*

## **Taking time out...**

To take time out was an unexpected pleasure,  
When giving care to the one you love,  
A time for reflection is a moment to treasure.  
While waiting in the pharmacy, just the other day,  
I thought about when I left school,  
To work in a chemist shop for a little bit of pay.  
The people that I worked with, the customers that came in,  
I watched the dispenser counting pills in  
a tray made of tin.

It wasn't just a chemist, it was an  
optician's too,  
And when the optician (he was the  
owner) called,  
We jumped to attention, to see what we  
could do.

So, thank you Watlington pharmacy, for  
being kind, and letting me take a seat,  
I've enjoyed my wandering in bygone  
days, it really was a treat.

*Liz S*



# Getting tough to improve water quality

*Terry Jermy, MP for South West Norfolk*

An issue which I have received constant emails on since being elected last July, and I am sure is of concern to all, is the quality of our rivers and streams.

In South West Norfolk we are fortunate to be home to chalk basin rivers, which are incredibly rare and precious. Unfortunately, they are increasingly coming under threat from pollution, and many are in a poor state. A few weeks ago, I was delighted to visit some of these streams at South Acre and Larling with the team from Norfolk Rivers Trust to learn more about the challenges and opportunities they face. I also met staff from the Internal Drainage Board in Southery to see the pump in action and met Shouldham Parish Council to talk about flooding concerns.

Last year in the South West Norfolk area there were a staggering 310 sewage dumps into our rivers, which was a 93% increase on the year before.

Our chalk streams are critical to our local environment and support many protected species. Sadly, too many of these precious streams are in a poor condition following a period of neglect over the past decade, which has allowed a rise in sewage pollution all while letting huge water companies off the hook.

That is why I was delighted to support the Water (Special Measures) Bill as it progressed through Parliament. This Bill will put failing water companies under tough special measures and clean up the water sector. It is a major reform and will allow the Environment Agency to bring forward criminal charges against law-breaking water executives. It will create new tougher penalties, including imprisonment, for water executives when companies fail to co-operate or obstruct investigations. And I am sure to the delight of all, the Bill provides Ofwat (the Water Services Regulation Authority) with the powers to ban the payment of bonuses to water bosses if they fail to meet high standards to protect the environment.

I've also been campaigning for action in relation to Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs). King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council now contributes the equivalent of 43% of all its council tax income to funding local IDB levies. We also know that many of the pumps are aging and require investment. I called for greater financial support for IDBs and was delighted when the Government confirmed a further £250,000 for the Borough Council to support these costs. The Government understands the challenges and importance of IDBs, which is why they are part of the new Flood Resilience Taskforce and I was delighted to see this body granted a £50 million increase in funding recently. I'm working with the Government to see how our area can benefit from this.

I remain committed to ensuring we fully fund our flood defences and protect our water sources, and look forward to future progress in this area.

Please write to me at [terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk) if you have any concerns about local water quality or similar issues or visit the website: [www.terryjermy.com](http://www.terryjermy.com)



# Norfolk swift response

Norfolk Swift Response provides a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year service which offers help, support and reassurance if a person has an urgent, unplanned need at home but doesn't need one of the Emergency Services. For example, if a person falls and needs help but does not need an ambulance, or unexpectedly needs assistance with personal care. The service is free for people living in Norfolk and aged 18 or over. You do not have to be eligible for social care funding to use it.

Call 0344 800 8020 (Option 1).



## Table for hire

Wendy Ash, who lived on the Green and has now moved to Dorset, 'bequeathed' to the village a large portable fold-up table for use by anyone in the village for an 'emergency' table for a garden event, etc. If you would like to borrow it for free please contact me on 01366 347420 to arrange collection and return to the Village Hall. The table will seat six.

*Jennifer Malby*

## St Martin's primary school: road safety

I am one of the community governors for the school. We are looking for an individual or individuals who have time to support our pupils and their families at drop-off and pick-up times.

The role would include all/some of the following activities during term time:

- be part of a School Travel Group encouraging walking and cycling to school
- being present in the vicinity of the school to assist parents and carers with safe parking options and alternatives at drop-off and pick-up times
- testing the option for a 'walking bus' from the playing field car park.

If you are interested, please contact me for more details. A modest remuneration will be available.

*Bridget Archibald*  
Community Governor  
07456513107

[barchibald@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:barchibald@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk)



*Shouldham Entertainments Presents*

# SHOULDHAM'S

## EASTER EGG TRAIL!

£3 TO ENTER

A prize for everyone who enters.

Booking is advised.

Contact [aeneary6@gmail.com](mailto:aeneary6@gmail.com)  
to get your little hoppers booked in

### Fun for all

payment on the day

cash only please

Start/End @

The King's Arms

**Refreshments  
available**

**from the King's Arms**

Saturday  
April 19th  
2pm To 4pm

Tap to  
REMOVE



# Shouldham Neighbourhood Plan: Spring 2025 update

*Brought to you by: The Shouldham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (SNHP SG)*

Produced by the community, Neighbourhood Plans give *us*, the community, more control over development in the Parish by creating local policies that supplement Borough Council planning documents and policies. Shouldham's Neighbourhood Plan will be a statutory document used to guide developers and planning officers, which will be used to shape the Parish of Shouldham through to 2040 (this date has been extended from 2036).

After the series of public consultation events, SNHP SG captured the responses and has been meeting regularly, working with our consultant planners, CCP, to develop a draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan draws on evidence gathered in the consultations of what our community wants against a framework of national and local policies. It focuses on how our community wants to:

- Protect and enhance the features that make up the settlement's character, especially its green, open nature and the visual links between built development and the countryside beyond.
- Protect and enhance the historic environment by protecting assets of heritage value and ensuring that new development is designed to reflect key features of historic value.
- Ensure the type and size of housing development meets current and future needs of residents.
- Support retention and investment in local infrastructure to meet community needs.



We have identified some key aspects of the village which you have said you would like to protect. These include views in and around the village, proposed green spaces within the village and proposed Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs). NDHAs are buildings or assets of local significance and have heritage value that merits identification. For anyone who owns one of the proposed NDHAs or land identified as a green space, you will be receiving a letter to give you more information.

## *The next steps*

The draft Neighbourhood Plan will be sent to the Borough Council to ensure it complies with all relevant policies before we then come to you for our first consultation on the whole draft document, which we hope to be in the summer. If you have any questions, please contact SNHP SG at:

[Shouldham.NHP@gmail.com](mailto:Shouldham.NHP@gmail.com) or telephone/text 07876 800807.

# World Hat Walk

On Sunday April 27th, Fakenham will be staging a World Hat Walk. This is a walk around Fakenham while wearing your favourite hat. Weird, wacky and creative headgear will most definitely be encouraged. The event is being held to raise funds for three charities, two of them local to Norfolk. To sign up to register for the event, contact: [https://theextraordinaryhat.co.uk/pages/world-hat-walk-2025-fakenham?\\_pos=3&\\_sid=0d795a08d&\\_ss=r](https://theextraordinaryhat.co.uk/pages/world-hat-walk-2025-fakenham?_pos=3&_sid=0d795a08d&_ss=r)



The  
EXTRAORDINARY  
hat  
Co.



## WORLD Hat Walk

Get ready to don your most creative, quirky or extravagant hat and join us for the World Hat Walk 2025! On Sunday, April 27th, towns and cities across the globe will be celebrating this unique event, and we're thrilled to be bringing it to Norfolk!

27 APRIL 2025 | FREE

12:30 Aldiss Car Park, Fakenham

## All Saints' Church is at risk!

*Please join us for an informal community consultation evening in Shouldham Village Hall on Friday 13th June from 7pm to find out more.*

Shouldham's parish church, All Saints', is about to be listed on Historic England's 'Heritage At Risk' Register and therefore needs urgent investigations and then a programme of repairs to save it from further decay. This provides us with a wonderful opportunity to deliver a new programme of linked heritage conservation skills, learning and wellbeing activities for all ages. The consultation evening will therefore bring the community up to speed as we prepare a grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). It is important for us to convey how the project connects to the village, for the benefit of all, as by working together we can celebrate our heritage and share skills and ambitions for a sustainable future.



On June 13th the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be joined by our Project Architect, Ruth Blackman, and by our Project Activity Coordinator, Saul Penfold who will:

- Provide details of the investigation works and likely repairs needed
- Give an overview of what needs to be done to secure funding from the NLHF
- Explain our initial ideas for project activities and partnerships
- Provide opportunities for discussion and feedback – it's critical that we hear from you as to how the project can best be delivered for the village.

We hope that you can join us on 13th June. The event will last around an hour and a half and will start with refreshments from 7pm.

*This event will take place in the Village Hall. It is not a fundraising event, but rather a way to involve the community in the project from the very start. We look forward to seeing you!*

*Thanks – Shouldham PCC*

## News from All Saints' Shouldham

Our recent fundraiser on March 21st for the restoration campaign, Dr Sarah Cassell's talk on Norfolk Angel Roofs, was a huge success, with a great turnout and some fascinating insights into our beautiful church. A total of £650 was raised, which will go towards our major campaign. *Please come and find out all about it in the Village Hall on Friday June 13th, when we will be holding a Community Consultation Evening about the project with our architect, and discussing the Friends Group.*

We are fortunate to be hosting Easter Sunday Holy Communion service, and also All Saints' Baptism Sunday on Sunday April 20th at 11am, led by our Rector, Rev David Karoon.

The theme for the Flower Festival (August Bank Holiday, Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August) has been decided on by our esteemed chairperson Jenny Malby: 'A Right Song and Dance'. Any budding arrangers (pun intended) can book their slots from now on, and we also welcome volunteers for the teas, bric-a-brac stall and stewarding.



In addition to the campaign for repairs to the fabric, we have a number of separate immediate projects, each of which has a cost that we are hoping can be covered by individual sponsors. So, if you can contribute towards any of these upcoming enterprises, please do get in touch. Each is likely to cost a couple of thousand pounds, which of course can be acknowledged with a commemorative plaque or similar:

- We are having a new Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes laid out in the area of the Old Churchyard, for which there are landscaping costs and a new memorial bench
- We have commissioned a new set of hand rails to make our chancel steps slightly less treacherous!
- We plan to install a microphone and speaker system (and possible hearing loop), which should improve everyone's experience in services and other events.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our upcoming services and events. Do please get in touch.

Alex Gammie (01366 347856 / [alex@agpr.co.uk](mailto:alex@agpr.co.uk))

Shouldham PCC

## Look and listen

See black and yellow, round body, it's a bee!  
Listen to the 'pecker' drumming on the tree,  
No need to know the proper name,  
Just look, just listen, and look again.  
Marvel at the things you've seen and heard,  
The flower, the butterfly, and the bird.  
And if it's May time, and you hear a call,  
That's the one you know, the cuckoo having a ball.  
Look and listen to nature's sounds,  
And wonder at the things you've found.  
Some things you find may not be so nice,  
But you can look once, but maybe not twice!  
It's all out there for you to see and hear,  
Treasure each moment throughout the year.  
Liz S



# Revered folk duo to play summer gig in Shouldham

Shouldham Entertainments Committee and Creative Arts East are delighted to be presenting a real treat for music fans this summer – one performance only of celebrated folk duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman, live in Colt's Hall Barn, Shouldham on Saturday 21st June.

With their roots in 90s folk supergroup Equation, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have established themselves as one of British folk music's most enduring partnerships, blending traditional and contemporary acoustic music. The Dartmoor-based husband and wife have twice won the coveted 'Best Duo' title at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, as well as 'Best Duo' at the Folking.com awards and Spiral Earth awards.



This year they celebrate 30 years of their musical partnership with the release of their first live concert album, *Another Day at the Circus*, and a country-wide tour, including this one date in West Norfolk.

This is a rare opportunity to see one of folk's most celebrated duos in the beautiful surroundings of Colt's Hall, on Shouldham's picturesque village green. The evening will be supported by a full bar generously provided by The Wens of King's Lynn. Tickets: advance bookings £19 or £20 on the door. Advance tickets on Ticketsource <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shouldham-entertainments-committee> or reserve on 01366 347856 and pay on the door.

Alex Gammie (07803 248230 or [alex@agpr.co.uk](mailto:alex@agpr.co.uk))

## Thinking!

Nine months' time, need one say more?  
Not long before we're queuing at the door!  
Meanwhile we'll have fun and games,  
Food, music, fete, lots more of the same... yippee!  
Aren't we so lucky?

Liz S

# Shouldham Ladybirds

Shouldham women's social group is staging two events this Spring. On Friday 25th April, there'll be a quiz night held at Shouldham Bowls & Social Club. Start time 7.30pm. Teams of four to six people. Cost per person to non-members is £2 per head. Fabulous raffle prizes! Proceeds go to a local cause that we choose at the end of the year.

Also, we have booked a guide to take us on a ghost walk on Thursday 15th May in King's Lynn. This is a fun and very informative walk. It isn't too long and gives an insight into our local history and customs. The cost is £4 per head and is open to adults and children. To book your place, contact:

Sandra (01366 347789) or Lorna (01760 337089/

[lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk)).

*Sandra*

# Counting our blessings

I expect most people are feeling battered by the news around the world and in the UK. It seems like the world has gone mad with extreme violence and we in the UK have seen many examples affecting ordinary people.

It is easy to despair when reflecting on the events, but we in Shouldham must also reflect on what a great place it is, filled with great people. Simple acts of kindness every day to friends and even strangers, help to lift our spirits.

We must compare our situation with the inhabitants of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria to name just a few. Let's take heart at our lot and smile every day, as it can make a difference when we don't realise it.

*Ray Watts*

# Magpie Centre news

Now that winter is receding, we can look forward to Tea With a Pony sessions resuming on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 3pm at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton PE33 0EP. Cost is £6 per person. Call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 to book. This activity is suitable for individuals and/or groups of up to 30 people. Come and join us for tea and cakes in the Sensory Garden and meet one of our lovely ponies.

The venue is wheelchair-accessible, and tea is served in a marquee in bad weather. And for group organisers looking for a speaker, just call Caroline Dudley, WNRDA Voluntary Publicity Officer (01553 828935/ [c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk](mailto:c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk)) to arrange a suitable date.

*Caroline Dudley*



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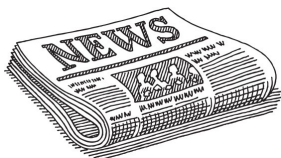
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## Keep up with the news!

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](mailto:philharriss@icloud.com). This will entitle you to a free electronic edition of this newsletter – in colour!

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word 'facebook' in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

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.

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Don't forget your entry for the limerick section for the next (Summer) edition of *Shouldham News*. Simply email your limericks to [philharriss@icloud.com](mailto:philharriss@icloud.com) by Sunday 8th June and they'll be published for all to see!

# 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 warden: post vacant.

Key-holder and contact: Alex Gammie (01366 347856/ 07803

248230/ alex@agpr.co.uk).

Services: 11am on the first (Morning Prayer) and third (Holy Communion) Sunday of every month.

## **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](http://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](mailto:jbeckwith1940@icloud.com)).

## **Ladybirds**

Shouldham women's social group.

Contact: Sandra (01366 347789) or Lorna (01760 337089/

[lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sarahjmack@hotmail.co.uk)).

## **Shouldham Bowls & Social Club**

New Clubhouse, Fairstead Grove, Shouldham (01366 348196).

For all bookings and enquiries, contact the Club at: [susannewbyrobson@gmail.com](mailto:susannewbyrobson@gmail.com)

Please look at our website (<https://www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com>) and our noticeboard for updated information and opening times.

### **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](mailto:seebnige@live.co.uk) or Cara Hobbs (Secretary) at [animal\\_end@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 ([shouldhamfc.sec@gmail.com](mailto:shouldhamfc.sec@gmail.com) or [shouldhamfc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:shouldhamfc.chair@gmail.com)).

### **Shouldham Parish Council**

Contact: Mike Inder, Parish Clerk (01760 632011 /[shouldhampc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Village Hall**

Contact: Ann (01366 347669/ [annayres@btconnect.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@chalkandcheesenorfolk.co.uk)/[www.bed-and-breakfast-west-norfolk.co.uk](http://www.bed-and-breakfast-west-norfolk.co.uk)).

### **Driving Miss Daisy**

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Transport and companionship service. Contact Melanie or Natalie on 0333 014 6211/ 07458 005 575 or [King'slynn@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk](mailto:King'slynn@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk)

### **Keith Matthews Accountancy**

Contact 01366 348359/ [keithjmatthews@aol.com](mailto:keithjmatthews@aol.com)

### **Kings Arms**

[www.Kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk/](http://www.Kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk/) 01366 347410

Owned by our community, which founded the not-for-profit, Shouldham Community Enterprises (SCE). SCE and Support Our King's Arms (SOKA) can be contacted by emailing [info@kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk](mailto:info@kingsarmsshouldham.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/theKingsarmsshouldham/>

# 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](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20004/bins_and_recycling).

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# Dates for your diaries

*To find out the latest information, please consult the Shouldham Village Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168280213739979/>), the Shouldham Parish Council Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/208900420212195/>) or join the village email list by sending your email address to [philharriss@icloud.com](mailto:philharriss@icloud.com).*

Sunday 13th April, 6-9pm, King's Arms: **SHOULDHAM MUSIC SESSIONS**. Acoustic music, mainly Irish, Scottish and English tunes. Entrance is free, whether you're coming along to play or simply to enjoy listening to the music.

Saturday 19th April, 2-4pm, starting and ending at the King's Arms: **EASTER EGG TRAIL**. Entrance (£3) payable in cash on the day. Prize for everyone! Contact aene-ary6@gmail.com to get your little hoppers booked in.

Easter Sunday, 20th April, 11am, All Saints' Church, Shouldham: **EASTER HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**. Led by our Rector, Rev David Karoon.

Friday 25th April, 7.30pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **QUIZ NIGHT**. Run by Shouldham Ladybirds. Teams of four to six people. Cost £2 per person to non-members. Fabulous raffle prizes! Proceeds go to a local cause that we choose at the end of the year.

Saturday 3rd May, King's Arms: **KING'S ARMS BIRTHDAY PARTY**. Live music, street food and a jolly time!

Sunday 4th May, 10.30am, departing from Village Green: **VILLAGE CYCLE RIDE**. Bring a picnic lunch. Normal route, approximately 23 miles, back to Shouldham for a well-deserved pint between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Full brief on route and stops provided on the morning.

Sunday 4th May, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

Monday 5th May, from noon, Village Green: **COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY**. Street party for all the village! Fancy dress optional; 1940s music followed by live music for dancing the afternoon away. Free entrance. Bring a picnic.

Thursday 8th May, 9.30pm, the field alongside Church Road leading up to All Saints' Church: **BEACON LIGHTING**. To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Pedestrians encouraged to use the public footpath to the church which runs up from Colt's Hall.

Sunday 11th May, 6-9pm, King's Arms: **SHOULDHAM MUSIC SESSIONS**. Acoustic music, mainly Irish, Scottish and English tunes. Entrance is free, whether you're coming along to play or simply to enjoy listening to the music.

Thursday 15th May, King's Lynn: **GHOST WALK**. A fun and informative walk giving an insight into our local history and customs. The cost is £4 per head and is open to adults and children. Trip organised by Shouldham Ladybirds. To book your place, contact: Sandra (01366 347789) or Lorna (01760 337089/ [lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk)).

Thursday 29th May: **SHOULDHAM GOLF OPEN**.

Sunday June 1st, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

Monday June 2nd, 8.30-11am, King's Arms: **POP-UP CAFE**. Charity coffee and cake morning. Please contact Jo (jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

Sunday 8th June: **SHOULDHAM NEWS DEADLINE**. The final date for submissions to the Summer edition. If you have any news, views or details of forthcoming events (up to early September 2025), 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/>

Sunday 8th June, 6-9pm, King's Arms: **SHOULDHAM MUSIC SESSIONS**. Acoustic music, mainly Irish, Scottish and English tunes. Entrance is free, whether you're coming along to play or simply to enjoy listening to the music.

Friday 13th June, 7pm, Shouldham Village Hall: **ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENING**. Shouldham's church is at risk! Join us in the Village Hall for an informal evening (including refreshments) to discover how we can save our village church.

Saturday 21st June, starting at 7.30pm, Colt's Hall Barn: **AN EVENING OF LIVE FOLK MUSIC**. Starring Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Tickets: advance bookings £19 or £20 on the door. Advance tickets on Ticketsource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shouldham-entertainments-committee>) or reserve on 01366 347856 and pay on the door.

Sunday 22nd June, starting at 11am, King George V Playing Field, Shouldham: **VILLAGE CRICKET DAY**. Fun for all the family.

Saturday 5th July, noon-4pm, King George V Playing Field, Shouldham: **SHOULDHAM VILLAGE FETE**. Tractor rides, dog show, bouncy castle, stalls, face painting, food vendors and so much more! Entrance free.

Sunday July 6th, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

Monday July 7th, 8.30-11am, King's Arms: **POP-UP CAFE**. Charity coffee and cake morning. Please contact Jo (jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

Saturday 19th July, Colt's Hill Barn: **VILLAGE EVENING FUNCTION**. More details in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August, All Saints' Church: **FLOWER FESTIVAL**. Theme: 'A Right Song and Dance'. Any budding arrangers (pun intended) can book their slots from now, and we also welcome volunteers for the teas, bric-a-brac stall and stewarding.

Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August, The Green, **SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL**. More details in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.



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