

SHOULDHAM NEWS

Vol 23. No 1. Winter 2024/25



Christmas night in Shouldham

There can be few better places to spend Christmas than in Shouldham. As night falls on December 24th, our village Christmas tree will light up the Green. Many of us will have gathered around it the week before, on December 16th, to sing carols in fine communal, and approximately tuneful, style. Up on the hill, All Saints' Church will be displaying the advent star from its tower, and across from the tree, the King's Arms will offer a cosy retreat from the cold (open until 11pm on Christmas Eve this year). Inside the pub, it's quite possible you'll spot a marooned pirate, washed up from Shouldham's village panto, *Treasure Island* (December 14th and 15th).

As 11.30pm approaches, a few dark shadows will be seen, torches in hand, making their way by foot up the hill to the church. This year, for the first time in many years, All Saints' will be the venue for Midnight Mass. About an hour later, as the congregation emerges early on Christmas morning, they might well look down from the church at the lights of the village below. More than one will feel a sense of gratitude and pride to live in such surroundings.

But Shouldham is much more than a pretty face. As you'll see from all the events listed in our 'Dates for your Diaries' it's also buzzing with community activities. Many of these in the coming year will aim to raise money for a major project: to carry out much-needed repairs on our village church. As well as worthy causes, though, these events make all our lives more cheerful and fun – two qualities in short supply in the dark days of winter and the gloomy current state of the world. So, we owe all the volunteers who improve our village life through the year a mighty vote of thanks (go on, buy them a drink in the pub or the Bowls Club!). Of these, special mention should go to the people who bring you *Shouldham News* four times a year: our ad manager, John Dovey, our designers Emma Gibson and Laura Hutchinson, and our door-to-door distributors: Andrew & Bridget Archibald, Zoe Frayne & Dave Bevan, John Dovey, Jennifer Malby, Marion Mallott, Deborah Marshall, John & Jan McGourty, and Val Negus. To them, and to all our readers, we wish a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Bowls & Social Club news

The Club's Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday 15th December: three courses for £20; under-14s £10. Booking essential, either at the Club or by emailing catering@shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.uk

Fortnightly bingo sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (Club opens 6.45pm for eyes-down at 7.30pm) and are open to all (all cash prizes; bingo books £5, flyer £1, stand up/sit down £1, jackpot stamp £1, raffle £1 per strip). The bar will be open and snacks available. Forthcoming events also include a Sunday carvery at the end of each month (12.30 for 1pm; price £15, children £7.50); and our Community Friendship Club every Tuesday (11.30am-2.30pm) where a two-course lunch costs only £8. And don't forget our New Year's Eve party! See 'Dates...' for details.



For all bookings and enquiries, contact the Club at: susannewbyrobson@gmail.com

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

February half-term family show

Sat 22nd Feb, 2pm Shouldham Village Hall, Rhubarb Theatre

'Airport Alien'

It's the summer of 1974 at the world's busiest airport. Everyone's excited about going on holiday. But what's this arriving on the runway? A spaceship from another planet!

Arvi the Alien has been sent from Planet X. Her mission: to find happiness. Surrounded by technology, her species has lost its way. But can Snuffles the sniffer dog and Colin the Customs Officer help her? From Bell-bottoms to Benidorm, customs officers to Costa Blanca, Rhubarb Theatre's brand-new family show is sure to take you out of this world.

Rhubarb Theatre, known for its imaginative styles of storytelling, performs this fun-filled fantasy for all the family. Prepare for hilarity, poignancy, and surprises around every corner. *Airport Alien* is a show told through visual inventiveness, puppetry, physical theatre, dance, song and lots of laughter.

Tickets: £5 for children, £10 for adults and £20 for a family of four. From Ticketsource

News from the King's Arms

Christmas opening times

Mon 23rd December: closed

Christmas Eve: *bar* noon-11pm; *kitchen* noon-3pm

Christmas Day: *bar only* noon-2pm

Boxing Day: closed

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th: normal opening hours

Monday 30th: closed

New Year's Eve: *bar* noon-late; *kitchen* noon-3pm

New Year's Day: *bar only* noon-4pm

Upcoming events

Sunday 1st December: pub quiz

Monday 16th December: Carols around the Tree. The pub will be open from 5pm if you want to get your fish & chips and eat them in the pub before meeting on the Green from 7pm for carols, then the King's Arms will be having a mini Christmas quiz.

NYE: raise a glass and bring in 2025 with live music from David Vincent

Sunday 5th January: pub quiz

Monday 6th January: pop-up café

Friday 31st January to Saturday 1st February: Winter beer festival, beer & live music in the pub



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 Spring edition (deadline Sunday 23rd March) please contact John Dovey (347802/ jdovey@btinternet.com).

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



Christmas quiz

- 1 Which year did the King's Arms reopen as a community-owned pub?
- 2 When did the first Shouldham pantomime take place [year]?
- 3 Which century was All Saints' Church in Shouldham built?
- 4 When was Shouldham Bowls Club first established?
- 5 What do you get if you add all these numbers together?

Answers to philharriss@icloud.com. Winner will be the first correct answer received. Answers and winner will be announced in the Spring edition of *Shouldham News*. Mystery prize!

Winter



The coloured leaves of autumn have vanished out of sight,

It is the winter time, it might be giving us snow and ice.

Are we building a snowman with a carrot for his nose,

Or are we dreaming of summer and the brightly coloured rose?

Daylight hours are few, long hours of darkness in between,

But underground little bulbs are growing making their way to being seen.

The winter months are with us, we will have to wait a while,

But the days will pass, and soon spring will bring us a happy smile.

Liz S

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.

St Martin's – your local primary school

I am delighted to be involved with our local primary school, St Martin's at Shouldham, as a Community Governor. Many of you will know as past pupils, parents of existing pupils and village residents that the school is situated in the heart of the village and enjoys an excellent reputation.

St Martin's prides itself on having a village school feel and at the same time provides the flexibility of single-year intakes. Key areas of focus are:

Achievement,
Respect, and
Generosity.

The SAT results are consistently above the national average and the school achieves very good reading results in all year groups.

Wrap-around provision is available to support working parents.

Currently there is space available for Pre-School, Reception and primary pupils for the next academic year 2025/26. Please spread the word and if you or anyone you know would be interested to find out more, please do get in contact.

Visits available by appointment by calling 01366 347260

Bridget Archibald



News from All Saints' Shouldham

Christmas services:

Sunday 1st December, 11am: first Sunday in Advent; lighting of the advent candles.

Sunday 15th December, 11am: third Sunday in advent.

Wednesday 18th December, 7pm: Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies etc. We will also be inviting people to contribute a decorated Christmas tree in memory of a loved one, as usual, for the service.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm: Midnight Mass. The first time at All Saints' for years!

For the rest of the year, services at All Saints' will be held at 11am on the first and third Sundays of every month.

Autumn fundraisers

We held two successful fundraisers in October and November, a flower-arranging demonstration by Nick Grounds in mid-October and 'Words and Music for All Saints' Day' on November 1st, which was a beautiful evening in the churchyard and church itself, with poetry readings curated by Prof Ros Ballaster and harp music by Xenia Horne. In total, over £1,100 was raised for church funds through these events, and we received a wonderful response from the village as well. These are from the village Facebook page:

'I went to the poetry and harp music event at the church last night. It was just wonderful – an inspired idea. Thanks to Alex, Ros and Jenny for making it happen – the readers and the harpist and everyone else involved. If you didn't go this time, make sure you go when they do it again!'

'Wasn't it fabulous? Deeply atmospheric poetry and spine-tingling harp. An evening to remember.'

'It was a very special event, and I was glad I went despite my initial reluctance to go after a day's work. Sitting beneath the stars in our churchyard, on an autumn evening, listening to graveyard poetry and harp music, and sipping Phil's hot cider, what's not to like?'

We very much hope to make an 'All Saints' Festival' an annual event. Many thanks to Ros Ballaster and Phil Harriss for the idea and putting so much work into it (and contributing delicious mulled cider and apple juice!), and to Jenny Malby and all volunteers for the decorations and catering.

Our new Garden of Remembrance area in the old churchyard for the interment of ashes is now marked out for anyone to inspect. You can find it just beyond the chancel end of the church.

We are looking forward to advent and the lighting of the advent star on the tower in early December, and the advent candles in a new advent wreath through the month leading up to Christmas. Plans for the annual carol service on December 18th are advancing and we hope to welcome an ever-growing congregation for this popular event with mulled wine, mince pies and other seasonal treats. We will also be inviting people to contribute a decorated Christmas tree in memory of a loved one, as usual, for the service. And we are delighted to have a Midnight Mass service on Christmas Eve this year for the first time in many years.

Inspired by the church's wonderful and somewhat under-appreciated hammer-beam roof, we have been offered a fundraising talk in the spring by Sarah Cassell, author of a PhD thesis on 'Structure and image in late-medieval East Anglian angel roofs'. Date tbc.

Alex Gammie (07803 248230 / alex@agpr.co.uk)



Magpie Centre news



Our thoughts are firmly focused on Christmas once again, but looking towards the New Year, it's time to get organised with a 2025 Magpie Centre calendar, which depicts our lovely horses and ponies in action. Priced at £9.99 each, these are available from the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP. Tel: 01553 810202.

November saw the start of the Magpie Centre's Learning Through Riding programme for home-schooled children, many of whom have learning disabilities. This project has been hugely helped by a grant of £80,000 a year for three years from the National Lottery Community Fund. Parents of home-schooled children who feel their child would benefit from being part of the Magpie Centre's community of horse lovers are welcome to contact the Centre to find out more.

After a busy summer, Tea with a Pony has closed for the winter, and is due to recommence in April 2025. This activity is designed for older people to meet, socialise and greet one of our ponies in the Magpie Centre's wheelchair-accessible sensory garden at Wallington Hall. It may be of particular interest to care home Activities Organisers, seeking new opportunities for their service users. Tea with a Pony takes place every Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm, April to October, and costs £6 per person. Book through the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.

Jenga the Houdini dog!

A very big thank you to the lovely residents of, and visitors to, Shouldham, who regularly spot, find, come across, pick up, return and help to keep the Houdini dog that is Jenga, safe. Jenga is nearing 14, has gone rather deaf but very much enjoys her meanderings around the village, with occasional forays to Fincham and Shouldham Thorpe. This is not behaviour we encourage and we are very grateful to everyone who brings her back home.

Jenga is mostly an outdoor dog, unless there is chicken or a log fire on offer, and despite increased fencing, barriers, wire mesh and use of a long lead, she still manages to find a way to escape – not helped this year by the comings and goings of builders. She has lived in Shouldham all her life and knows her way home again, but is quite happy to hitch a lift. So, if you do come across a sad looking, elderly, brown dog generally making her way to the pub or Warren, you have met Jenga from 18 Norwich Road (and we thank you in advance). *Susan Hipperson*

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 latest meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November in the Village Hall. 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 a 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:

N Walsh – Nigel Walsh, Chair, Shouldham Parish Council, email: Cllr.nigel.walsh@shouldham-pc.gov.uk

Heating grants

The following update will provide information on energy-efficiency improvement schemes currently being delivered across West Norfolk and the work the council is undertaking to address the cost-of-living crisis in our communities.



Energy Company Obligation (ECO) 4 – Flexible Eligibility

ECO Flex is very much the council's flagship scheme for domestic energy efficiency improvements.

ECO 4 enables local authorities to identify fuel-poor and vulnerable households, which may benefit from full house retrofits.

Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 2

- HUG 2 is being delivered through the Norfolk Warm Homes team, which is a consortium made up of the local authorities across the county.
- Similarly to ECO 4, HUG 2 accommodates full house retrofits.

ECONHS Project

- Housing Standards, Governance, ICB and wider NHS Data Protection teams have drawn up and signed a data-sharing agreement between the Borough Council and the NHS.
- The agreement will enable Housing Standards to access households across the borough that have an occupant suffering from either a cardiovascular, respiratory, limited mobility or immunosuppression-related condition, which makes them automatically eligible for fully funded home improvements through ECO Flex.

Please contact the Borough Council for further information on any of these schemes and to find out if you are eligible. Many houses have benefited across the borough and improved their energy ratings quite dramatically.

Pallavi

Dr / Cllr Pallavi Devulapalli, Airfield Ward, BCKL&WN



Things underground...

I often think about things underground,
The mole tells us he's there by leaving a mound.
The worm, when he's on the move, leaves a 'cast'
That's a wiggle of soil which he deposits on the grass.

Somewhere there are solitary bees,

They leave a hole for you to see.

What else is there, of course, rabbits and mice,

They burrow, make a nest that's out of sight.

The bigger things, the badger and the fox,

They like their underground home a lot.

It's interesting that, beneath the earth,

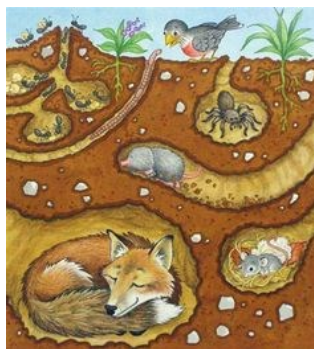
There may be creatures giving birth.

Perhaps having a party, or are fast asleep.

So tread softly in case they're not very deep.

'Things underground'... there's so much to learn,

I know very little about that wiggly worm!!



Liz S

Shouldham News wishes you a Merry Christmas

2025 Calendar

JANUARY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

APRIL

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JULY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

OCTOBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2025

MARCH

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JUNE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SEPTEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

DECEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOTES

[illegible]

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 7th December, The Green: **THE ERECTION OF SHOULDHAM'S CHRISTMAS TREE**. Let the festivities begin!

Tuesday 10th December, 11.30am-2.30pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**. Open to all. Every Tuesday. Two-course lunch £8. Bar will be open.

Wednesday 11th December, 6.45pm for eyes-down at 7.30pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **BINGO**. Open to all (cash prizes; bingo books £5, flyer £1, stand up/sit down £1, jackpot stamp £1, raffle £1 per strip). The bar will be open and snacks available.

Saturday 14th December, 6pm; Sunday 15th December, 2pm (matinée) and 6pm (evening show sold out), Shouldham Village Hall: **TREASURE ISLAND (THE SHOULDHAM VERSION)**. Shouldham's pantomime for 2024. Good fun entertainment for all the family. Advance bookings only (pay on arrival, cash only). Avoid disappointment and book now at: pantotickets2024@gmail.com Adults £5; U16s free.

Sunday 15th December, 1pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**. Three courses for £20; under-14s £10. Booking essential, either at the Club or by emailing catering@shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.uk

Monday 16th December, 7pm, Shouldham Village Green: **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**. Our annual communal singing of Christmas songs. All welcome. We shall be repairing to the King's Arms afterwards for a mini-quiz and raffle. The pub will be open from 5pm if you want to get your fish & chips from the van and eat them there before meeting on the Green.

Wednesday 18th December, 7pm, All Saints' Church, Shouldham: **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**. Followed by mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls. The church will be candlelit for the service. We will also be inviting people to contribute a decorated Christmas tree in memory of a loved one, as usual, for the service.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm, All Saints' Church, Shouldham: **MID-NIGHT MASS**. The King's Arms will be open until 11pm on Christmas Eve to wet the whistle of carol singers (and all other festive merry-makers!).

New Year's Eve, Tuesday 31st December. Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.** Disco and bar provided. Entrance £5 to non-members, free to members.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday 31st December, from 8pm. King's Arms: **LIVE MUSIC FROM DAVID VINCENT.** Raise a glass and bring in 2025!

Sunday 5th January, 7pm. King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ.** Teams of six, £2.50 per person.

Monday 6th January, 8.30-11.30am. King's Arms: **POP-UP CAFE.** Charity coffee and cake morning. Please contact our manager Jo (jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

Friday 31st January, Saturday 1st February. King's Arms: **WINTER BEER FESTIVAL.** Beer and live music aplenty!

Saturday 22nd February, 2pm. Shouldham Village Hall: **AIRPORT ALIEN.** A half-term family show presented by Rhubarb Theatre. Tickets: £5 for children, £10 for adults and £20 for a family of four. From Ticketsource.

Sunday 23rd March: **SHOULDHAM NEWS DEADLINE.** The final date for submissions to the Spring edition. If you have any news, views or details of forthcoming events (up to mid-June 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/>



Christmas jokes

Oh! oh! oh! as Father Christmas yelled when falling backwards down a chimney



- What did the English teacher call Santa's helpers? *Subordinate Clauses*
- What do Christmas trees get when they go numb? *Pines and needles*
- What do you call an old snowman? *Water*
- Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school? *Because he went down in history*
- How do Christmas trees get ready for a night out? *They spruce up*
- Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? *Because he was outstanding in his field*
- What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? *Wait, there's myrrh*
- Knock, knock! *Who's there?* Noah. *Noah who?* Noah good Christmas joke?

Shouldham pantomime 2024

Treasure Island (the Shouldham version): fun for all the family

Box office update

Saturday 14th December, 6pm show – tickets still available

Sunday 15th December, 2pm show – tickets still available

Sunday 15th December, 6pm show – *sold out!*

Advance bookings only (pay on arrival, cash only). Avoid disappointment and book now at:

pantotickets2024@gmail.com Adults £5; U16s free



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: I am 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). 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](tel:01553776971) 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 Tuesdays 5.30-7pm, cubs on Wednesdays 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 Runcion 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).

For all bookings and enquiries, contact the Club at: 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 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 (shouldhamfc.sec@gmail.com or shouldhamfc.chair@gmail.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

www.drivingmissdaisy.co.uk/KingsLynn

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

Kingslynn@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk

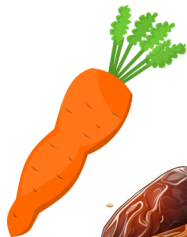
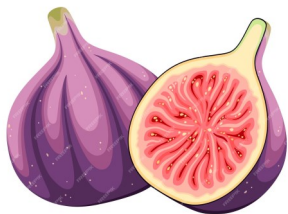
Keith Matthews Accountancy

Contact 01366 348359/ keithjmatthews@aol.com.

King's Arms

www.kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk/ 01366 347410

Owned by our community, who 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. 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/>



It's coming!

It's coming, it's coming!

Can't wait, can't wait!

It's time for adventure,

Maybe pineapples, figs and dates...

It's coming, it's coming!

Maybe treasure... or a carrot...!

But I bet you can't wait
to see the colourful parrot!!!

Liz S



Bin & recycling collection dates

Food waste is 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 3rd December	Green bin
Tuesday 10th December	Black bin
Tuesday 17th December	Green bin
Tuesday 24th December	Black bin
Thursday 2nd January	Green bin
Wednesday 8th January	Black bin
Tuesday 14th January	Green bin
Tuesday 21st January	Black bin
Tuesday 28th January	Green bin
Tuesday 4th February	Black bin
Tuesday 11th February	Green bin
Tuesday 18th February	Black bin
Tuesday 25th February	Green bin
Tuesday 4th March	Black bin
Tuesday 11th March	Green bin
Tuesday 18th March	Black bin
Tuesday 25th March	Green bin
Tuesday 1st April	Black bin
Tuesday 8th April	Green bin
Tuesday 15th April	Black bin
Tuesday 22nd April	Green bin
Tuesday 29th April	Black bin



STC...

STC stands for Standard Telephones and Cables...

'Oh, no, it doesn't'...

'Oh, yes, it does'...

'Oh, no, it doesn't'

Can't wait...

Shouldham Theatre Company! (STC!!)

Get ready to roll!!

Liz S

Caley Forestry

Est. 1955

Tree Surgery, Firewood
and Christmas Trees

Well-seasoned Hardwood
and Softwood logs

Kindling and Woodchip mulch

Competitive Prices, Free quotes,

Friendly Professional Service

Call Jodie Caley on

01366 347404

07810 343827

www.caleyforestryandfirewood.co.uk



Shouldham Antiques
Gifts & Interiors

We are open

Friday to Sunday 11-4. Shop Local!

1 Eastgate street, Shouldham, PE33 ODD

07456513107

Bridget.chalkandcheese@gmail.com



Jan Woodruff Counselling Services

I offer counselling in a safe, confidential space,
where I will listen and not judge, but will help you,
help yourself to move forward and enjoy life.

Bereavement - Relationship Problems - Anxiety
Depression - Low Self Esteem - Abuse
Confidence Levels - Stress - Anger Management

Interested in an initial chat, then
please contact me on:

07842 114220

Member of the British Association of
Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP)

Downham Market, Norfolk



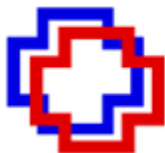


EVRY ELECTRICAL

Nick Evry
M: 07900 040465
T: 01366 347900
E: nickevry@evryelectrical.co.uk
W: www.evryelectrical.co.uk



**All electrical work undertaken.
Contact me today for a
free no obligation quotation.**



CARERS EL!TE LTD

CARE FOR LIFE

**Your longest established local care provider is only built on reputation/recommendations and word of mouth
(Supporting Local Residents and Local Care/Nursing homes every-day)**

**WOULD YOU OR A LOVED ONE BENEFIT FROM SOME HELP
AT HOME?**

Carers Elite support local residents and their families with:

Live-in Care Packages

Independent packages, including financial planning and rehabilitation

Personal Support / Social visits

Social & Shopping chaperoning

Assisted Living Care Packages - 24/7 - Nights – days

Check Calls and much, much more..

We pride ourselves on person-centred care for all, allowing everyone to live as independently as possible within their own home, for as long as possible.

Tel: (01366) 380707 (24/7)

Email: jon@carerselite.co.uk Web: www.carerselite.co.uk

Head Office: 53 High Street, Downham Market, PE38 9HF

****We are always looking for caring individuals to join Carers Elite.
And we can offer you an excellent work life balance****

RG CARPENTRY



Rich Garland

Custom Carpentry - Kitchens - Renovations

Call me on 07531762986

Rg-carpentry@outlook.com

Handyman

No job too small
Give me a call

Phil Rudderham

07719731434

Downham Market & Surrounding Villages

philtracey1@hotmail.com

Charlotte Rose LicAc



**Acupuncture
Acupuncture for Pain
Facial Acupuncture
Reflexology**



**Aromatherapy Massage
Cupping Therapy**



Over 10 years experience as a therapist. Fully Insured with Balens.

Clinics in Stoke Ferry + Castle Acre

Gift Vouchers Available

Contact: Charlotte: 07855513199 /
01366 501232

charlotterose.charlotterose@gmail.com
www.charlotte-acupuncture.co.uk

Shouldham
Pantomime 2024



Shouldham's Version of Treasure Island

At the Shouldham Village Hall
A fun filled show for all the family to enjoy

Saturday 14 December
Evening Show: 6pm

Sunday 15 December
Matinee: 2pm
Evening Show: 6pm

**Tickets must be
Prebooked**

**Adults: £5
Under 16's: Free**

To book your
tickets, please email
Pantotickets2024@gmail.com

Please specify the requirements
for adults and individuals under
16. You will receive a
confirmation email, and please
note that payment will be
accepted in cash only upon
arrival at the show.

This show is brought to you by the
Shouldham Entertainments Committee