

SHOULDHAM NEWS

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Boing!

Spring is when Shouldham's talented volunteers spring into action and organise an exhilarating variety of events for our enjoyment over the warmer months. This year is no different and these pages are packed with information covering the period – as well as how to get involved yourself.



New to the village? There's nothing like joining-in to become a valued member of our friendly community quickly. One of the easiest ways to break the ice (not to say work up a sweat) is to take part in our annual village bike ride, which this year is on Sunday 3rd May. This gently paced ride – suitable for adults and older children – follows a route that meanders along country lanes lined with May blossoms, taking in local hostleries and allowing time for lunch (bring your sandwiches) before returning to the King's Arms for a barbecue. By the end of the day, you'll have learnt from your fellow cyclists all about the village fete, the village pantomime, the regular pop-up cafés – and might even have agreed to become a member of our community-owned pub. Enjoy the spring!



News from All Saints' Church, Shouldham

Friends of All Saints'

Some may be aware that we have recently set up a Friends of All Saints' group to muster local support beyond the regular congregation to help improve the fabric of the building – intended to work alongside the Parochial Church Council (PCC). At the moment the Friends Group really only exists on paper, and in order to progress with the much-needed restoration project, a committee is required to push things forward. The most recent inspection by our architect resulted in a rough estimate of over £600,000 for the work, which means a Lottery Grant application and an awful lot of paperwork! There has been general interest, but we are now seeking individuals with time, commitment and admin skills to form a Friends Group Committee and / or volunteer some time to help. For more information, or to sign up, do please get in touch: admin@friendsofallsaintsshouldham.co.uk 01366 347856.

Electoral roll

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll for All Saints' and wish to be included, you are welcome to do so if you live in the parish, are baptised, over 16 and a member of the Church of England. You can then attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May, and regular communicants are also eligible to join the PCC.

Flower Festival 2026

The annual All Saints' Flower Festival will be taking place again this August Bank Holiday from August 29th-31st, on the theme of 'A Grand Day Out'. As ever, volunteers are most welcome to become an arranger, sponsor a display or help with stewarding and manning the bric-a-brac and tea stalls.

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



Shouldham Bowls & Social Club news

With the approach of the new bowls season, there's plenty happening at the Club – especially as this year marks our 80th anniversary. For details of events, please see 'Dates for your Diary'. Also note that the Tuesday Community Friendship Club will be suspended during the bowling season with the last meal being held on Tuesday 31st March. Thanks to all who have supported this.

Shirley Jones

Watlington Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Watlington PPG organised its first quiz night on Saturday 21st March. With 51 participants across ten teams the event was a social and financial success. The kind donation of Jim's charity box for February from the Watlington village shop covered the cost of the hall hire. Jeremy and Lisa, who organised the questions and ran the quiz, gave their time and effort for free. Lastly, the winning team, The Dream Team, donated their £50 winnings back to the event. In total we raised £416.50. This money will be used to fund a new set of baby and toddler scales for the surgery and support health and well-being projects across the surgery.



If you have any projects such as health walks, mental wellness events, etc, please let us know and we may be able to provide financial support. Our next fundraising event is the Watlington Yard Sale on Sunday 10th May. Please donate items or come along and support. As always, if you would like to join the PPG committee or have questions for the surgery or praise for the staff, please get in touch via the gmail below.

Robert Barratt, Secretary, Watlington Surgery PPG
(watlingtonppg@gmail.com)

Introduction to Shouldham Parish Council

Who are we?

Shouldham Parish Council is made up of eight Councillors and is the first tier of local government, representing the interests and needs of the village. Your Councillors are: Sarah Sheldon (Chair), Keith Matthews (Vice Chair), Claire Atterbury, Pippa Bennett, David Bland, John Carman, Pallavi Devulapalli and Geoffrey Hipperson. The Parish Clerk is Jo Lloyd.



What do we do?

The Parish Council is responsible for looking after the Village Green and the King George Playing Field (including toilets, play area and trees). It provides the litter and dog waste bins in the village (and the dog waste bin at Shouldham Woods car park), the speed-monitoring sign, some benches, and the streetlight on Eastgate Street. It also maintains the 'closed churchyard' at All Saints' Church.

The PC can help to make improvements to the village, lobby for better services and organise events. We work with the Borough and County Councils, and can raise issues with them in areas they are responsible for (for example, highways and footpaths).

The PC meets every month apart from August and December, usually on the first Wednesday at 7.30pm in Shouldham Village Hall. Agendas are published on the website <https://shouldham-pc.gov.uk> and posted on the noticeboard by the Post Office. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings.



Contact us

To contact the Parish Council, you can email clerk@shouldham-pc.gov.uk or phone 01760 632011.

Parish Council news

Here are some of the things the PC has been working on, and some upcoming projects:

• Footpaths

Problems have been reported with Lamson's Lane and The Crofts footpaths, which are very uneven. Norfolk County Council is scheduling these paths for resurfacing in the next few months. The PC has secured funds for a new 'trod' path to connect the village to the orchard on Lynn Road. We are waiting for Norfolk County Council to set a date for this work.

• New bus stop

The PC has requested a bus stop 'pull in' on the Green to reduce congestion on Eastgate Street when buses are stopping. This work will be scheduled by NCC. Once complete, a new bench will be installed there.

- *Phone box*

The PC has just taken ownership of the public phone box on the Green. Plans will be made to make repairs and put it to use.

- *Defibrillators*

There is a defibrillator at the Bowls and Social Club which is available for emergencies. The PC is hoping to provide another device for the area near to the Village Green (possibly in the phone box). We will keep you posted!

- *Football clubhouse*

Shouldham Youth FC owns the clubhouse on the playing field and is planning a new-build to replace the old portacabins, with the support of the PC. This work will start soon, with the demolition and removal of the portacabins and some work to move the electricity supply to a new kiosk (like the one on the Village Green). There will be some temporary fencing around the area to keep the site safe, which will be removed as soon as possible. Parking might be reduced a little. Please take care (and remind children) not to disturb the fencing.

A couple of less positive updates...

- *Public toilets*

Unfortunately, these are currently closed, except for during football training sessions and organised events on the playing field. This is because of repeated mess and vandalism, which was having to be dealt with by our cleaner, and was also costing the PC (and you as residents) money to repair. The situation will be monitored, and the toilets might be opened again in the future.

- *School parking*

The PC has had reports about difficulties caused by cars parking at school drop-off and pick-up times, including roads and drives being blocked and even abuse from drivers being asked to park elsewhere. There have also been instances of children running out from between parked cars, and near-accidents. The PC shares the concern with this ongoing issue, which is a known problem in many villages. The PC is working with the school to try to find solutions – but there isn't an easy answer.

We kindly request that any parents or carers who need to park for drop-off / pick-up:

- *Remember you can park at the playing field or Village Hall and walk from there.*
- *If you live in Shouldham and are able to walk from home, please do so.*
- *If you have to park on roadsides around the village, please be considerate and don't block roads or drives.*
- *Supervise children closely around the busy areas and when crossing the road.*

The Parish Council has been advised that residents who have their private driveway blocked or who receive abuse should call the police to report it.

And finally, a request for information

The PC is hoping to help the Norfolk Ponds Project gather some information about ponds in the parish. If anyone has a pond in their garden or on farmland and is happy to share some information about it, please contact the clerk.

Terry Jermy, MP for South West Norfolk



Recently in Parliament, I took part in a road safety debate, where I highlighted the alarming rise in road incidents in Norfolk, with the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads, increasing from 470 in 2023/24 to 555 in 2024/25 – the largest rise anywhere in the country.

Across the UK, ten times as many people die on rural roads than on motorways. These statistics should shock us all. They are harrowing numbers, and each incident is a life lost or changed forever.

This is why I greatly welcome the Government's recently published Road Safety Strategy. This strategy – the first in ten years – aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.

As a rural MP, I have called for horse-rider safety to feature in the strategy. Just last month, I took part in a Westminster Hall debate on horse-rider safety, where I urged the Government to provide ring-fenced support for horse-rider safety campaigns and for local authorities to maintain bridleways properly so that the important rural activity of horse riding can be safely continued.

In that debate, I raised the case of Susi Rogers-Hartley – a South West Norfolk horse rider, military veteran and the first person to represent Great Britain in the Paralympics at show jumping.

Ms Rogers-Hartley attended one of my constituency advice surgeries in Swaffham to share her dangerous experiences of horse riding on South West Norfolk's roads, which resulted in Susi sustaining awful injuries and the tragic death of her horse.

Sadly, Susi's story is not an exception. In a recent meeting I had with the British Horse Society, we discussed the statistics that have been registered for South West Norfolk since 2021 – 58 incidents with seven people and four horses injured.



However, many incidents also go entirely unregistered. Horse riders tell me often there is little to no enforcement for accidents involving horse riders. The police often do not want to act on it, and the law does not sufficiently recognise the severity of the incident, or the impact an accident may have.

Growing up in the constituency, I remember routinely seeing people riding a horse on the lanes. It is something we see far less often now, and concerns for safety are a big reason for this. As cars have become bigger and faster, and as people have become less respectful of country roads, other users have been pushed out – whether that be walkers, cyclists or horse riders.

Another key aspect of road safety is road maintenance, and sadly, following years of austerity and cuts to local council budgets, many of our roads and bridleways have fallen into a state of disrepair, resulting in more dangerous conditions.

The road safety charity, Brake, believes that rural roads are the most dangerous roads due to a lack of cycle lanes, pavements or bridleways. Many rural roads are narrow, with blind bends and limited safe places to pass. This is why I was so pleased to see the Government recently announce £280 million in funding for Norfolk County Council – the biggest-ever investment – to fix our broken roads.

We urgently need to change the direction of travel on road safety in Norfolk, and I hope the Government's new strategy, backed by the necessary funding, will bring about the change we seek.

Now and Then...

It used to be aims and objectives,
Now it's targets and data collection,
Heads down, eyes on the tablet and mobile
phone,
High tech has caught on just like an
infection.

Some of us can remember the world of
paper and pen,
Was it so much easier, did it take less time,
Was there such a difference between now
and then?

People stayed together, some had 'a bit on
the side'
It wasn't easy when things got tough,
...and there was nowhere to hide.

Yesterday and today, many things are the same
And we often think the best years have past,
But, when you dig deeper, you will surely find
That the very best things will always last.

Liz S



SHOULDHAM

SUMMER FETE!

SATURDAY 4TH JULY
12PM - 4PM

KEITH'S
TENT

TEA & CAKES

BOUNCY CASTLE

TRACTOR RIDES

REFRESHMENTS

DOG SHOW

VILLAGE
GREEN

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

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Alan Austin

Alan Austin died on March 18th at Lynn's Queen Elizabeth Hospital after a long illness. He lived with his wife Maureen ('Mo') on Westgate Street for many years and both have been active in village life. Alan's trenchant views on diverse local issues were often aired in the pages of Shouldham News and were fuelled by his love of our village. He was a keen model railway enthusiast and also a great supporter of our community-owned pub, the King's Arms. Maureen writes: 'He was so proud of being able to help get the pub open and was upset that he was so ill for the last years of his life that he couldn't get out much to visit... I will always remember those evenings at the Chalk and Cheese discussing the importance of getting the pub open.'

The funeral will be held on 16th April at 2.30pm at All Saints' in Shouldham. A buffet and wake to follow at the King's Arms.

Our thoughts are with Mo and all of Alan's friends and family.



Veterans Voice

The Veterans Voice project aims to help veterans and family members access veteran organisations and support groups, such as breakfast clubs and social hubs, and identify opportunities for social interaction with other veterans. It will be running a monthly drop-in hub at the Regency Room in Swaffham Assembly Rooms. Come along for a free hot drink, cake, and a spot of chat and banter, or to ask questions about veterans' support. The drop-in hubs will take place from 10.30am to 1pm on Tuesday 28th April and

Tuesday 26th May. For more information, contact: ops@veteranscentral.co.uk; phone: 0771 3860040.

In addition, Veterans Central is hosting an Easter Egg Fun Day at West Raynham SHQ on Sunday 19th April from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Entry is free and you can take part in various activities in the gardens and in the Station Headquarters (SHQ) building. On Sunday 24th May (10am-3pm) Veterans Central will also host a Cold War History Day at West Raynham SHQ. For information on both these events, contact info@veteranscentral.co.uk

Oh yes, they did!

A big thank-you to Nigel and the Shouldham panto crew for the amazing donation to the Village Hall of £901 for our funds, raised at the recent pantomime. As usual the shows were a great success and made for a fantastic weekend. You all bring lots of fun and happiness to the village. Thank you!

Shouldham acoustic music sessions

Acoustic music sessions are held on the second Sunday of the month, 5-8pm in the King's Arms (Oak Room). We mostly play instrumental traditional music, but the occasional song is welcome. There are many Irish tunes played, but the choice is much wider. The next sessions will be held on 12th April, 10th May and 14th June. Further information from jan.scofield@hotmail.com/ 01366 377612; 07949972282.

Shouldham Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 14 Consultation

In January 2023 you gave your views on what matters to you about living in and around Shouldham. Those views have been developed into a draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The Plan will help shape how the village develops over the coming years by guiding decisions on housing, green spaces, local facilities and the character of the parish for years to come.

The Plan will soon be made available to you as part of a village-wide consultation that will run from 20th April to 1st June 2026

Your contribution to the consultation is important.

Further details will be announced nearer to the start date. These will include where copies of the plan will be available, how to make comments and when a presentation in the village hall will take place.

King's Arms volunteers

As most of you know, the King's Arms was bought by the community in 2014 and remains a thriving business and an essential part of the fabric of the village. Like most community-owned pubs it has



had the benefit of many individuals freely giving of their time performing various tasks, from admin, gardening and general maintenance to helping with the annual beer festival. This has not only helped the pub, but has also led to new friendships and a sense of camaraderie for those involved.

The present volunteers are happy to continue with their roles, but we're always on the look-out for 'new blood' to join the happy band, to help ensure the future wellbeing of our beloved pub. So, if you potentially have a few hours to spare and would like to get involved or have more information, please send an email to: events@kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk

Become a friend and change a life

Unpaid carers can feel isolated, lonely or overwhelmed by the demands of looking after a family member or friend with disability or long-term illness. While they do an amazing job every day caring for someone who could not manage without their help, they may feel like they are alone in what they do and how they feel.

Caring Together Charity's Norfolk befriending service aims to make a difference to carers who have such emotions and we are looking for volunteers to get involved in the Shouldham area.

Our volunteer befrienders are on hand for a regular catch-up over a cuppa, or maybe a walk or shopping trip, so you can have a chat, share a laugh and know you are not on your own.

One carer explained how important our befriending service was to them. 'The befriending service has given me support and someone to listen to me. It's allowed me to discuss my anxiety and worries over caring for my husband.'

For volunteers, our Norfolk befriending service is also a fulfilling way of giving something back. One of our befrienders said: 'I know my visits are really appreciated. This gives me a sense of wellbeing and achievement.'

Another commented: 'I wanted to volunteer because I was going through a tough time myself and I felt that helping someone else would help me.'

Could you spare an hour or two each week to become a friendly face for someone in your local community who needs a lift? We will support you all the way.

A regular visit could transform a carer's life – and yours too!

Interested in befriending? We would love to hear from you! Email volunteers@caringtogether.org or call 0345 241 0954.



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ziamason84@gmail.com

Tea with a Pony returns at the Magpie Centre

The popular Tea with a Pony sessions return for the 2026 season from 6th May to early October at The Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall (PE33 0EP), home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). These relaxed, inclusive sessions offer groups the chance to meet our ponies, learn about their care and the work of RDA, and enjoy tea and cake together. The sessions are popular with community groups, care homes, schools and well-being organisations, providing therapeutic pony interaction in a calm setting. We also offer engaging local talks about RDA and our work. To learn more, contact: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk/ 01553 810202.

Rain/weather...

(with apologies to the poet Thomas Hardy)

This is the weather the ducks like.

And so do I!!

But that's a lot of nonsense,

Of course it's a lie!

The dog loves to run out and about in the rain,

Expects me to go too, but it's really a pain.

The car has recently had a respray,

It was very cheap, nothing to pay,

It changed from white to mottled brown...

Done very quickly, as I drove into town.

The ducks love it, and like to waddle about

The pigs love the mud on the end of their snout.

The sun appears and you grab your coat,

Five minutes later and you're completely soaked!

Then suddenly it's colder, and don't you just know.

What came down as rain, is descending as snow!!

Liz S



Big Tommy Sleep Out

Once again, the Shouldham community astound me with their kindness and generosity. Huge thanks to all those who have generously donated to Big Tommy Sleep Out, thereby supporting those homeless and/or unemployed veterans of our Armed Services who fall through the cracks of our welfare system. The current total raised is £925, so Shouldham, thank you very much!

Tim Peers



Carols round the tree

Following carols round the tree and the get-together in the King's Arms afterwards, complete with Christmas Quiz, the grand amount of £636 was raised. This was split equally between Shouldham's All Saints' Church and the King's Lynn Night Shelter. A big thank-you to Jo, her staff and all the helpers.

Jennifer Malby

Marham Pre-school

It is with great sadness that I have to let everyone know that after 53 years of serving Marham and the surrounding villages, Marham Village Pre-school will be closing at the end of the summer term.

We have been based in The Annex at Cherry Tree Junior School for the last ten years, but now the school wants its building back to use as classrooms. We have searched around the area for other premises but have found nothing suitable.

Marham Village Pre-school has been the local pre-school for Shouldham children since the one in the village closed around 26 years ago, and is still the only option for two-to-three year-olds until they can go to the school nursery. We would like to thank everyone who has been a part of the Pre-school during this time.

Julie Walkey

The Oil Crisis

Once again, we are all worrying about the price and supply of oil. In 1973/74 the UK was affected by the Arab nations rationing oil. Some of you will remember that industries went to a three-day working week. Power across the UK was subject to outages and there were queues at petrol stations with people fretting about getting to work etc.

I was involved with British Telecom to ensure that telephone exchanges never lost power, as emergency services would then be uncontactable – no mobile phones then. Each exchange had backup generators and large batteries situated in dedicated rooms. The batteries would be able to supply 50 volts DC for about 24 hours. After that, the system would fail. So, my colleagues and I went around test-running generators. Where they were insufficient, we provided mobile sets and connected them up.

At that time, the Government of the day said we must increase resilience so this would never happen again. All the clichés like 'lessons have been learnt' were bandied about. Yet, it seems no lessons have been learnt and we now find ourselves in a similar position, depending on the duration of the conflict. All UK Governments of all persuasions seem to employ 'short termism philosophies'.

Still, Spring is here and we live in Shouldham – so we must count our blessings.

Ray Watts

King's Arms Shouldham Beer Festival 2026



Friday 4th September 5-11pm

Saturday 5th September 1-11pm

Sunday 6th September 12-6 pm

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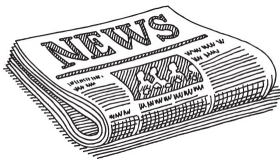
Shouldham News' advertising rates are:

- 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 7th June), please contact John Dovey (347802/ jadovey@hotmail.com). *Shouldham News* is published four times a year and distributed free of charge to all households in Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe.

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!

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.

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). 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: Caroline Beckwith (07960 507135).

Ladybirds

Shouldham women's social group.

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

lorna.mackay@hotmail.co.uk).

Scouting

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

Brownies. Meet at Runcion 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: Jo Lloyd, Parish Clerk (01760 632011 /clerk@shouldham-pc.gov.uk; office hours 8am-6pm Mon-Fri). Website: <http://shouldhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>.

Shouldham Post Office

Westgate Street, Shouldham (01366 347789). Open 9am-1pm, 2-5pm Mon, Tue, Thur; 9am-noon Wed. Closed Fri-Sun.

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 King'slynn@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk

Keith Matthews Accountancy

Contact 01366 348359/ keithjmatthews@aol.com

Kings Arms

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 events@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.

Wednesday 8th April	Green Bin
Tuesday 14th April	Black Bin
Tuesday 21st April	Green Bin
Tuesday 28th April	Black Bin
Tuesday 5th May	Green Bin
Tuesday 12th May	Black Bin
Tuesday 19th May	Green Bin
Tuesday 26th May	Black Bin
Tuesday 2nd June	Green Bin
Tuesday 9th June	Black Bin
Tuesday 16th June	Green Bin
Tuesday 23rd June	Black Bin
Tuesday 30th June	Green Bin



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.

Easter Sunday 5th April, noon-3pm, The Green: **CARS ON THE GREEN**. Classic cars displayed on the village green, held on the first Sunday of the month until October.

Easter Sunday 5th April, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six. Run by the King's Arms Cricket Club.

Easter Monday 6th April, from 4pm, King's Arms: **SHOULDHAM'S GREAT SAUSAGE ROLL-OFF & EASTER EGG RAFFLE!** Entry fee £2.50, with all proceeds going to Tapping House Hospice. Easter egg tickets are £2 a square (see the board in the pub), also in aid of Tapping House. Eggs kindly donated by John McGourty. Further details: jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339.

Sunday 12th April, 10.30am, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **PRE-SEASON MEETING FOR BOWLERS**. Anyone is welcome to come and hear what the bowling season offers.

Sunday 12th April, 5-8pm, King's Arms: **ACOUSTIC MUSIC SESSION**. Further information from jan.scofield@hotmail.com/ 01366 377612; 07949972282.

Sunday 19th April, 2pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **OPENING OF THE BOWLING GREEN**. Short games of bowls followed by hot food and puddings. All welcome to spectate or join in.

Thursday 23rd April, tee times 1-1.30pm, Swaffham Golf Course: **SHOULDHAM GOLF OPEN**. Fees: (non-Swaffham GC members): £40; competition entry fee: £5. A post-game meal and prize-giving will be held at the King's Arms. To enter, contact Nige at seebnige@live.co.uk (closing date April 9th). Organised by the Shouldham Entertainment Committee

Saturday 2nd May, all day, King's Arms: **KING'S ARMS ANNUAL PARTY**. Live music from Bears Eat Beats from 7pm.

Sunday 3rd 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 and a barbecue between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Full brief on route and stops provided on the morning. Entrance £2 per person, £5 per family.

Sunday 3rd May, noon-3pm, The Green: **CARS ON THE GREEN**. Classic cars displayed on the village green, held on the first Sunday of the month until October.

Sunday 3rd May, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six.

Saturday 9th May, 7pm, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **RAFFLE, BAR MEALS & MUSIC**. Contact the club (www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com/01366 348196/ susannewbyrobson@gmail.com) for details.

Sunday 10th May, 5-8pm, King's Arms: **ACOUSTIC MUSIC SESSION**. Further information from jan.scofield@hotmail.com/ 01366 377612; 07949972282.

Saturday 30th May, 8-11pm, King's Arms: **80s DISCO**. Fancy dress positively encouraged!

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 7th June, noon-3pm, The Green: **CARS ON THE GREEN**. Classic cars displayed on the village green, held on the first Sunday of the month until October.

Sunday 7th June, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six. Supporting Veterans at Ease charity.

Sunday 7th 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 mid-September 2026), 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/>

Monday 8th June, 8.30-11am, King's Arms: **POP-UP CAFE**. Charity coffee and cake morning supporting Veterans at Ease charity. Please contact Jo (jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

Sunday 14th June, 5-8pm, King's Arms: **ACOUSTIC MUSIC SESSION**. Further information from jan.scofield@hotmail.com/ 01366 377612; 07949972282.

Thursday 18th June, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **LADIES' ASCOT DAY**. A fun time with afternoon tea, strawberries and cream and raffle racing. Ticket event.

Sunday 28th June, starting at 11am, King George V Playing Field, Shouldham: **VILLAGE CRICKET DAY**. Fun for all the family.

Saturday 4th July, noon-4pm, Village Green, Shouldham: **SHOULDHAM VILLAGE FETE**. Tractor rides, dog show, bouncy castle, stalls, tea and cakes, raffle and so much more! Entrance free.

Sunday 5th July, noon-3pm, The Green: **CARS ON THE GREEN**. Classic cars displayed on the village green, held on the first Sunday of the month until October.

Sunday 5th July, 7pm, King's Arms: **CHARITY PUB QUIZ**. Entrance £2.50 per person. Teams of up to six. Supporting Headway (brain-injury charity).

Monday 6th July, 8.30-11am, King's Arms: **POP-UP CAFE**. Charity coffee and cake morning supporting Headway (brain-injury charity). Please contact Jo (jofreeman17@outlook.com; 07801 866339) if you would like to donate cakes/biscuits or wish to help.

Saturday 11th July, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **HOG ROAST**. A celebration of 80 years of Shouldham Bowls Club. More details to follow in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

Sunday 12th July, 5-8pm, King's Arms: **ACOUSTIC MUSIC SESSION**. Further information from jan.scofield@hotmail.com/ 01366 377612; 07949972282.

Sunday 26th July, 10am-2pm, around Shouldham: **VILLAGE YARD SALES**. To get your house on the map, please contact ziamason84@gmail.com. More details in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

Sunday 16th August, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **BOWLS TOURNAMENT**. Shouldham Club Bowlers are celebrating their 80th year by hosting local bowls clubs for a day of friendly competitive bowling.

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September, The Green, **SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL**. More details in the Summer edition of *Shouldham News*.

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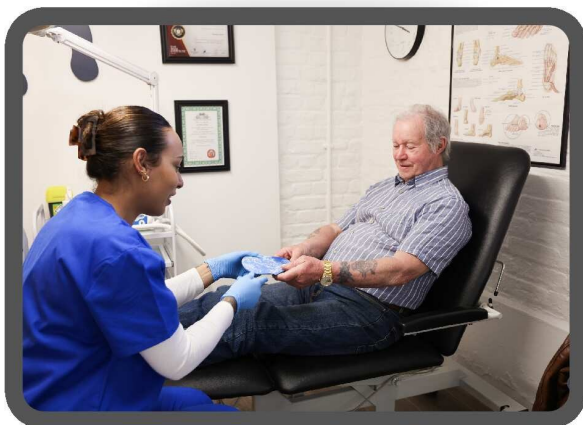
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