

SHOULDHAM NEWS

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Hot on the heels

We're in the midst of a social whirl: no sooner have we recovered (fundamentally speaking) from the village bike ride, than summer is upon us. And after another successful spin around the beautiful villages – and welcoming hostelries – in the vicinity of Shouldham, we're now heading full pelt towards some of our main social events of 2026. A highlight, this year as ever, is the *Shouldham Village Fete*, which will take place on our handsome village green on Saturday 4th July (noon-4pm). Entrance is free and you can expect tractor rides, a dog show, bouncy castle, stalls, tea and cakes, raffle and plenty more.

Another treasured annual event is the *All Saints' Flower Festival*, the main fundraiser for our church (which currently needs all the funds it can get). The festival takes place over the August Bank Holiday (Saturday 29th to Monday 31st, 10am-5pm) at the church. This year's theme is 'A Grand Day Out'.

As well as these fixtures on our calendar, there will be two one-off events happening over the summer. On Sunday 19th July (which happens to be the date of the World Cup Final), the Bowls & Social Club will be celebrating its 80th anniversary with a *Hog Roast*. The Club has seen much success since its foundation in 1946 and will be putting on what promises to be an enjoyable get-together through the afternoon. Afterwards, the match will be screened on the Club's big TV so that everyone can see Harry Kane lift the trophy in the evening. Not to be left out, the King's Arms is holding a special event on 19th August when poet Luke Wright will appear for one night only, performing his show *Pub Grub*: a celebration of the local boozier.

Finally, the summer comes to an end with the hugely popular *Beer, Cider, Gin & Music Festival*, which this year will take place from 4th to 6th September on the Green. See details of all these events in this issue's *Dates for your Diaries*. Small wonder our little village is the envy of West Norfolk.

Marie Curie Tea Party

This year's *Marie Curie Tea Party* will take place on Shouldham Village Green on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm. There will be the usual teas and delectable home-baked cakes plus the opportunity to donate to a very worthy cause.



Cash for glass



We are very proud that *Shouldham News* is produced largely by volunteers. However, there is a cost for printing every issue. Did you know that proceeds from the Bottle Bank in the King's Arms car park help to fund this? If you can spare a few minutes, please take your empties (clean bottles and jars) over to the Bottle Bank. What better way of earning yourself a drink afterwards?

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.

Advertising in Shouldham News



Shouldham News' advertising rates are:

Classified (up to three lines): £1

Quarter page: £10

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For further details, or to place an ad in the Autumn edition (deadline Sunday 6th September) please contact John Dovey (347802/ jadovey@hotmail.com).

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Council services: the three tiers of Local Government – who does what?

The three tiers of Local Government are responsible for different services within Shouldham and beyond.

Norfolk County Council is responsible for:

Transport & highways

Roadside verges and some hedges

Footpaths, pavements and public rights of way

Children's services

Schools

Health & social services

Libraries

Some street lighting

Waste & Recycling centres

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk is responsible for:

Planning

Household rubbish collections

Council Tax collection

Housing

Licensing

Environmental issues

Dog fouling

Nuisance & noise complaints

Electoral services

Shouldham Parish Council is responsible for:

King George V Playing Field

Play area

Public toilets

Village Green

Dog and litter bins

Phone box

Benches

Responding to planning applications

Speed monitoring sign

Closed Churchyard

flower FESTIVAL

August 29th-31st 2026

Floral arrangers are welcome to create a display based on the theme of 'A Grand Day Out'

Volunteers welcome as cake bakers,
stewards and sponsors

Bric-a-brac donations also welcomed

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

More information on 01366 347856

If you notice a problem with any of these services or areas you can contact the relevant authority.

Contact Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020, or report via website at www.norfolk.gov.uk

Contact Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk on [01553 616200](tel:01553616200) or at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk

Contact Shouldham Parish Council via the clerk on 01760 632011 or by emailing clerk@shouldham-pc.gov.uk

There are also links on the Parish Council website to help you report issues to the County and Borough Councils, taking you directly to the correct webpages.

Go to www.shouldham-pc.gov.uk and click on Local Services / Reporting.

Borough and County Councillors

You can also contact your local Borough and County Councillors to raise issues.

Shouldham is represented on the Borough Council by two Councillors. They are Cllr Pallavi Devulapalli, email cllr.pallavi.devulapalli@west-norfolk.gov.uk and Cllr Jim Moriarty, email cllr.james.moriarty@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Shouldham has a new County Councillor, Cllr Mike Westman, email mike.westman.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

All Saints' Flower Festival

As ever, the All Saints' Flower Festival will take place over the Bank Holiday weekend 29th-31st August, 10am-5pm, supporting Shouldham's church. The theme this year is 'A Grand Day Out'. There will be the usual delicious cakes and teas, a bric-a-brac stall and a tombola – as well as wonderful flower arrangements. Could we make a special appeal for new arrangers (no experience necessary), cake and savoury bakers throughout the weekend, donations to the bric-a-brac stall and volunteers to help steward? Thank you!

LIVE PERFORMANCE IN YOUR LOCAL

INN CROWD

LUKE WRIGHT

PUB GRUB

Expect loads of laughs, a few more coins in the swear jar, and a sore head in the morning.

Wednesday 19th August, 7pm
The King's Arms
 28 The Green, Shouldham, PE33 0BY
Tickets: £8 , including bar snacks
Available via Ticket Source, at the bar or call 01366 347410
 Suitable for ages 14+ (some swearing and adult themes)

SCAN

COMMUNITY GROUP THE KING'S ARMS SHOULDHAM SINCE 2014

"A sardonic comic verve to rival Stewart Lee."
 ★★★★★
 The Telegraph

Shouldham Entertainments Committee / Creative Arts East present: Luke Wright, 'Pub Grub'

For one night only, award-winning performance poet Luke Wright will appear in his show, *Pub Grub*: a celebration of the local boozer. Fittingly the performance will take place in the King's Arms – on Wednesday August 19th at 7pm. It is brought to Shouldham as part of 'Inn Crowd' and presented by Shouldham Entertainments Committee in conjunction with Creative Arts East. Tickets: £8 including Jo's bar snacks: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shouldham-entertainments-committee> or book on 01366 347410 and pay on the door. Age guidance 14+.

INN Crowd is a partnership project from:



Find out more by visiting inncrowd.org.uk

Westbriggs Drove

Not far away, just down Westbriggs Drove,

There is an oak tree with shapes so strange and bold,

I can see the head of a horse,

And a huge bird... I know not what.

But the old oak stands supreme

With bark that's riddled with knots,

I wonder who lives within that tree,

Maybe it could tell a story to you and me.

Thoughts along Gallows Lane

I wonder as I park my car in Gallows Lane...

The history... does it mean what it says?

As I walk up the hill, and follow the path,

Are there spirits of the dead flying past?

I must find a book and see what it means...

Gallows Lane... was it death for people now unseen?

Liz S

From the Vicar

The Rev'd Canon Dr David Karoon

All Saints' Church exists to serve all who live in the parish of Shouldham, and we take this responsibility seriously. But the Church of England has changed significantly in the past 30 years and our church in Shouldham has had to adapt to this new environment. Let me explain.



First, the Church of England is structured into larger administrative regions, descending from the national church down to your local pew; the Diocese is the largest regional area and is overseen by a Bishop. From here we have two Archdeaconries and various groups of deaneries. Narrowing it further and we have a Benefice which is a group of parishes, while at the most local level is the Parish. In the past, most parishes were also their own benefice with their own vicar.

Second, although All Saints' Church remains a parish, it is now a parish within the West Norfolk Priory Group Benefice; it is no longer a parish and benefice in its own right. This means that Shouldham now has to share her priest, Lay Ministers and other resources with 12 other villages in West Norfolk. But this does not mean that Shouldham is subsidising other churches; on the contrary, it is the contribution of these other 12 churches that keeps ministry possible in Shouldham. It means too that any financial contribution to Shouldham Church stays in Shouldham and is used for local purposes.

Third, All Saints' Church Shouldham is no longer a parish and benefice in its own right because our church is no longer able to provide for this. In 2025, Shouldham Church contributed just under 8% of what it costs to keep a parish viable in the contemporary Church of England.

Fourth, being a parish within a wider benefice means that we have to share our resources. We have a small team of Lay Ministers who lead worship and provide other ministries to parishioners in Shouldham and beyond. It means too that Safeguarding and other compliance issues receive support from the wider group of churches. Being part of a wider benefice also helps us to share our resources as we seek to serve our schools, residential homes, parishioners who are hospitalised or housebound, etc.

What can you do? Perhaps, you can try to support your local church by attending as often as you can. At All Saints' Church Shouldham, we have services on the first and third Sunday of each month; for the rest of the month, there are services in neighbouring parishes at which you will be made very welcome. Check the website for more details.

If you are able, you can support All Saints' Church Shouldham financially. We get no money from the Church of England or the Diocese of Ely. A small group of us have to raise all the funds for ministry, insurance, utilities, repairs and more. You can make one-off donations or contribute a fixed sum every month. All your donations go into the local bank account of Shouldham Church and will be used for the work of your parish church.

With prayerful good wishes,

DK, The Revd Canon Dr David

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ziamason84@gmail.com

Tea with a Pony at The Magpie Centre

We're delighted to announce that our much-loved Tea with a Pony sessions are returning for the 2026 season. Sessions began on 6th May and will run through until the beginning of October. Tea with a Pony offers a relaxed, welcoming opportunity to meet our wonderful ponies up close, enjoy refreshments, and learn more about the work of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and The Magpie Centre (Wallington Hall, Runcton Holme, PE33 0EP). These sessions are designed to be inclusive, friendly and accessible, creating meaningful experiences for people of all ages.



Shouldham Bowls Club is 80!

Congratulations to Shouldham Bowls & Social Club which is this year celebrating its 80th anniversary. To commemorate the event there will be a hog roast held at the Club on Sunday 19th July at 1.30pm. Tickets will cost £10 (£5 for children) for Hog roast and desserts. The Club will stay open for the World Cup Final in the evening. Contact the

Club for further details: <https://www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com/>

Watlington Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Committee is still looking for new members, especially to represent the whole of the Watlington surgery footprint. Anyone interested in joining the PPG Committee please email Margaret at watlingtonppg@gmail.com. The Committee was sad to hear that Amanda Moss had decided to retire. She will be missed by everyone and we wish her well. The Surgery has a new leadership team of Dr Ankit Kant and Mrs Stephanie Belham. Hannah Munnelly takes on the role of Patient Support Team Manager and the long-term shortfall in available GP hours has been resolved with the arrival of three part-time doctors. The next committee meeting will be held at 2-3pm at Watlington Surgery on July 28th.

Margaret, Robert and Sue

Forthcoming Sunday Services

5th July

9.30am, Runcton Holme (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Morning Prayer);
11am, Marham (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

12th July

9.30am, Shouldham Thorpe (Holy Communion); 11am, Fincham (Morning Prayer); 11am, Stow Bridge (Holy Communion); 11am, Watlington (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

19th July

9.30am, Wormegay (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Holy Communion); 11am, Marham (Sunday Service);
6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

26th July

9.30am, Fincham (Holy Communion); 9.30am, Tottenhill (Holy Communion); 11am, Wimbotsham@Stow (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

2nd August

9.30am, Runcton Holme (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Morning Prayer); 11am, Marham (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

9th August

9.30am, Shouldham Thorpe (Holy Communion); 11am, Fincham (Morning Prayer); 11am, Stow Bridge (Holy Communion); 11am, Watlington (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

16th August

9.30am, Wormegay (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Holy Communion); 11am, Marham (Sunday Service);
6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

23rd August

9.30am, Fincham (Holy Communion); 9.30am, Tottenhill (Holy Communion); 11am, Wimbotsham@Stow (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

30th August

11am, Stow Bardolph (Benefice Harvest Eucharist); 6.30pm, Online and Phone (Evening Prayer)

6th September

9.30am, Runcton Holme (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Morning Prayer); 11am, Marham (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

13th September

9.30am, Shouldham Thorpe (Holy Communion); 11am, Fincham (Morning Prayer); 11am, Stow Bridge (Holy Communion); 11am, Watlington (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

20th September

9.30am, Wormegay (Holy Communion); 11am, Shouldham (Holy Communion); 11am, Marham (Sunday Service);
6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

27th September

9.30am, Fincham (Holy Communion); 9.30am, Tottenhill (Holy Communion); 11am, Wimbotsham@Stow (Holy Communion); 6pm, Online & Phone (Evening Prayer)

News from Westacre Theatre

Thanks to our incredibly supportive community, a few grants and lots of fundraising, summer at Westacre Theatre is officially *on*! We have by some miracle managed to raise enough money to buy a brand-new shiny Theatre Tent and we couldn't be more excited to bring theatre under the big Norfolk skies to you this summer. We have a fabulous Summer line-up – from our infamous Summer Picnics to Shakespeare, and action-packed pop-up workshops for young people.

Lady Windermere's Fan July 4th, 5pm

A sparkling revival of Oscar Wilde's play brimming with wit, charm, and the company's signature comedic flair. Adults £18, under-21s £10.

Bowjangles 19th July, 12pm-3pm

Enjoy an afternoon of sensational music from a classical quartet with a twist, by the lake. Bring a picnic. All tickets £14; under-10s free.

The DixieMix 26th July, 12pm-3pm

An electrifying mix of swing, Dixieland, and toe-tapping energy: live by the lake. Bring a picnic. All tickets £14; under-10s free.

Sense and Sensibility 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 27th, 29th August, 7.30pm; plus 8th & 15th August, 2.30pm

Jane Austen's most beloved tale of love and the eternal battle between head and heart. Adults £16, under-21s £10.

Comedy of Errors 18th, 19th, 20th, 21th, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, August, 7:30pm; plus 22nd & 29th August at 2.30pm

Shakespeare's wildest farce gets a high-octane makeover, staged in the open air. Expect toe-tapping swing numbers and a kaleidoscope of vintage charm. Adults £16, under-21s £10.

Sheringham Shantymen 30th August, 12pm-3pm

Join the much-loved Sheringham Shantymen for a rousing afternoon of sea shanties, rich harmonies and maritime charm, live by the lake. Bring a picnic! All tickets £14; under-10s free.

Twelfth Night 19th September, 3pm and 7:30pm

Family-friendly fun with live music and audience participation.

Summer workshops for young people will also be run, including:

Bugsy Malone (in a week); 'Ya know, for kids!'; Being Lady Macbeth, directed by David Lloyd-Peck. The Secret Art Club is popping up this summer along with Wild! @Westacre, welcoming kids back to the island for Campfires and Crafting. And Midsummer Mayhem: Camilla brings fun-packed, imagination-building, confidence-boosting, dramatic adventures.

Liz Brewer. Please see www.westacretheatre.com for full details of what's on at Westacre this summer.

Farmers need our support

Terry Jermy MP

As MP for South West Norfolk, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Farming, and Member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee, it is fair to say that I am concerned about the future of farming and the numerous challenges facing the industry.



Having lobbied the Government to provide targeted support to farmers who are facing pricing shocks as a result of the conflict in the Middle East, I was pleased with the Chancellor's recent £400 million support package.

Included in the package was the announcement that the Government will be cutting the duty rate on red diesel by over a third per litre, from 10.18p to 6.48p – the lowest rate in over 20 years – to support farmers who are facing substantially increased costs on fertiliser and fuel due to the war in Iran. This lower rate will take effect from June 15th and remain in place until December, supporting the agricultural sector in the fuel-intensive harvest period through to the end of the year. This will help to keep the cost of doing business down at a difficult time when red diesel prices are around 50% more than their pre-crisis levels.

I was also pleased with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) confirming the launch date of 30th June for the Government's newly refreshed Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) scheme. Following the pause of the scheme last year, I worked with West Norfolk farmers to collate their thoughts and feedback on the scheme's previous iteration, and the ways this support could be better targeted and implemented. I fed their views back to DEFRA Ministers and other Government officials to help ensure the new SFI would better support farmers.

Recently, I also met with Angela Eagle, Minister of State for Farming in DEFRA, to discuss precision breeding and the UK-EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement. The SPS Agreement is the proposed framework which will form a new strategic partnership with the EU on the trade and movement of plants, plant products, animals, animal products, feed and food. It is designed to make trade faster and cheaper, smooth supply changes, and help improve the number of exports from the UK following the implications of Brexit, by allowing for the vast majority of the above movements to be undertaken without certificates or controls.

I have spoken with many West Norfolk farmers in addition to researchers and scientists from the University of East Anglia and across the region about the proposed framework, particularly in relation to precision breeding where the UK is the global leader. The SPS Agreement is currently being negotiated, and I was pleased to meet with the Minister to share the feedback of West Norfolk to help inform the proposed policy measures and negotiations.

If you are a West Norfolk farmer and would like to meet, or share your thoughts or ideas to help inform Government policy, please do email me: terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk.

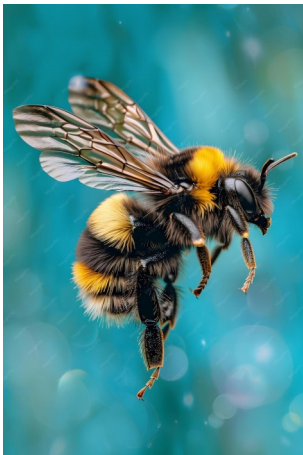
Over the summer, I will be embarking on my second constituency listening tour, where I will be visiting 31 of our South West Norfolk villages to meet with residents. Should you wish to arrange a time to meet, please do get in touch via my email above.

The Bumble Bee and the Red Kite :

The bumble bee and the red kite, can they be so alike?
You may think how silly, but watch them both in flight.
The red kite turns its tail, lifts its wings, rises into the sky.
The bumble bee turns its wings, hums a tune, and disappears...
out of sight...

The red kite does what it does, high in the heavens,
Who knows what that may be...
While the bumble bee goes head down into a foxglove flower,
And, who knows, what's there for its tea!
So 'compare and contrast' like you do at school...
The bee goes round and round... and down...
The kite goes round... and up and down...
You rarely see them on the ground...
But they are so alike... 'Happy as can be/bee'...
Doing what they like doing...
Flying around for us to admire and see.

Liz S



Veterans Central

Open Day

The Veterans Central charity is based at West Raynham SHQ (NR21 7PL) and is a facility for military veterans, serving personnel and families, to support activities, well-being and social engagement. Veterans Central is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. On Sunday 19th July (10am-3pm) we shall be holding our Annual Open Day, our biggest event of the year with a wide range of military and other displays, aircraft cockpits and vehicles, classic cars, craft stalls, children's activity zone, games and activities – including axe throwing and archery, a massive tombola and book sale, a barbecue and hog roast, live music and more.

For more information, email events@veteranscentral.co.uk. If you would like to participate in one or more events, email ops@veteranscentral.co.uk.

Drop-in centre

Our Swaffham drop-in centre is now well established (and popular) and we have fixed dates for the rest of 2026: fourth Tuesday of the month, 10.30am to 1pm. Join us for hot drinks, cakes and conversation. Venue: The Regency Room, Swaffham Assembly Rooms. You are welcome to bring partners or carers. Contact ops@veteranscentral.co.uk/0771 3860040.



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Bin & recycling collection dates

Food waste is collected every week in its separate caddy. Bin collection day is usually on Tuesday.

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

NB: Messages from the council: 'Due to the significant fire in Thetford, we are not able to undertake kerbside collections of batteries and small electrical items for the time being'; 'There is a delay on all brown bin processing – deliveries, change of addresses and removals. We aim to action all enquiries within four weeks.'

Tuesday 30th June Green bin

Tuesday 7th July Black bin

Tuesday 14th July Green bin

Tuesday 21st July Black bin

Tuesday 28th July Green bin

Tuesday 4th August Black bin

Tuesday 11th August Green bin

Tuesday 18th August Black bin

Tuesday 25th August Green bin

Wednesday 2nd September Black bin

Tuesday 8th September Green bin

Tuesday 15th September Black bin

Tuesday 22nd September Green bin

Tuesday 29th September Black bin



Organisations, clubs & services

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

All Saints' Church

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

Vicar: Reverend Canon Dr 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/ lor-na.mackay@hotmail.co.uk).

Scouting

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

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

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

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

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

Shouldham Bowls & Social Club

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

For all bookings and enquiries, contact the Club at: susannewbyrob-son@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

<https://drivingmissdaisy.co.uk/kings-lynn/>

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, 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/>

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.

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. See poster in this issue.

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.

Wednesday 8th July, 2pm, The Green: **MARIE CURIE TEA PARTY**. Tea and cakes on the Green, all in a good cause.

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

Sunday 19th July, Shouldham Bowls & Social Club: **HOG ROAST**. A celebration of 80 years of Shouldham Bowls Club. Tickets (hog roast plus dessert) £10 (£5 for children). The Club will stay open for the World Cup Final in the evening. Contact the Club for further details: <https://www.shouldhambowlsandsocialclub.com/> 01366 348196. *Note change of date!*

Sunday 26th July, 10am-2pm, around Shouldham: **VILLAGE YARD SALES**. To get your house on the map, please contact ziamason84@gmail.com. See poster in this issue.

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.

Wednesday August 19th, 7pm, King's Arms: **LUKE WRIGHT, 'PUB GRUB'**. A one-night-only performance from award-winning performance poet Luke Wright, a celebration of the local boozier. Tickets: £8 including Jo's bar snacks: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shouldham-entertainments-committee> or book on 01366 347410 and pay on the door. Age guidance 14+.

Saturday 29th to Monday 31st August, 10am-5pm, All Saints' Church, Shouldham: **ALL SAINTS' FLOWER FESTIVAL**. The theme this year is 'A Grand Day Out'. There will be the usual delicious cakes and teas, a bric-a-brac stall and a tombola – as well as wonderful flower arrangements. *Contact alex@agpr.co.uk / 01366 347856.*

Friday 4th September 5-11pm, Saturday 5th September 1-11pm, Sunday 6th September noon-6pm, The Green, **SUMMER BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**. Live bands, local food and lots of beer, cider and gin from Norfolk and beyond. Free entrance plus free camping on the playing field. See poster in this issue.

Sunday 6th September: **SHOULDHAM NEWS DEADLINE**. The final date for submissions to the Autumn edition. If you have any news, views or details of forthcoming events (up to mid-December 2026), please contact Phil Harriss (01366 347244 or 07779678074/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/>

Saturday 12th December and Sunday 13th December, Shouldham Village Hall: **A SHOULDHAM CHRISTMAS CAROL**. Advance notice of our extraordinary village panto. Box office opens end of October.



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