

# SHIPDHAM NEWS



NOVEMBER 2023

*We will  
remember them*



*Services of Remembrance*



*Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November 2023*

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## A LINE FROM LAURA

Wow! It is November. How did that happen? I am sure I am not the only one saying it! Has anyone started their Christmas shopping? I haven't. November is a full month in the life of our churches. On Sunday 5th November we enter a new season in church life. Remembrance season. It begins on 5th November with All Saints. There will be a united benefice service that evening in St Nicholas' Church in Dereham where we remember and give thanks for those whom we love and see no longer.

The following weekend is Remembrance weekend. We will gather in St Andrew's Bradenham at 10.45am on Saturday 11th November to remember those who gave their lives in service of their country. We will do the same at All Saints' Shipdham on Sunday 12th November again at 10:45am.

Both Shipdham and Bradenham celebrate their Patronal festivals in November, that is the service for the person or people the church is named after. Shipdham will celebrate All Saints' Sunday during Café Church on 5th November and Bradenham will celebrate St Andrew's Day in our service on Sunday 26th November.

November finishes with a celebration called Christ the King. The Christian year begins with Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas and so we end our year the week before as we proclaim him as King and remember that he reigns. It is a wonderful chance to end the year in celebration.

We would love to see you at any of our services this month, you are always welcome, and if not at a service, our churches are open daily if you need a quiet place to sit and reflect.

Finally for this month, just a reminder that All Saints' Shipdham hosts the Breckland Mobile Food Bus every Wednesday morning. It is a wonderful resource for all of the village. I often stock up or get a little treat that would be more expensive at a normal supermarket. And while the bus is with us the side chapel in the church is open and heated and the tea and coffee is ready and waiting for you – do pop in and say hi.

I pray your November is peaceful and blessed as we take time to remember and then celebrate.

God bless, Laura.

Christ the King statue in Swiebodzin, Poland  
Trip Adviser



# NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

There is a celebration of **Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 11.30 am** at All Saints' Church, Shipdham.

Come along to **Café Church at 9:30 am on the first Sunday of the month** to meet us in an informal environment.

## **Sunday 5th November**

9:30 am	Café Church (informal service)	All Saints' Shipdham
9:30 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Andrew's Bradenham
3pm	All Souls' Service	St Nicholas' Dereham

## **Saturday 11th November**

10:45 am	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's Bradenham
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## **Sunday 12th November**

9.30 am	Remembrance Café Church	Bradenham Village Hall
10:45am	Remembrance Service	All Saints' Shipdham

## **Sunday 19th November**

9:30 am	Choral Matins	St Andrew's Bradenham
11:15 am	Holy Communion	All Saints' Shipdham

## **Sunday 26th November**

9:30am	Holy Communion for St Andrew's Day	St Andrew's Bradenham
11:15 am	Parish Communion on Christ the King	All Saints' Shipdham

**Everyone is welcome to every service.  
The church is open during daylight hours every day  
for quiet prayer and reflection.**

**We will be praying in November for all those who live in:**

**Shipdham:** Richard Haggard Close, Park Highatt Drive, Townsend Place, Greenwood Way, Larwood Way, Mews Court, Oak Meadow.

**Bradenham:** Hall Hill, Bradenham Lane, Green Lane.

If you have any specific needs or people that you would like us to pray for, please contact Revd Doreen Fotherby



# ALL SAINTS' TOWER FLOODLIGHTING



November's Tower floodlighting is sponsored in memory of the Fallen in both World Wars and all conflicts and active service since.

We remember them, we honour them, we pray for their loved ones.

The tower and church floodlights illuminate the path through our churchyard, allowing us to make our way in the dark. Let us hope that more light shines throughout Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, and in those countries in the midst of civil war and/or terrorist insurgency. A total of 32 countries according to some figures.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting at All Saints' Church for a particular month to commemorate a special person or event, please contact Theresa Hewett on [trhewett@outlook.com](mailto:trhewett@outlook.com) or by telephone to 01362 820354. The suggested donation is £35 per month.

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If you would like to join our small and committed team, please contact Rev Laura.

# MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A very successful coffee morning was held on 30th September in the WI Hall. The hall was buzzing with chat and hopefully everyone enjoyed catching up or meeting new people.

The villagers of Shipdham and Bradenham really are very generous and the amazing amount of just short of £800 was raised with thanks to a donation from Shipdham Knitters as well.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the morning setting up and clearing away afterwards.

Thank you everyone and see you all again next year.

Sue, Juliet and Jo

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## Wednesday Warm Space and Warm Welcome

Pop in to All Saints' Church on a **Wednesday morning, from 9am to 11.30am**, where you will find a warm welcome and a hot drink. The Breckland Mobile Food Bus stops outside All Saints at the same time.

Everyone Welcome



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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## The Drynkings

Our annual Medieval May Church Ales is all set to return to the village on May Day, Monday 6th May 2024

It takes a team to run this event, with a whole variety of tasks to share from running a stall to organising the Tug of War, from booking the ice cream van to judging the Dog Show.

Please contact Rev Laura if you would like to be involved—  
[revlaurapurnell@gmail.com](mailto:revlaurapurnell@gmail.com)



## Tower Floodlighting at All Saints' Church

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## Shipdham Community Hub

The Hub has the following to hire: marquees, tables (both long and round), chairs and crockery. All items will be delivered and collected when you have finished with them. Marquees will be erected and taken down. Hire charge is £60.00 Bookings are welcome any time.

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The choir meets in St.Thomas' Chapel, All Saints' Church on alternate Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm.

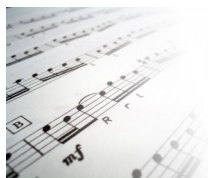
Dates for November and December are:

14th November

28th November

12th December

Our choir was founded ten years ago in response to a village survey. Our choir is friendly, welcoming and very inclusive. If you think you would enjoy a sociable evening of singing and companionship, come along to a meeting and see what we do. Our repertoire is very varied and we sing a range of lighter and seasonal music. There are no auditions and you do not need to be able to read music. Sometimes we go by invitation to sing at various local clubs and organisations. The social and supportive aspects of our meetings are very important.



If you would like more information please feel free to phone Bill on 01362 861269 or Jo on 01362 821285.



## Warm Welcome

Our Village Church is warm and welcoming, we are now entering the winter and the Church is getting colder. We hold most services and events in St Thomas' Chapel in the winter months to conserve fuel and keep visitors and the congregation warm. However, this restricts the use of the church and the number of people that can fit in comfortably. Large events held in the main body of the Church, like weddings and Christmas, often involve shivering!

The perfect place for concerts, recitals, gatherings and of course to celebrate festivals and family events, All Saints' Church is a true village asset. In order to keep the Church warm and to heat it sustainably and efficiently, it needs a new boiler.

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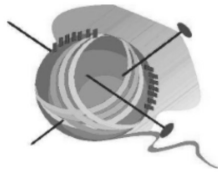
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# Knitters

Our group celebrated its 12 year anniversary with 22 members having lunch at King's Café. We wish to thank all at the Café for a lovely meal and great service, big thank you to you all. Three more new members joined us this month—Sandra, Doreen and Ruth, all of you are very welcome.

The Group's **AGM will be on Tuesday 7th November** at our normal knitting meeting.

Confirmed crafts for sale at our **Cottage Crafts Fair and Coffee Day** will include paintings, card-making, needlework, woodwork, painted pottery and of course knitted items. There will also be tea and coffee and cakes available. Please come along and support us and meet your friends there on Friday 24th November from 10am onwards in the WI Hall.

Keeping busy we will also be at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Church weekend 9th and 10th December.

To the Group's members, as always—

Keep Healthy, Keep Busy, Keep Knitting.

Kathy Newton, Chair Shipdham Knitters

## Meetings in November –

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November WI Hall 1pm -3pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November All Saints' Church 1pm – 3pm

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Recently items relating to the Gloucester ship, wrecked off the Norfolk coast on a sandbank in 1682, have been on show in Norwich. Sometimes referred to as Norfolk's 'Mary Rose', referring to the 16th century ship displayed at Portsmouth, the Gloucester remained hidden beneath the waves, its precise location unknown until recently. Found in 2007, the finding of the ship was not made public until 2022!

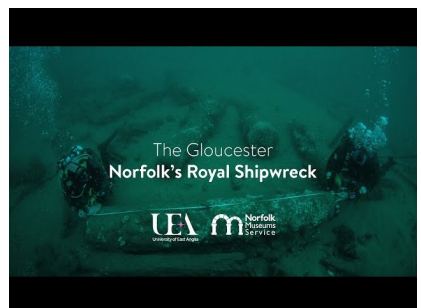
The ship was carrying the future King James II when it foundered, with a loss of up to 250 lives. James was one of the few to be saved.

Many other ships have unfortunately been wrecked off our Norfolk coast, including HMS Invincible launched in 1765, which saw action at the famous Cape St. Vincent battle in 1780 and several other such engagements. It foundered at Hammond's Knoll, a sandbank six miles out to sea off Happisburgh, in 1801, during the Napoleonic wars with the loss of 400 lives. There is a mass grave at Happisburgh commemorating the event.

On Hunstanton beach can be seen part of the wreck of the steam trawler Sheraton, launched in 1907. It saw service in both world wars, being used in boom defence in the First World War and as a patrol vessel during the Second World War. It then became a vessel used for target practice and was wrecked in 1947 when it drifted onto Hunstanton beach in a gale. Today it serves as a home for many marine creatures!

These are some of the better known Norfolk shipwrecks, but there are unfortunately many more, such as the Galatea, a three masted cargo ship built in Glasgow and launched in 1884. While en route to Sydney from Hamburg the ship ran aground. Three Yarmouth tugs tried to refloat the ship but failed and she was then looted by French and English fishermen, much of her cargo ending up in Yarmouth and Lowestoft where the British fishermen lived!

Many shipwreck sites have been recorded by Norfolk Wreck Research and you can find out more on [www.norfolkwreckresearch.co.uk](http://www.norfolkwreckresearch.co.uk) but undoubtedly there are many more wrecks yet to be discovered.





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# WILDLIFE TO SEE THIS MONTH

Look out for waxwings this month. These beautiful birds are winter visitors from Scandinavia, when there is not enough food in their own home environment. When large flocks appear it is known as a 'waxwing year'. They are often spotted feeding on rowan berries.

Watch out as you pass through the countryside for other winter visitors such as fieldfares and redwings - migrants from the Continent which overwinter here. They can often be seen feeding on farmland in loose flocks which may number between 10 and 200 individuals and may include starlings, blackbirds and thrushes.


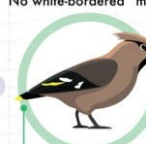

Spectacular flocks of waders abound along the North Norfolk coast and the skies are adorned by huge sweeping flocks of lapwings and wading birds. Along the coast grey seals can be seen in abundance at sites such as Horsey, mating and producing offspring until as late as February. Blakeney Point is also a prime place for seeing seals.

Good news regarding England's most rare amphibian! The northern pool frog which disappeared from our nearby Thompson Common during the 1990s was successfully re-introduced there recently and funding from Natural England is making it possible to restore ice age ponds (known as ghost pingos) which make perfect habitats for this species. If you take a walk in the area you might be lucky and spot a rare frog or two. Acquiring this land will make it possible to create/restore a new tapestry of habitats for wildlife.

Another good piece of news is that The Fens East Peat Partnership has been awarded more than £5m towards restoring our peatlands. A massive 87% of England's peatlands are seriously degraded. Restoring these peatlands will help protect wildlife and reduce the risk of flooding.

## HOW TO IDENTIFY WAXWINGS

There are only 3 types of Waxwings—that's it! As close relatives, these birds look similar, so they can be tough to identify.

White-bordered "mask"	No white-bordered "mask"	Blue-gray color in wings
		
Yellow-tipped tail	Yellow-tipped tail	Red-tipped tail
<b>CEDAR WAXWING</b>	<b>BOHEMIAN WAXWING</b>	<b>JAPANESE WAXWING</b>

Learn more about birds and bird feeding at [www.DrollYankees.com](http://www.DrollYankees.com)



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**Sunday Service**

**Sunday 19th  
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**Coffee Morning**

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## ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian memorial day observed on November 1st in Western Christianity, celebrating the honour of all church saints. All Saints' Day is part of a broader tradition that includes All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Christian Church when it was established as a day to remember and celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, it expanded to include martyrs and all faithful Christians who had lived pious and virtuous lives. It is a day to recognize the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example. In the early Christian Church, there was a strong emphasis on the veneration of martyrs who had suffered and died for their faith. These martyrs were seen as exemplary models of Christian virtue, and their graves or burial places became sites of pilgrimage and veneration. The anniversary of a martyr's death often became a day for commemorating their lives and the sacrifices they made for their faith.

In the Western Christian Church, Pope Gregory III (731-741) is often credited with establishing November 1st as the date for All Saints' Day. This date was chosen to coincide with the dedication of a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to "All the Saints." It was an attempt to unify the various local celebrations of saints' feast days and set a universal date for honouring all the saints, something that Pope Boniface III had begun in 607 when the Pantheon was gifted to him by Emperor Phocas. Boniface III removed the old statues of Jupiter and the pagan gods and the Pantheon was dedicated to all the saints who had died from Roman persecution in the first 300 years after Christ. People prepared for the celebration with a night of vigil on Hallows' Eve -- Halloween (possibly because of the strong holdover influence of the Celtic Samhain festival, which many Christians in Ireland, Britain, Scotland, and Wales had continued to observe). Thus, "Halloween" (by that name) started out as a holy Christian celebration. Hallow, in Old English, means "holy" or "sacred." Therefore, "Hallows' Eve," or "Halloween," simply means "the evening of holy persons" and refers to the evening before All Saints Day, November 1.

There's a hymn that's traditionally sung around this time called "For All the Saints." It encourages believers to look back through the years of Christian history and think of the millions now enjoying rest and salvation in the presence of God. It's also meant to encourage believers here and now to press on, looking forward to the glorious day...

***"...when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!"***

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# SHIPDHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinning can be catching. Our French friends also twin with Germany (before Shipdham came together with Noyant-la Gravoyère) and Hungary (after Shipdham). A contingent of the German twinning joined us when our French friends came over here and a contingent of Shipdham went to Germany. For various reasons we couldn't go the 'whole hog' with a separate twinning but both were warmly received gestures on both sides. We took part in a parade with flags and they apologised for giving us the flag of St George rather than the Union Jack! How would they know? However, they had found out but it was too late to find a replacement. We didn't mind, of course, it's the thought that counts. When Hungary followed their twinning with France by twinning with Germany, a contingent from Shipdham were invited to Hungary. The photo taken in Hungary shows Hungarians, French, Germans and British.

SHIPDHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION




In the current times of conflict, it's good to have an excuse to join together in friendship across borders and ages. Twinning can only be a force for good. Come and join us!

Steve Kite, Chairman [stephenkite52@gmail.com](mailto:stephenkite52@gmail.com)

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## FAVOURITE FLOWER—NERINE

The Nerine sometimes seems incongruously cheerful when seen flowering during some of the drabbest moments of the year! Nerine symbolises love and devotion, strength and resilience.

The blooms appear on naked stems. The plant belongs to the Amaryllidaceae family which also includes agapanthus and daffodil. Many Nerine cultivars are tender and need winter protection but *Nerine bowdenii* is fully hardy and is the one that you can often see blooming now. It also makes a good cut flower. This fully hardy cultivar can be planted in the ground but the bulbs of more tender cultivars, blooming earlier in the year, are best planted in pots and can be moved under cover or into the greenhouse as the weather gets colder.

Native to the rugged and dry landscape of South Africa the Nerine was first mentioned in 1635 by a French botanist who observed it in a garden the previous year. The next known reference dates to 1680 when there was a reference to a ship carrying the bulbs being wrecked. This is said to have occurred off Guernsey, the boxes of bulbs being washed up there. The plant has been growing wild there for some 350 years and it is sometimes known as the Guernsey Lily, although in fact it does not belong to that plant family.

The genus name Nerine was given to the plant by the plantsman William Herbert in 1820 and refers to the sea nymphs or Nereids of Ancient Greek myths, who protected voyagers from ill. The nereids were the daughters of the Old Man of the Sea, Nereus and lived with him at the bottom of the sea in a silvery grotto. The name was given to the plant as a reference to the shipwreck already mentioned.

Breeding and hybridisation of Nerine dates from the early 19th century and the work of the plantsman William Herbert, already mentioned. *Nerine bowdenii*, the cultivar adorning our gardens just now was introduced to Britain in the late 19th century and became an established plant for ornamental purposes early in the 20th century.

Currently Nerines have no known medicinal or magical uses but are widely grown commercially as cut flowers and ornamental garden and greenhouse plants.



## SHIPDHAM HISTORY GROUP

The time of year comes upon us again to remember those service men and women who served, and those who lost their lives, in both world wars and later conflict. In 2018 our World War I research culminated in a book about the village from 1908-1922 and all those who lost their lives in that terrible war. There are few people remaining now to share their memories but we are still collecting information about residents who served in World War II but their families deserve to know more about the village during the late 1930s and 40s and to know who their loved ones served alongside.

You will note from the War Memorial in the churchyard of All Saints that Bernard Wilkins name is inscribed thereon. We are delighted to be meeting soon with Bernard's great niece who wishes to share his life history with us. She attended the remembrance service before covid lockdowns and laid a wreath for Bernard. This year we will be laying a wreath to remember all those local service personnel who died in both world wars.





## SHIPDHAM'S VICTORIA CROSS RECIPIENT

Breckland's only recipient of the Victoria Cross medal during World War I was Arthur Henry Cross, after whom Henry Cross Close is named. He is one of many soldiers and sailors of the period about whom we have found much more information and photographs from his family since 2018. Our research never ceases, and our collection continues to grow. We hope one day to have suitable premises in Shipdham in which to share our expanding collection of historical items with residents past and present.



**Cpl Arthur Henry Cross (known as Harry) receives his Military Medal for bravery at a ceremonial parade held at Harrowby Camp in 1919 shortly before his discharge from the army. His VC was awarded at Buckingham Palace by George V.**

If you have, or have had, a family member from Shipdham who served in World War II please get in touch with any one of us. We will be delighted to include their details in the book we plan to write when our research is completed. We are interested in all who served in any way and whether at home or in any theatre of war. Please help us to build a comprehensive, accurate picture of Shipdham and its residents during that great period of change. We hope to hear from you.

**Beanie Brown (01362 820068), Sue Dewing (820324) & Marlene Secker (820327)**

**Shipdham History Group**

## GARDENING NOTES

Believe it or not Christmas is on the horizon, so if you have some good holly in your garden with berries, you might like to cut some now before the birds devour all the berries, (but leave some for them too!) and remember to keep birds' feeders and water topped up.

Now is a good time to trim your evergreen hedges and if you have hellebores which flower in the winter, cut off leaves to make space for the lovely flowers which will appear to brighten our winter.

If you like tulips it's time to plant them - hopefully somewhere where the muntjacs won't get them. They seem to be very partial to tulips!

Fruit trees such as apple and pear can be pruned through the winter months until about February.

November is a good time both to plant new and prune existing rose bushes in your garden. Prune out around a third of the bushes to stop wind rock. If planting new roses in your garden avoid any area where there has previously been a rose as this can cause roses to sicken. If any of your roses have had black spot this year clear up carefully around the base to help prevent contamination next year and don't compost rose leaves with black spot. Also don't compost apple or pear tree leaves affected by scab.

We have had more than our fair share of rain recently! Some of your containers may have become badly waterlogged and there may well be lots of wet weather to come, so now is the time to raise container bases off the ground to prevent yet more water-logging.

There's still time to put in winter bedding and plant hanging baskets. Pansies, violas and primulas are still readily available.

If you have a garden pond you can divide water lilies and other pond plants to increase your plants for next year.





At the October meeting we had a very interesting and informative talk from Hazel Gillingham on The Quiet Suffragette - Millicent Garret Fawcett, born 11th June 1847 in Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Her father's family built what we know as Snape Maltings. She was the eighth child of ten! She was encouraged to read, and speak her mind and took a keen interest in her father's political interests. Millicent's sister, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson who became Britain's first female doctor introduced her to Emily Davies, a suffragette.

When she was 12, Millicent was sent to London with her sister, Elizabeth, to a private boarding school. She attended many lectures and at one in particular she met John Stuart Mill who introduced her to other women's rights activists including Henry Fawcett, a Liberal MP whom she married in 1867. They had one child. In 1868 Millicent joined the London Suffragette Committee and in 1869 spoke at the first public pro-suffrage meeting. She wrote many publications and in 1875 she co-founded Newman Hall.

After her husband died she continued to campaign. She became leader of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, distancing herself from the militancy of the other party run by the Pankhursts. Millicent backed countless campaigns over the years. She continued to campaign for the vote during World War I emphasising how women helped the war effort.

In 1925 Millicent was appointed Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. Millicent Fawcett Hall was built in 1929 in Westminster as a place for women's debates and discussions.

In 2018, one hundred years after the passing of the Representation of the People Act, for which she had successfully campaigned, she became the first woman to be commemorated with a statue in Parliament Square. Theresa May said at the unveiling, 'I would not be here today as Prime Minister' if it were not for Millicent Garrett Fawcett. No female MPs would have taken seats in Parliament. None of us would have the rights we know and enjoy were it not for one truly great woman - Dame Millicent Garrett Fawcett!

The next meeting is on Thursday 16th November at 7.30 in the WI Hall. We will be joined by Mike Weber telling us Christmas and Ghost stories. We have welcomed Mike before and he was very entertaining.

Ladies, come and join us, you will be made most welcome.

Audrey Griffiths  
Chair, Shipdham Wives.



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## BRADENHAM HORTICULTURE & GARDEN CLUB

The days are drawing in, and despite a wonderful Indian summer, thoughts go to bringing in the tender plants and clearing out the beds. However, on the plus side it is also time to plant the spring bulbs. Yet I can feel myself getting increasingly lazy as the days get shorter, the harvest is gathered in and there seems less motivation to get out and 'do'.

This is when the Club is a godsend. It gets me out and makes me think. Our last speaker, Martyn Davey encouraged us to eat flowers. It was a shock to know how citrus-tasting begonia flowers are and how cakes can be decorated with a wide range of sugared flowers. The audience experienced different levels of sensory pleasure from the tasting, but it provided a great talking point. Next month on 16th November at 7.30pm, Nicholas Clipson is going to steer us gently through the complexity of DNA in the garden. He previously engaged us in the wonderful world of fungi, amazed us with his erudition and left us aware of how little this non-animal/non-plant world was previously known to us. We await another eye-opening talk.

Meanwhile, I have started getting some gardening underway, by digging up the dahlia tubers. Many moons ago I acquired a pom-pom dahlia which had mixed red and white flowers. It was very successful and created huge tubers which I split and subsequently replanted. These in turn did equally well. I gave many away, where they also, trifold-like, prospered. The label, as always, had gone astray and it got named 'The Thug'. So last year I dug them up. Hauled them into the club and encouraged people to take them away. Bradenham is probably now covered with it. I plan to bring the harvest of tubers which escaped my cull last year to Nicholas' talk. Come and get some if you want a death-proof plant. What do you have that needs so little care for so much reward and could add to our plant stall?

Winters are long and can be isolating. But coming out of an evening is great. To sit and listen to such clever gardeners and horticulturalists, get tips of what needs doing in the coming month, meet with friends and have a cuppa (often a glass of wine!). What more could you want? We will be enrolling members next month for the 2024 programme and giving out the club bulb to grow on for the Spring Show.

So, it's a good time to try us out and see if our mixture of talks, visits, social events and shows suits you.

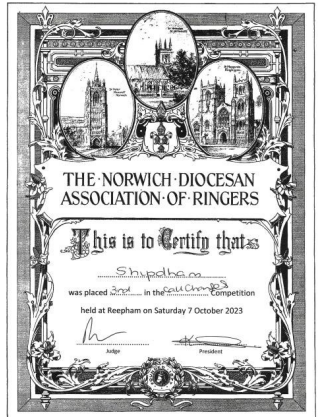
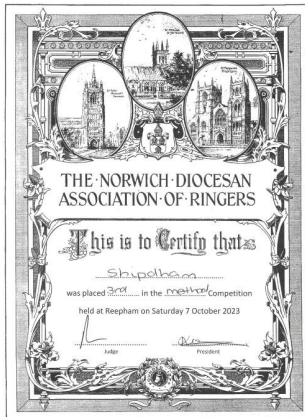
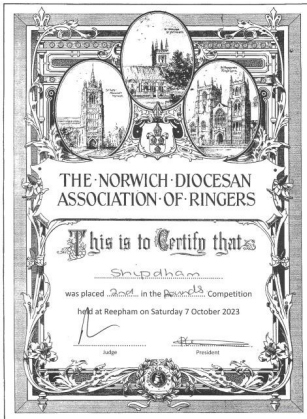
Hope to see you soon  
Barbara Steward  
Chair



It's been another busy month for the ringers of All Saints Church.

We have taken delivery of our new Polo Shirts, Fleeces & Hoodies with our tower logo, designed by Anna, which we can wear for ringing events, outings, visiting other towers and of course for ringing at All Saints!

The first official event to show off our new tops was the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers Striking Competition, held at Reepham on Saturday 7th October. There were three categories to enter - Rounds, Call Changes & Method Ringing, and we managed to put a team in for all three! The judge made comment that for a new band to enter in all categories was in itself a great achievement! We also managed to achieve a certificate for all three categories, 3rd place for Call Changes & Method Ringing and 2nd place in the Rounds.



Also, with a 90th birthday to mark, a Wedding and a Golden Wedding Anniversary to celebrate, the following Quarter Peal was rung:

Shipdham, Norfolk—All Saints' Church  
 Sunday, 17 September 2023 in 45m (10-0-4 in F#)

### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Katie Wright
- 2 Anna R White
- 3 Johnathon D White (C)
- 4 Joe Ostler
- 5 Robert Denton
- 6 Robin Starr

## THE BELL TOWER

First Quarter inside: 2. Rung as a 90th birthday tribute to Peter Woodcock. Also, to celebrate the Wedding of Yotsanan Areemitr & Colin Abrahams and the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mavis & Bob Stagles.

If you have a Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding to celebrate or maybe wish something special to be done in memory of a loved one, for a donation of £30 to the Bell Fund, All Saints Ringers would be happy to ring a Quarter Peal. We would then present an A4 Certificate of the performance for you to keep. If this is something you would like us to do then please have a word with Sally Watters whose contact details are in this magazine in the Diary of Regular Events under Bell Ringing Practice on pages 34-35.

Johnathon White

*Shipdham Tower Captain*



All Saints Ringers following the competition showing off their new tops

## Monday

Yoga  
 Judo Club  
 Parish Council

WI Hall      Not 2nd Monday each month  
 Bullock Park  
 WI Hall      2nd Monday each month

## Tuesday

Knitters  
 Community Choir

WI Hall      1st Tuesday each month  
 All Saints' Church      Every other Tuesday

## Wednesday

Food Bus and Warm Space  
 Holy Communion  
 Art & Craft Group  
 Line Dancing  
 Knitters  
 Shipdham Spouts  
 Bell Ringing Practice

All Saints' Church  
 All Saints' Church  
 WI Hall      1st and 3rd Wed. each month  
 WI Hall  
 All Saints' Church      2nd Wed. each month  
 Bullock Park  
 All Saints' Church Tower

## Thursday

Spitfires  
 Garden Club & Hort. Club  
 Shipdham Wives  
 Royal British Legion

Bullock Park  
 WI Hall      1st Thursday each month  
                     3rd Thursday  
 Golden Dog 3rd Thursday

## Friday

Charity Quiz

WI Hall      Last Friday (except August)

## Saturday

Football—Shipdham United  
 Dance Club

Bullock Park  
 WI Hall (all ages)

## Sunday

Football—Shipdham United

Bullock Park



## REGULAR EVENTS

### Monday

7—8:30pm  
7pm  
7:30pm

Laura 07724 199385  
Bob 07885 692028  
June 01760 440953

### Tuesday

1-3pm  
7:30—9:30pm

Kathy 820615  
Bill 861269 or Jo 821285

### Wednesday

9:30—10:30am  
11:30am  
9:30am  
1—3:30pm  
1pm  
9:30—11:30am  
7pm—9pm

BDC or Rev Laura  
Rev Doreen 821481  
Jean 696163  
Kathy 820615  
Emily 07387 844213  
Sally 07548 264385

### Thursday

4:30pm onwards  
7:30pm  
7:30pm  
7pm

Tracey at [shipdhamspitfires@gmail.com](mailto:shipdhamspitfires@gmail.com)  
Simon 07885 113860  
Audrey 821448  
Dave 07539 879366

### Friday

7:30pm

Heather 820078

### Saturday

9:30—1pm  
9am—2pm

Danny 07943114114

### Sunday

9:30—1pm

Danny 07943114114

If you organise a regular event in Shipdham, send your details to Theresa and Jill  
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## SHIPDHAM GARDEN CLUB

**Report on the Annual General Meeting** at the WI Hall on 5th October 2023.

The Club held it's AGM this month with reports from the Chair, General Secretary, Events Secretary and the Treasurer on the club's finances. The previous year had been a good one, with the 50th Anniversary Celebration Day in particular having been a great success. It was a pity it had rained so heavily on the day as we might have seen more visitors if it had been dry. The Show held at the event enjoyed 110 entries over the 35 categories and had received good feedback from the visiting judge about the quality and level of knowledge shown. It had been good to have a 'Drynkings' back, and it is hoped that, when this returns to The Green as usual, even more will attend.

The events calendar for 2024 is being finalised now. It won't include a show, as the next one is planned to take place in Spring 2025, but several speakers and Club social events have already been arranged.

Club membership numbers have remained stable, but more members would, as with any club, always be welcome. The Club made a small loss this year, which was to be expected due to the number of speakers that had been booked, but very-welcome income had been received from the Drynkings and a car boot event held at Mid Norfolk Railway. The Committee has decided to increase the subscription from £6 to £10 for the year, but this would now include the refreshments.

Following the sad loss of our President, Sheila Crane, Vice-President Sue Relf was proposed for the role by the Committee. All were in favour. The second Committee member vacancy was not filed at this time. Trophies were handed out to the winners of the Bloom of the Month and the Unusual Bloom of the Month competitions. Bloom of the Month was won by Sandra Harley, with 4 wins. There was a three-way tie in the Unusual Bloom of the Month competition, with Helen Frayer, Sandra Harley and Phill Webdale each having had 2 wins.

Our next event is taking place on Thursday, 2nd November at 7.30pm, at the W.I. Hall. Simon White, from Peter Beales Roses will lead a workshop for you to make your own beautiful Christmas Wreath. Cost is £10 for members, £15 for non members. Bring your own garden gloves and secateurs. If you have some evergreen greenery bring it but if not there will be plenty available. Everything else will be provided. If you would like to come please message us so we know how many kits are needed.





# & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

After the formal part of the meeting had concluded, Paul Blanchette gave a brief talk about Bonsai trees, how to care for them and how to transform them, delicately over time, into the shapes required.

Simon Smith

Phill Webdale, Helen Fray and  
Sandra Harley with Club President  
Sue Relf



Paul Blanchette with some of his  
bonsai tree collection



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# The Shipdham Notice Board

Welcome to the  
Shipdham Parish Council Notice Board.  
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for further information on anything on these pages.

Highlights from the Parish Council meeting on 9th October at WI Hall. Full minutes are available online once approved:

- Welcomed and co-opted Helen Cramp back onto Parish Council. Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.
- Minutes of 11th September 2023 agreed unanimously and signed.
- Chairman's Actions: Gave a Heritage Centre update – now opening 11am-2pm; Will close over the winter (19th November until 7th April); All exhibits will be placed in storage during closure.
- District Councillors Report: Cllr Turner raised the Local Plan consultation events, with details given out and placed in noticeboards.
- Parishioners' questions: Head of Thomas Bullock School updated on RAAC. The whole school had been surveyed and it was only found in main hall. They had been able to work around this. Repair tender process in hand for works to be carried out before winter time.

Questions included: Hedging at Golden Dog, 23-25 Pound Green Lane and Watton Road allotments; Missing bench at Eastgate; Bus shelter cleaning; Cemetery grass cutting; Trees on Park Estate.

- Village finances approved and agreed.
- Quarter 2 budget report noted.
- Comments on planning applications received. Planning decisions noted.
- Cllr Turner had visited Old Coal Yard site with BDC; Confirmed no more building this year due to nutrient neutrality; Site looking disgraceful so have contacted Places for People and Bowbridge Homes to tidy; BDC will enforce if no efforts made.
- Clerk Report: Received and noted.
- BPMC: New benches ordered (in memory of Roger (Claude) Knights and Mr Park Highatt; New heating system to be installed during half-term week; Park event, similar to "Tea in the Park", to be organised for Bank Holiday (21st July 2024); Health & Safety update: matting under roundabout in hand.
- Highways Issues: Untaxed car with no MoT parked in Pound Green Lane for over a year. Clerk to contact Parking Services, Kings Lynn, the SPC to do tort is no action taken.
- Parking Issues: Parking around school – unless someone is breaking the law, the Police will not get involved. Clerk to invite Parking Services to visit.
- Christmas Tree: Approved. Clerk to order and contact Community Hub re delivery.
- DBS checks: Approved but not mandatory. Clerk to register and do checks for those wishing to have one.

- Dereham Road Allotments: Community plot hadn't had much uptake, so converting back to plot to rent as have a waiting list. Some plots sub-divided further for those wishing smaller areas; Grass cutting: To be done on an 'as and when' required basis. Agreed unanimous; Clerk to contact resident/allotment holder about parking.
- RBL request to use The Green for event on 28th October. Agreed unanimous.
- To appoint a Councillor to attend/liaise SNAP meetings for Shipdham: Cllr Smith agreed, with Cllr Turner to attend if Cllr Smith not available. Next meeting 25th October.
- To consider The Friends of Park Estate grant application. Agreed unanimous.
- To consider village gateway for Letton Road. Agreed unanimous. Clerk to do Parish Partnership application.
- Cllr reports: SNAP issues and Shipdham News entries requested (Cllr Smith); Church clock update – awaiting new quote (Cllr Turner); PA system cost approx. £700 plus VAT, but looking for alternatives. 2 picnic benches delivered and put together at Bullock Park. (Cllr Chubbock). The Parish Council wished Paul Chubbock a speedy recovery. Next meeting planned for **Monday 13th November 2023**, 7:30pm in the WI Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it!

### Cemetery

In order for the Council to safely maintain the Cemetery with dignity and respect we would ask that the following regulations are adhered to.

Two vases are allowed at the head on any one grave. No other adornments or perishable items such as shrubs or trees, artificial flowers, wooden fencing, concrete or other kerbing, wire fencing, windmills, raised or sunken footstones, solar lights, wind chimes, balloons, items made of tin/plastic/glass/brick or any other similar items as determined by the Council are allowed. The Council may remove any adornments without notice if deemed unsuitable and dead flowers, wreaths and other perishable items will be removed to keep the cemetery clean and tidy by an agent of the Council.

Please see our website [www.shipdham.org](http://www.shipdham.org) for full copy of the Policy.

### Mobile Library Timetable

Eastgate	09:30	09:45
Blackmore Row	10:20	10:35
Richard Haggard Close	10:40	10:55
Park Estate	11:00	11:15
Old School	17:05	17:25
14 November 2023	25 June 2024	
12 December 2023	23 July 2024	
09 January 2024	20 August 2024	
06 February 2024	17 September 2024	
05 March 2024	15 October 2024	
02 April 2024	12 November 2024	
30 April 2024	10 December 2024	
28 May 2024		

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Join us for a fun night of



at the WI Hall in Shipdham on  
**Wednesday**

**15th November 2023**

Eyes down at 7.30pm

**There will be tea  
and coffee and a  
Raffle**



**All proceeds to  
Church funds.  
Thank you for your  
continued support.**

For more info do contact Rev'd Laura Purnell on 01362 821249