

Village Voice

For the residents of  Ilketshall St. Margaret

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Welcome to the first issue for 2023 welcome to the NEW YEAR welcome to the Chinese year of the Rabbit.... AND you are all welcome in the Village Hall. Welcome to the Saints and Sinners Dinners, next is Saint Patrick on the 17th of March YES it is on a Friday night!. **BOOK NOW** ring EVA on 781312. We all had a great time celebrating Saint Valentine!, with all the usual suspects, and a few new faces making 37 ... with thanks to you all.

There is now" KNIT & NATTER" in the village hall on fortnightly Tuesdays, the next is on 28th February and 14th and 28th March.... More than knitting! Contact Jenny for details Don't forget the clocks go FORWARD on 26th March! An hour LESS in bed!

The next Village Voice will be published just before the Coronation of King Charles III As a flyer for the events in the hall. Should we celebrate with a Buffet Luncheon in the 'garden' on SUNDAY OR on the Bank Holiday MONDAY? What do YOU think?... See the contacts list and let us know

Village Hall Events dates for your diary

8th March BINGO @ 7.00 cash prizes & raffle

14th & 28 March Knit & Natter 11 - 1 £3

11th March Lindy Lou needle felt classes £ 25

17th March Saint Patrick's Craic 7.30 £12.50 each

5th April BINGO @ 7 FOR 7.30cash prizes & raffle

11th & 25th April Knit & Natter 11-1 £3

22nd April Saint George Saint's Dinner 7.30 £12.50

Coronation Weekend May 6 to 8 plans are being made..

Teresa Winifred Sammons

16th September 1937 - 22nd December 2022

The Village said its goodbye to Teresa Sammons on Friday, January 20th Sadly missed by all who knew her

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

**Ilketshall
St Margaret
VILLAGE
SHOW**

Are you are good at administration, able to deliver leaflets, bang in a few sign posts or have money raising ideas for stalls on Show day?

It is not onerous and only requires a small amount of effort as we only have 2/3 meetings per year.

For more information please contact me, Roger Webb (Show Secretary) via email: flowershow70@yahoo.com

Your help is much appreciated and goes towards raising much needed funds for the Village Hall.

The Village Show notes from Roger Webb

We have started planning the 76th show on Saturday 15th July with a 1 pm start. A copy of the schedule will be delivered to all residents in April so you can start preparing your entries! Many old favourites outside as well as the produce stalls, flower and fruit classes in the hall There are 53 classes to choose from OR look at on the day! Get started with the Potato-in-a-Bucket Competition see the flyer attached NOW



The Knit and Natterers!

Needle sizes

UK 14 = 2MM = 0 US

UK 12 = 2.75 MM = 2 US

UK 10 = 3.25MM = 3 US

UK 8 = 4 MM = 6 US

UK 7 = 4.5 MM = 7 US

UK 6 = 5 MM = 8 US

NOTE Wortwell craft & gift fair is on in Community Centre on Saturday 4th March..... Jenny says it's worth a visit!

Aide Memoir

Coffee morning at 11.00 Wednesdays

EFOS continues each Monday at 10.30

Benefice Coffee Morning first Sat of month 10.30

Bungay Country Market in new centre .:00 Thurs

Library calls on 22 Feb, 22 March, 19 April, 17 May

Brewery Tours Saturday only at 11.00 and 13.00

Knit & Natter twice monthly 14 & 28 March,

11th & 25 April 9 & 23 May

Nature Notes from November By Brenda Mace

As a 9 year old, my sister and I would delight in finding huge puffballs (the browner the better) to jump on to see the brown-green spores puff out in great profusion. Now I still feel delight when I see a puffball, but it has to be white & firm, delicious when sliced and fried in butter! There are fungi called "Jelly ears" - they look like ears, thriving on dead elder trees, - edible, but an acquired taste. The fieldfares are back in flocks of 40 or 50 chattering as they fly from tree to tree. It has been a strange autumn this year, mild, butterflies & bumblebees in November, shrubs re-flowering, hares chasing about, spring bulbs peeping out of the soil, I've covered them with compost, hoping for colder weather. I'm glad to see water in the pond & beck, the kingfisher will be happy.

Please do not throw me away... stick me under the fridge magnet until the next issue! on or about the 26 April

In this modern post covid age....
CONVENIENCE has proved to be a euphemism, for
purging all human contact from everyday
transactions illuminating warmth and kindness.....

Church Services Ilketshall Saint Margaret

5 March Lent 2 Evening Prayer (EP) 16.00

2 April Palm Sunday HC 10.00 St Michae & EP 17.00

9 April Easter Sunday HC Flixton 10.00

7 May Easter 5 HC here 10.00

Every Thursday 9am Holy Communion (HC)

Coffee in the Village Hall first Saturday if the month

NEW Note well ... VOTER ID
Electoral commission now require you to show photo
identity for elections...the first of which is 4 May If
you have any problems let me know. Jon

Full Moons

March 7th Worm Moon

April 6th Pink Moon

May 5th Flower Moon

June 3rd Strawberry Moon

July 3rd Buck Moon

Hedgehogs 2022 By Fiene Kolvoort

2022 was a good year for the hedgehogs in our garden in Ilketshall St. Margaret. Around 15th March we noticed the first hedgehog droppings in the garden, but none came to the feeding lawn yet. However, on the 26th of March we noticed the first one feeding on cat/kitten biscuits in the feeding box. We cannot scatter biscuits on the lawn, our dog and cat will eat them! Next day it came back and I weighed it and put the first mark on it: letter A and 840 grams, so that one survived hibernation quite well! During the next weeks, more hoggies came to feed, some of them still had pink marks, survivors of the year before. In 2021 the first hoggies appeared around mid April, probably the mild winter brought them out early this year. On 13th April we collected 4 adult hoggies from Norwich rescue where we had taken them as tiny babies in November the year before. They brought the count up to 'K', so then already 11 hoggies. During the summer there were more newcomers and by mid May we reached 'O', so in total then 15 adult hoggies. Most of them came to feed every night and sometimes there was a bit of a kerfuffle as the males fought over the females, who were not interested most of the time, just gobbling up the biscuits. By end August five babies appeared, too small to put the alphabet letter on, so were marked with: a stripe, 1-2-3 dots and a plus. I kept on weighing them every week, to make sure they would grow enough when winter would come, otherwise they would have to go into rescue. The babies were not really disturbed by the weighing and usually came back after an hour or so when the coast was clear. Funny thing was, none of the adults came back since September, but the babies kept on coming up to the end of November. By then, all five had gained quite some weight, so should survive hibernation. So a total of 20 hedgehogs this year! Hopefully, we'll see them again next year!

Contacts for the Village Hall

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Contributions to this newsletter are most welcome, email villagevoice@gmail.com telephone or text Jon Lewis on 07940913975 or a note to Wytch Hazel Saint Margaret's road Deadline for next issue is 20 April