

Village Voice

For the residents of **St Margaret** Ilketshall St. Margaret

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WOW IT GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR!

Well done and CONGRATULATIONS to all those lovely people who spent their time and effort making the show possible, MANY THANKS TO YOU, the organisers, the sponsors, the stall holders and all the helpers ...



SHOW REPORT by Secretary, Roger Webb

The weather report was grim before the show yet it was the most wonderful sunny day within the sheltered area of the Village Hall. We attracted exhibitors & visitors from far and wide, resulting in a wonderful display of Flowers, Vegetables, Photography & Handicraft, Cookery & Homecrafts. Outside as well as many stalls we were entertained by the wonderful Rumburgh Morris Dancers, along with Bungay Taekwon-Do club. The BBQ, Beer and tea tents worked hard to keep the 200 or so visitors fed and watered, kept busy right to the very end. Coupled with an entertaining commentary from our new President, Alex McClusky, the eagerly anticipated SPUD BUCKET weight-in didn't disappoint with a record 40 entries. To end it all, High Street won 2-1 in the keenly contested Tug of War against Low Street- underfoot a very slippery outcome. In all there were 207 exhibits & 56 exhibitors, the high standard of entries attracted much praise from the Judges and visiting public alike. The Committee would like to thank **everyone** who helped make this event a success and raise over £ 1,350 toward the village hall roof **A BIG THANK- YOU**

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JON LEWIS WINS THE MASHER TROPHY!

Yes he did ! With a weight of 2,264 grams.



SHOW RESULTS

Tomkin Plate (most points)	Jane Gardner
Stott Trophy (2nd most points)	Annette Abbott
Fuller Cup (most for fruit)	Daphne Todd
Val Chapman Cup (Best Horticultural)	Sheila Cooper
Cannel Cup (most for flowers)	Annette Abbott
Read Cup (most for vegetables)	Roger Webb
Mann Cup (most for cookery home produce)	Jane Gardner
Smith Howell Cup (ladies handicrafts)	Ross Hammond
Huguenot Cup (most for men's handicrafts)	Charlie Deakin
John Arthey Cup (best photograph)	Jane Gardner Rob Hardman and Anthony Abbott
Rogers Trophy (most for Floral Art)	Sarah Reeve Sheila Cooper
Allison Morgan Cup (finest Floral exhibit)	Annette Abbott
Founders Award (novice gaining most points)	A. Abbott
The Wigg Cup (most in farmer's class)	Emma Hald
Roger Lambert Memorial Shield (best garden display)	Andrew Slate (Brook House)
Family Cup (most points by family)	Jane & Paul Gardner.

FULL MOONS There is a BLUE MOON in August.

1st August Sturgeon moon 31 August BLUE MOON
28 October Hunter's moon 27 November Beaver moon
There are 13 moons in 2023 the 13th is the Blue Moon

Many thanks to Alistair Tomkin for the use of his garden or perhaps barn on 19 August.

Church services at Ilketshall St Margaret's

Sunday 9.30 pm 8 August Holy Communion
Sunday 5 pm 3 September Evening Prayer
Sunday 5 pm 1 October Evening Prayer
Sunday 10.00 am 5 November Memorial
Every Thursday at 9 AM Holy Communion
Details of all church services in the Saints' Benefice are circulated by email by Sange Wilson of Rumburgh
sange.wilson@yayoo.co.uk www.ilketshall.org.uk
Don't forget coffee in the hall on the first Saturday of the month....BUT not Saturday 5th August !

Village Hall Events

9 August Bingo, eyes down at 7.30
19 August Afternoon tea at St. Margaret's Hall
7 September Needle felt ring Linda 07887585055
9 September Churches ride & stride
16 September W I open day from 10 to 2pm
26 Sept at 7pm Parish council 1st aid training
7 October Eric's Famous curry night
Friday 10 November Hot- Pot Night
Sunday 17 December Christmas Lunch

Nature Notes by Brenda Mace for May & June

Firstly I would like to put right the error in the last issue. It was a water RAIL not a waterfowl seen in High Street! (apologies from editor) The swallows are back, but few and far between few swifts not seen Hight Street house martins yet. Hopefully we will get a pair or two this year. There have been no fatalities of frogs or toads on the road this year or were there any to cross, I've not seen spawn or tadpoles in the ponds. May 25th I saw the first Hawker dragonfly patrolling the hedge line. The hares seem in abundance this year. Spindle shrubs are covered in webs that house tiny caterpillars that go on to eat all the greenery. June 5th, baby wrens everywhere in the garden no bigger than bumblebees. Turtle doves have been heard here again. A beautiful pyramid orchid has been spotted - the verge cutter narrowly missed it. Peas in the back field, 1 for the rook 1 for the crow 1 to rot and 1 to growHow is your garden??

Rumburgh and St. Lawrence W I are holding an open day on **Saturday 16th september**, from 10 to 2 pm. DO come along Ilketshall Saint Margaret Village Hall for coffee and biscuits, have a chat and see what the W I can offer you.

I wonder if anyone has noticed an insect in their garden, which looks like a large bumble bee. We have been lucky enough to see a *narrow-banded bee hawk moth* for three days in June, on red Valerian

plants. Its movements distinguishes it from a bumble bee, it hovers near the flowers and drinks nectar with its proboscis. There is also a *broad-banded bee hawk moth* very similar but with wider border round the edge of its wings & no maroon band on its body. Both species are severely endangered in Britain but are occasionally seen feeding on the same flowers with the larger, spectacular, but more common *humming bird hawk- moth* . Notes by Tricia Willis

Aide memoire

Coffee morning at 11 am Wednesdays
Ride & Stride round the Churches 9th September
E F O S continues each Monday at 10.30
Benefice Coffee Morning restarts Sept 2nd 10.30

David & Joy Skinner mentioned how much they enjoyed visiting the show, they wished to stay longer, talking to everyone, but David tires easily. Joy said that there has been improvement over the last 8 weeks but unfortunately he is still unable to swallow. We all wish David a comfortable recovery



I cannot resist ...I HAD to put this in

