

# Village Voice

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

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WELCOME TO THE EARLY SUMMER ISSUE

## READY STEADY SHOW!

### HOW IS YOUR POTATO GETTING ON?

IT is time to get planting, baking or making. Do you have your show schedule? If not send email to [flowershow70@yahoo.com](mailto:flowershow70@yahoo.com) Or call into the village hall (see aide memoire) It makes an interesting read on its own! Be ready for the SHOW on Saturday 20 July from 1 pm

#### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Are you 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](mailto:flowershow70@yahoo.com)

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

2024  
Ilketshall  
St Margaret  
VILLAGE  
SHOW

Tony is working well on the roof despite the weather. The scaffolding has been moved to the other end of the hall and work starts on the 'East Wing'



Many thanks to Julie Harding for the above, have a look on our Facebook page, Ilketshall Village Voice for more, much more!

#### Events in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 28 May 7.15pm Parish AGM all invited  
Thursday 30 May The Village Hall AGM at 7.00pm  
Saturday 1 June Church Coffee Morning @ 10.30  
Thursday 6 June Needle Felting Linda 11am  
Thursday 27 June Fascinator Workshop Booked up  
Saturday 6 July Church Coffee Morning @ 10.30am  
SATURDAY 20 JULY FROM 1pm ILKETSHALL  
SAINT MARGARET VILLAGE SHOW

#### Church services at Ilketshall St Margaret's

Sunday 2 June 5 pm Evening Prayer  
Sunday 7 July 5 pm Evening Prayer  
Sunday 4 August 10am Holy Communion  
Sunday 1 September 5 pm Evening Prayer  
Saturday 22 June 1.00pm Charlie & Noel Wedding  
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](mailto:sange.wilson@yayoo.co.uk) [www.ilketshall.org.uk](http://www.ilketshall.org.uk)  
Don't forget coffee in the hall on the first Saturday of the month....1st June

## A. G. M.s

**The Parish Meeting** is on TUESDAY 28 MAY at 7.15pm in the Village Hall

AND

**The Village Hall Annual General Meeting** is on Thursday 30 MAY at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

You are ALL invited to these meetings. You will be more than welcome and we promise not to press-gang you onto a committee!! (unless you want to join of course...)

Nature Notes from Brenda Mace

3rd May, I was happy not to see any squished frogs or toads in the road outside my gate this year. But does it mean they all crossed safely OR that they didn't survive the winter? Fortunately I heard croaking near the pond late one evening so hopefully all is well. I have seen a swallow and apparently one swallow makes a summer now, so it seems. They are not coming back here in the numbers they did 5 years ago. It's due to the lack of insects in Africa, so they are unable to build up enough energy for the flight to our shores - it's a shame I am waiting for the Swifts to arrive. I had a startling experience at the beginning of the month... The dog and I about walking at 7.30 in the evening, came face to face with 5 huge red deer, we froze... they froze. I slowly moved back behind a hedge out of their view, and watched as they made their way across the field munching on the wheat as they went. I hope they don't get into the apple orchard.... I've seen what damage they can do to fruit trees. It's been a good start for butterflies this year, loads of brimstones, holly blues & commas. Now the evenings are lighter and warmer the bats have been flitting up and down the road under the tree canopy, plenty of insects for them now - this year there seem to be more than ever. I suppose the milder winters are helping the insects survive ... So more bats are surviving - a good thing. On the 10th May the first Swift in the High Street ... yippee!!

### FULL MOONS



June 22nd Strawberry Moon July 21st Buck Moon  
August 19 Sturgeon Moon 18th Sept Harvest Moon

Sunday 2nd June Bungay Open Gardens

Saturday 7th July The Pink Ladies Tractor Run

### Contacts for the Village Hall

Eva Collyer 781312 Events bookings  
Maggie Oldham 681640 Hall Hire bookings  
Roger Webb 07941 826772 Flower Show  
Val Carroll 781540  
Jon Lewis 07949 913975

 **STRAWBERRY TEA**  in aid of the Church  
**Saturday 29 June 2-4 pm at Rookery Farm,  
High Street - the home of Lonnie and Eva  
Collyer. Teas for £5 each**

### Aide memoire

Coffee morning at 11am Wednesdays  
E F O S continues each Monday at 10.30  
Benefice Coffee Morning is 1st June 10.30am  
Knit & Natter planned for 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25  
June; 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 July.

Hedgehogs update Spring 2024 by Fiene Kolvort

On the 4th April the first hoglet arrived, quite unexpectedly as we hadn't seen any droppings. I put food out while it was there, but it ran away, not used to me yet :-). The next day I put the feeding box out again with cat biscuits in, they are safe in there from the cat Jodie as she shouldn't eat them with a kidney problem. Shortly after filling the biscuit bowl there was another hoggie. It still had a pink marking but it was illegible but still from last year. After that several more came, some also with pink markings. I marked them all again, alphabet as usual and weighed them. All of a healthy weight some over 1000 g. Recently we've been to Holland, fortunately my neighbour Lucy put food out, on checking the wildlife camera we saw the hoggies kept coming back most evenings. Today the 9 May, we've had 8 hoggies so far and I hope many more will come during the summer. Can I just put out a word of warning, Please check for hedgehogs before you start using a strimmer on tall weeds. Oh and a quick look in the bonfire before you light it!.... Thank you !!

### Mobile Library

**Calling on Wednesday 4 weekly route 14**  
12 June 10 July 7 August 4 September  
2 October 4 November Outside the Church

Don't throw me away, stick me on the fridge!

Contributions to this newsletter are most welcome, email [villagevoice@gmail.com](mailto: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 July