

Ilkeshall St Margaret Village Show 2022

Report by Show Secretary, Roger Webb

Finally, after a 3 year break, we managed to stage our 75th Village Show. Initially, it was planned to extend the proceedings to School Farm Meadow, but due to public liability rules we were forced to the immediate vicinity of the village hall grounds which, in the end, made for a more manageable event. The day was hot and sunny, visitors far and wide - there was even a photographic entry from Italy! Whilst viewing the produce in the hall I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Scase (wife to Mr Scase who originally started the show with Mr Cannell) who had seen the event advertised on social media and made sure she got here.

People enjoyed the various events of the day: the Loddon Brass Band were excellent and set the scene for the day. The crowds experienced at close hand the wonderful demo from the Bungay Taekwondo Club, whilst the ever-reliable bouncy castle run by Child's Play got children to let off a bit of steam. We were also entertained by the very original dino and hare marionette puppetry from Jodie Smith - absolutely fascinating! As always, the very hard working BBQ crew kept everyone going: the theme of 'Low Street' and 'High Street' BBQ burgers carried over to the Tug Of War when the 2 parties battled it out on the village hall grounds - Low Street ending up the winners by 2 pulls to 1 (we'll be back next year! - RW). And not forgetting Maggie & the Ma Belle team on the Tea & Cake stall which did a record turnover this year and raising much needed funds.

Being so hot this year, the Beer Tent team organised by Tony, was run by Chris and Robert who were kept busy all day - as was the Flower Stall run by Kim, a very big thank you! Bob and Paul the goal-keepers dodged plenty of balls in the penalty Shoot Out competition, well organised by Fiene and Ton, making creative use of the small space between the sheds as a goal. And lastly, the much anticipated Spud in a Bucket weigh-in didn't disappoint with a record turn out of 35 participants, the runaway winner Roye Staines collecting the masher Trophy with a total weight of 2370 grams. To all other stall holders present who I haven't mentioned, again, a big thank you!

In all, there were 53 exhibitors and over 200 exhibits, raising well over £1400 for the village hall funds. The standard of entries across all classes was excellent and attracted much praise from the judges and visiting public alike. The committee would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make this event a success. Have a great summer!

Results:

Tomkin Plate (Most points in Show)	Roger Webb
Stott Trophy (Second most points in Show)	Jane Gardner
Fuller Cup (Most points for Fruit)	Daphne Todd
Read Cup (Most points for Vegetables)	Roger Webb
Val Chapman Cup (Best Horticultural Exhibit)	Roger Webb
Masher Trophy (Heaviest weight of bucket potatoes)	Roye Staines
Cannel Cup (Most points for Flowers)	Val Carroll
Mann Cup (Most points for Cookery & Home Produce)	Jane Gardner
Smith Howell Cup (Most points Ladies Handicrafts)	Jenny Stephenson
Huguenot Cup (Most points Mens Handicrafts)	Paul Gardner
John Arthey Cup (Best Photograph)	Paul Gardner/Rob Hardman
Rogers Trophy (Most points for Floral Art)	Val Carroll/Margery Riley/ Sheila Cooper
Alison Morgan Cup (Finest Floral Exhibit)	Fiene Kolvoort
The Wigg Cup (Most points in Farmers Class)	Paul Watkin
Roger Lambert Memorial Shield (Best Garden Display)	Emma Hald
Founders Award (Most points for a Novice)	Annette Abbott
Zoe Rawlings Children's Award (Most points Children's Classes)	Oscar Hald/Lily Webb/Teddy & Milo McCluskey
Family Cup (Family who have contributed most to the Show)	The Webb Family