

Village Voice

For the residents of  Ilketshall St. Margaret

Welcome to ISSUE 81 June to August 2026

I always read back on what was written last year when I start to think about the latest village voice, funny, I didn't remember that spring was also very dry last year! We seem to be experiencing yet more record-breaking figures as not only have we seen very little rain like last year but also record-breaking temperatures. As I write my thermometer is saying 31.4C outside, which I suppose is better than the 33C it showed a couple of hours ago! I do hope we have a little rain in our future as our gardens and fields are in desperate need of a drink!

Now as we continue through the year, our thoughts as usual turn towards summer. With longer, warmer days to enjoy it is great to spend time with our family and friends doing things we enjoy and relishing in the company of others. Of course, here in Ilketshall St. Margaret, summer wouldn't be summer without our annual Village Show. In its 79th year, I know the show committee are working hard to bring you yet another memorable event and as ever we encourage you to bring your family and friends along to the Village Hall from 1pm on Saturday 18th July to enjoy the celebrations. *Julie*

***“What did the ocean say to the beach?
Nothing, it just waved”***

**THIS YEAR'S CHURCH CREAM TEA WILL BE HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
BETWEEN 2-4PM TICKET £5 ON THE DOOR AND A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GREET, EAT AND BE
MERRY .. SEE YOU THERE
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK
WITH EVA**

***“Why did the crab never share his
snacks? Because he was shellfish!”***

St. Margaret Church Services

28th June **Feast of St Peter and St Paul –**

Special Communion 5.00pm

2nd August **Morning Prayer 10.00am**

Benefice Coffee Morning - the first Saturday of the month at 10.30am in the Village Hall

Midweek Communion Service for Summer

**June: Ilk st Margaret July: St James South
Elmham August: Ilk st Lawrence**

Details of all church services in the Saints' Benefice are circulated by email from Sange Wilson of Rumburgh. Please email her for your personal copy (sange.wilson@yahoo.co.uk)

Notes on Nature from Brenda: MID-APRIL lovely sunny weather but very dry. The soil is cracking up; we usually see this in August! There is a pair of Swallows next door, no puddles for them to get mud yet for their nest. The house Martins have arrived as well – hopefully the Swifts will return soon. The Robins from my Tea-Pot have fledged, awaiting the Bluetit and Great-tit young to fledge. I see more and more of the Red Kites almost daily will sail past. Meandering slowly very low to the ground at times – no sign of any Toads or Frogs this end of the village. **MAY** lovely start to the month then it got quite cold again. Not good for young plants or young birds just out of the nest.

10 Fun facts about summer

The July is National ice-cream Month
The hottest temperature ever recorded was 57C
You can see the sun at midnight in the Arctic Circle
Bees work hardest during the summer
The Summer Olympics were first held in 776BC
Thunderstorms are more common in summer
Sunflowers follow the sun
Summer is one of the best times for stargazing

Contacts for the Village

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***“Why do fish swim in salt water?
Because pepper makes them sneeze”***

A new page has been created on the ISM website ‘Village Notice Board’. This page will include all sorts of information about the village and the surrounding area that may be useful to you. Please check it out and let us know what you think and what you would like to be included.



Talking of useful. The East Suffolk Council have recently launched an App to help you with your waste and recycling. As you know, our waste collections will be changing in

June, and this App can help you manage this. Information can be found under the community section of the website on the ‘Village Notice Board’
www.ilketshall.org.uk

Dates for your diary during the Summer

4th June **National Cheese Day**

6th June **D-Day Anniversary**

13th June **Church Cream Tea**

18th June **International Picnic Day**

21st June **Father’s Day**

21st June **Summer Solstice**

29th June-12th July **Wimbledon Fortnight**

4th – 26th July **Tour de France**

1st July **International Joke Day**

15th July **St. Swithuns Day**

18th July **THE VILLAGE SHOW**

9th August **National Book Lovers Day**

31st August **Summer Bank Holiday**

Looking ahead

Tea on the Lawn: TBC

***“Why don’t seagulls fly over the bay?
Because then they’d be bagels”***

**Plant it, Bake it Make it - Get ready for
the ISM Village Show! 1pm, Saturday
18th July 2026**

It’s time to polish your biggest beetroot, bake your best sponge cake and get your cameras ready! Our annual Village Show is just around the

corner, and we can’t wait to celebrate the incredible talents, bakes, and blooms of our local community.

Don’t be shy! Grab a schedule and entry form or download it on the ISM website.

Completed forms and entry fees **must be**



submitted a day earlier than usual by 9pm Weds 15th July.

Even if you aren’t exhibiting, come along for a wonderful afternoon of community spirit! Enjoy the **Black Deek Band, Rumburgh Morris Dancers** and the fabulous children’s entertainer **Tricky Twister** with his magic show and balloon twisting.

Donations welcome for the plant stall and raffle prizes.

All proceeds raised go towards the village hall.

Note: To allow maximum growth, the weigh-in to the Heaviest Marrow Class (17) will be delayed until August at the next cream tea at St Margaret’s Hall (date and time to be announced).

Good luck!

Roger Webb, Show Secretary

***“What kind of photos do turtles take at
the beach? Shellfies”***

HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!