



# HOLM SHOW newsletter

January 2016

## A very Happy New Year

to all our friends, neighbours, showgoers, judges, competitors -  
and everyone else who loves The Holm Show!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and Hogmanay  
and that you were not affected too badly by the terrible weather.

The Holm Show 2016 is still a good few months away,  
but we have other things to look forward to in the meantime,  
so we hope you will add our important dates to your diary -  
and join us if you can, because we'd love to see you.

## DIARY DATES

Saturday January 30th 2016 -  
Holm Show Coffee Morning in  
Newcastleton Village Hall. 10.30am

Saturday February 27th -  
Holm Show Quiz Night  
in Newcastleton Village Hall.  
Starts 7.30pm

Sunday October 2nd -  
Holm Show  
Pleasure Ride/Dog Walk

Saturday October 15th -  
Holm Show Supper Dance  
in Newcastleton Village Hall.  
Starts 7.30pm

## QUIZ NIGHT

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Join us for a fun Quiz Night on  
**Saturday February 27th.**

We're looking for teams of four, but you  
can enter with less or come on your own  
and keep the winnings all to yourself!

The fun start in Newcastleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.  
**The entry price of £5 per person  
or just £2 for children under-16, includes Supper.**

There's no Bar, so feel free to bring your own  
liquid refreshment - and there will be a  
raffle with fabulous prizes galore!

We'd like to get an idea of numbers so we know how many  
to cater for, so please get in touch and enter your team  
now.

**Contact Gilly on 75887 or Jenny on 01387 808789**



**We want to make the 2016 Holm Show even bigger and better and we want even more people to take part and enjoy the fun. So - why not give it a go?**

**We want to hear from you. If there's anything you would like to know about any of the classes - such as 'What is Barley Fadge?' or 'What do judges look for in the Hill Cob class' or even 'How do you make an animal out of vegetables?' - email your question to:**

**[theholmshow@googlemail.com](mailto:theholmshow@googlemail.com)**

## JUDGES' TIPS

If you would really love to enter some of the classes at the Holm Show, but you are not sure what the judge will be looking for - now's your chance to find out. We asked some of our 2015 Judges to pass on the benefits of their advice for hopeful competitors. Here's what they had to say...

From Industrial Section judges Sarah Smith, Vivian Blyth and Sally Sneddon.....

### JAMS AND JELLIES

- \* I look for a nice clean jar, which is not sticky.
- \* It must have a clear jam pot cover - not a lid.
- \* It should be labelled well and dated.
- \* The jam must be nice to look at in a good setting - and if it's jelly it should be nice and clear.
- \* And of course the taste should be good!



### INDUSTRIAL CRAFTS

- \* Items should have been made since the last show
- \* The back of the work is just as important as the front - the judge will check everything for a professional finish including framing
- \* When framing, make sure the canvas is stretched evenly as this affects the finish of the picture.
- \* Make sure stitches are all facing the same way
- \* Make sure the item is clean- and unused.

### DRESSMAKING

- \* Cut out the pattern neatly
- \* Make sure there is enough thread on reel to finish the row. Never join thread in the middle of the row.
- \* Finish edges with over-locker or zig-zag stitch.
- \* Keep seam allowances all the same width and top stitching the same width all the way.
- \* If something has to be bound, make your own bias binding and ensure it is cut on the true bias otherwise it will wrinkle.
- \* When joining, do it on the cross and not on the straight.
- \* Mitre corners.



**We'll have more tips in the next Newsletter - tell us if there's anything specific you would like to know...**