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Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thursday, 1 MARCH 2012 at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. All Residents are most welcome to attend. The Agenda is displayed on the Parish Noticeboards or is available from the Clerk		
Hilgay School	Office	01366 387 685
Ten Mile Bank School	Office	01366 377 310
Ten Mile Bank Village Hall	Neil Bradley	01366 378 877
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Hilgay Silver Band - FREE tuition & instrument available	Brian Doy	01366 387 630
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Hilgay Good Companions Club	Norma James	01366 387 656
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Ten Mile Bank Playing Field	Colin Wills	01366 377 743
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HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL ... POINTS OF INTEREST SNIPPETS

Next Meeting: **1 March 2012** at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, RIVER FIELD, HILGAY

The Public Conveniences are now closed under a BCKLWN directive. Hilgay Feoffee Charity and the Parish Council are to meet with the BCKLWN in February to discuss proposals for the future of the public conveniences. If you have any suggestions, please do contact the Parish Council with your ideas.

ACCESS UNDER HILGAY A10 BRIDGE

The Parish Council are currently negotiating to clear brambles and fencing blocking the access route under the A10 Bridge. Once the area is cleared, this would allow the public to walk under the bridge instead of having to cross the busy A10. The project was started last year, with some brambles being cleared, but further clearance was held up due to a fencing issue. A Meeting was held in February to resolve this, and hopefully work will again commence shortly.

SLIDE AT HILGAY PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council are currently awaiting a further quotation for repairs to the slide. Unfortunately the initial offer to repair the slide did not progress. In the meantime please do not allow your child to play on the slide.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

New signage displaying the cemetery regulations is to be installed in the Parish Cemetery shortly.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNAGE

The Parish Council are currently looking into the possibility of signage provision for problem areas in the Parish.

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

Consideration has been given to setting up a Parish Council facebook page. At the January Meeting it was advised that another Organisation was also currently looking into a facebook page, and it may be agreed that Parish Council matters are posted onto this one site.

NORFOLK GREEN BUS FARES

Fares will be increasing in March 2012.

First bus of the morning will now pick up later from Ten Mile Bank, calling there en route from Southery to Hilgay. The routing has been reversed in order to reduce the number of right turns across the A10. The Sunday bus to Lynn and Hunstanton will re-start over the Easter weekend, leaving Ten Mile Bank at 9.22am and Hilgay at 9.28am, and returning from Hunstanton at 4.35pm

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COFFEE MORNING

Thursday **9 FEBRUARY** 2012

Thursday, **23 FEBRUARY** 2012

Thursday **29 MARCH** 2012

10.30am to 12.30pm

Home made cakes .. Raffle

Everyone Welcome

Sunday, **4 March** 2012

Hilgay Parish Council Torch Bearer Grand Draw

1pm to 2.30pm

Refreshments Will Be On Sale provided by the Village Hall Committee☺

Hilgay Village Hall Committee are having an extra Coffee Morning this month to accommodate local walkers who will be in the village on 9th February. Norfolk Council have sent 'Fit Together' brochures which will be freely available outlining local walks. **Everybody is welcome.** The usual delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be available and there may even be homemade soup and rolls.

Many thanks to Geraldine, Marie, Estelle and Jenny for their superb baking contributions.

We also need to **thank Arijs** for making the great new Notice Boards we now have outside our Village Hall. Along with the new door, the Hall is beginning to look a bit smarter. The Committee will be applying for a grant to do further works in the not too distant future. If successful, a lot more will be done to enhance the hall for the use of all the villagers.

HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS

from Brian Doy

The Band is now back in full rehearsal after a welcome break from the busy Christmas schedule. We would like to thank all those who supported us during our Carol Playing around the Village.

The Band would like to welcome back **Mariya Nicholls** on trombone.

Mariya started to play in the Hilgay Silver Band at a very young age until she joined the Band of the Blues and Royals. Now having left the army, Mariya is back living in the area.

We still welcome new players and anyone wishing to learn.

Instrument, music, and tuition are **free of charge.**

Please contact me – Brian Doy on 01366 387 630.

DENTS OF HILGAY FARM SHOP AND GARDEN CENTRE CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO HELP FOR HEROES CAMPAIGN



Following the very successful Christmas Food and Craft Weekend in November 2011, Members of Staff were delighted to hand over a cheque for the sum of £1,050 to Chris Steele, a volunteer Representative for Help the Heroes.

Chris told the Staff that the proceeds of the event would help fund Rehabilitation Centres for wounded soldiers, contribute to the cost of wheelchairs, prosthetic limbs, and a 'quick reaction' fund for the injured to give them the best help possible after injuries - money from the Fund also benefits sister charities such as the British Legion.

Alison Dent and all the Staff at Dent's of Hilgay would like to thank all those that attended the weekend, and who have supported all the fund raising activities throughout the last 2 years – where the total raised has exceeded **£4,000.**

MARIE CURIE CANCER CURE COLLECTION

John Robinson would like to thank the Residents of Church Road, Ten Mile Bank for their contributions totalling **£76.10** donated to the Marie Curie Cancer Cure Charity.

WIRELESS BROADBAND PILOT FOR HILGAY - UPDATE

The Wireless Broadband Pilot is not to be confused with Better Broadband for Norfolk.

The Pilot will deliver an internet service to Hilgay during mid 2012 which allows you to use standard services such as hotmail, yahoo, and google mail, you will be able to carry out all the usual activities such as online banking, shopping, booking holidays, filing tax returns, use You Tube, Facebook, Twitter, Skype and iPlayer.

Users should be able to operate at 2Mb/s.

To use this service you will need:

To be a member of the NCC library service (free)

Buy a Subscriber Unit @ approx. £210 (fitting cost £70-£100 or DIY).

Buy a Router @ approx. £40.

The Internet Service is **free**.

For a full copy of the Norfolk County Council Frequently Asked Questions contact the Clerk, Hilgay Parish Council on 01366 385 449 or email her on hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com

Interested?

To register an interest in the Wireless Broadband Pilot please complete the form below

I would like to register my interest in the Wireless Broadband Pilot

Name

Address

.....

Post Code

Tel No

Return this form to:

Hilgay Parish Council, 123 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0EG

Deadline for returning this form – 29 February 2012

ROSE AND CROWN, HILGAY

I'm sure most of you know me, Linda the landlady at your local village pub, myself, Kev and staff would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to share with you some of the things that are happening here in the first few months of this windy 2012.

After taking the christmas trimmings down we are looking a bit bare, but, a lot cleaner with the cobwebs dusted down, I'm sure this pub has overactive spiders!

If there are any **artists** that would like to **display their paintings, or drawings** on our walls for sale, come and see us.

We have a **Dominoes Team**, well, I use the term loosely, as we are very short of players, **so if any of you would like to play** - it's Monday nights. We would be pleased to see you.

During **February** and **March** we will be offering **two course meals** - Tuesday to Friday from 12 noon until 2pm for the princely sum of **£5**, Special boards with these displayed will be in the pub, (the main menu will also be available)

Tuesday night we have a **Curry Evening**, with a choice of 3 curries served with rice, naan breads and poppadoms **£6.95**

Wednesday is **Steak Night** -rump chips and peas only **£5.95**

Friday is fish day, home beer battered fresh fish, takeaway available! the main menu is also available if you would rather have something different.

Valentines Day - February 14th we are offering a **3 course meal** for **£9.95**, so all you romantics pop in for a menu and to book, or give me a ring on 01366 385 414.

Come on gents, treat the ladies, just think of all those brownie points !!!

Every Sunday we serve a **traditional sunday roast** with the choice of three meats, (yorkshire pudding with all three meats) for a great price of **£6.95**

March 18th is **Mothering Sunday** - why not bring mum for lunch! (we wont be putting the price up for this sunday as some places do,) so book early to avoid disappointment.

Quiz nights, watch the boards at the front of the pub for dates - are good fun and not to be taken to seriously, but no cheating allowed, I have said no arguing with the quizmaster but no one seems to take much notice of this! Teams of up to 5 and a **£1 per person** to enter.

MIGHTY MOUTH IS BACK!

Views expressed in Mighty Mouth articles are not necessarily the views of Hilgay Parish Council

Dear Mighty Mouth, with regard to last issue's Elderly article I genuinely hope that this was written 'tongue in cheek'. But unfortunately it has really rattled my cage, so to speak. Freedom of speech, opinions, and much more – we enjoy because of these older members of our Community. Downham Market, which many locals affectionately call 'God's waiting room' – from someone who was born there and will probably die there too, I feel that the problem does not lie with these older people, but with the planning authorities that allowed so many retirement homes to be built. But I am sure that is another story.

The incidences that occurred on your trip into town – the lady blocking your way, makes me wonder exactly where the staff of the supermarket were, or even yourself – did you and they just stand and observe? Surely to speed you on your way – an excuse me or would you like some help? – would have been enough for her to realise the problem her trolley and shopper were causing. Or then again, it could have been politely pointed out to her!

As for the gentleman on his scooter – was he actually more of a problem than younger people on their cycles? Maybe in his younger days he was a boy racer! I'm glad to read he was wearing glasses, no fear for the public then, as he would have been able to see where he was heading and could judge the gaps and fit neatly through them!

I'm surprised you didn't get held up in Bridge Street waiting for the bus to load with passengers. How lucky you missed that!

People have moved to Downham Market and surrounding areas for the peace and quiet, the slower pace of life and beautiful countryside.

Exasperating as it maybe when us younger models are in such a hurry all the time! Patience surely is a virtue, and manners – they cost nothing.

As for the tomato pip, well I defy you to find any

One more observation – if in a hurry, don't go to Downham on a market day!

Linda Scott, Rose and Crown, Hilgay

Well I will start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. Christmas has been and gone the decorations are down and the front room looks naked, but look on the bright side, Tesco has been selling Easter eggs since the 27th of December!! Believe it or not in some American states this is actually offence for which you can be arrested.

This year I have noticed something quite amazing during this festive period. On the 26th of December I was required to take one of my sherry loving family members to a local A & E department following an incident involving a kitchen knife, a clothes horse and an aubergine (don't even ask – who eats aubergine at Christmas?). Anyway the net result was a deep cut which needed medical attention and a dressing change a few days later with the local practice nurse. Arriving at the car park highlighted that I should have received some radical rhinoplasty beforehand, in order to ease the pain of paying through the nose to leave my vehicle in a virtually empty car park. I swear the parking attendant was dressed as Dick Turpin, either that, or one of the extras from the Lynn Panto was also seeking medical treatment!

It was at this point I noticed that the A & E department was almost completely empty and we were seen, treated and 'streeted' really quickly. Now I refuse to believe that something as simple as a religious celebration can supersede the need for vast numbers or our population to seek what I would suggest is unnecessary treatment, but following a dressing change at the GP practice a day or two later, it seemed to support my observations. There were no plague victims, no snotty nosed children, no 'virus' ravaged zombies and most significantly, no wait! I am telling you it's the type of miracle that one would only have come across in the good book itself, we celebrate the birth of the Messiah once a year and on that very day millions are alleviated of their symptoms. Cue chorus line of Händel's Messiah!

Whilst on the subject of our national religion (the NHS) I was reading that in 2010 around 1.1 million pounds was spent on homeopathic treatments. Are you having a laugh?, as a nation we spent the equivalent of a small lottery win on what equates to sugar pills. Here's a thought next time you're ill, come see me and I will swap you a bag of Tate and Lyle's finest for your £7.40...I didn't think so. Alternative therapies, honestly what a pile of manure! When was the last time you were at the scene of a serious car crash only to hear the unfortunate occupants calling out to passers-by to phone for a herbalist! Next thing you know is that we will be laying on a hospital bed with a serious illness, only to be told by some junior doctor (who isn't even old enough to know who Spandau Ballet are) that laughter is the best medicine! Unless of course you are a diabetic. You can picture it now 'Mrs Jones with this prescription I am going to try something a little unconventional, instead of your normal insulin, I am going to opt for a Michael McIntyre boxset'

Mind you, it seems that being thorough in the pursuit of good health and medicine will always be inextricably linked. It doesn't matter what sort of Doctor I go to these days I always seem to end up stripped below the waist with my feet in the air. I will be honest with you, I thought that this was a little excessive for a visit to the opticians. As I have got older it seems like I spend more time with my feet in stirrups than Frankie Dettori.

Just before I sign off I would like to leave you with one final observation. Why is it that when we visit our fine medical facilities and inevitably bump into a friend or family member, do we insist on asking one of the top three most stupidest questions of all time. 'Hi there, How are you?'. Now surely the mere fact that you are stood in the GP's reception would lead to the only logical conclusion that in some way, shape or form, you are not exactly 100%. As far as I am aware GPs are not big fans of giving out 10 minute appointment slots for you to sit and chat about how the semi-finalists did on 'strictly' and last night's football results! So next time you see me at the Surgery in Downham Market and enquire as to my well-being, beware the reply may be something along the lines of 'well the burning and stinging has improved and the cream has stopped the oozing, but the swelling still hasn't improved.'

Ten Mile Bank Play Equipment



Community Project

The Committee have now finalised 4 items of play equipment – a Teeter Tot for ages 2 to 5, Cantilever Swing for all ages, Zip Line for ages 5 upwards, and a Roundabout with wheelchair access.

Pictures can be seen on facebook – join our group at Ten Mile Bank Play Equipment Community Project

Ten Mile Bank School have begun fund raising activities. Please support them!

22 March – Sponsored Gymnastic Circuits

29 March – Bingo at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall – eyes down at 6.15pm

Come meet us on the **4 March 2012** at Hilgay Village Hall between 1pm and 2.30pm – where we will be gratefully accepting donations ☺

The Ten Mile Bank School Council will be attending the Hilgay Parish Council Meeting on **1 March 2012** to appeal for a donation.

Want to contact us? Tel: 01366 385 449 or 07944 943 651

Email: tmbplayequipmentcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk

TORCH BEARER GRAND DRAW

West Norfolk Sports Council have asked Hilgay Parish Council to nominate 2 Torch Bearers to take part in the Hilgay leg of the **1948 Olympic Torch Trail** which is visiting 80 villages, coming to the Village on 4 June 2012 at 12.16pm. For full route details visit www.letsgetactive.org.uk. A **Grand Draw** will take place at Hilgay Village Hall on **4 March 2012** at 2.30pm (refreshments available from 1pm) where 2 names will be drawn. The chosen Bearers will receive a medal from the Mayor on 5 June 2012

TORCH BEARER APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address

Post Code Tel No.

Applicants must be 14 years old or over on 4 June 2012, and are required to run the length of Hilgay

Return this form to:

Hilgay Parish Council, 123 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0EG

Deadline for returning this form – 3 March 2012