

RIVERSIDE NEWS

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£30,000 NEEDED!



TEN MILE BANK SCHOOL COUNCIL have been working very hard to raise the **£30,000 we need to buy the play equipment for the Village.** They even went to the Parish Council Meeting held in March to discuss support of the Project!

They organised a sponsored gymnastics event at the School with the **FANTASTIC** support of Mr Grainger, and so far this event has raised just over **£700!** They also held a fundraiser Bingo on the 29 March 2012 raising another **£133.**

If YOU would like to get involved in supporting the Ten Mile Bank Community Play Equipment Project, we would value your support.

Please contact us at Ten Mile Bank Primary School on 01366 377310.

Even if your children have left the school, or go to different school we still need your support to obtain this Play Equipment for the Village!

We are very grateful for all the donations we received for the Bingo. The children and staff have been overwhelmed by the generous support of the village, and would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who have supported us so far.

WHO TO CONTACT	and	Regular VILLAGE
EVENTS		
Clerk to the Parish Council Email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com	Shan Tedder Mobile	01366 385 449 07944 943 651
Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thursday, 3 MAY 2012 at Hilgay 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
Hilgay Village Hall Bookings		077 484 13103
Hilgay Silver Band - FREE tuition & instrument available	Brian Doy	01366 387 630
Hilgay Youth Club	Emma Martin	01366 388 362
Hilgay Good Companions Club	Norma James	01366 387 656
Hilgay Playing Field / River Field	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Ten Mile Bank Playing Field	Colin Wills	01366 377 743
All Saint's PCC	Peter Bates	01366 387 988
Hilgay Parish Cemetery	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Street Lights	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
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Allotments	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
If you would like your organisation included free of charge in the above listing .. Tel: Shan on 01366 385 449		
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Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0EG. Application deadline is 27 April 2012.

or email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com

For more information telephone 01366 385 449.

ROSE AND CROWN, HILGAY 01366 385414

As I'm writing this the sun is shining, birds are singing - happy days, what more could we want? Maybe a nice cold pint in our beer garden at the rear of the pub away from the traffic, there is a seating area and play area for the children. Myself, staff, and friends have created this over the last few weeks - many thanks to them for their hard work. Lets hope the weather continues so we can all enjoy the garden.

We've had some great evenings this last few months with singers, karaoke, discos, etc.

Come and join us for Easter, Good Friday we have **Bobby's Karaoke**. Easter Saturday **Charity Race Night with Crazy Horse**, all proceeds for Wish House. Easter Sunday afternoon we have our **Easter Egg Hunt**, (tots, teens, and oldies) - fun starts at 3pm.

No excuse to forget a birthday now we have an amazing range of hand made cards for sale, from a local lady, also handmade jewellery using semi precious stones, come and have a look!

We are open all day Tuesday – Friday.

Plans in hand for the Diamond Jubilee, we will be having a street party, royal fancy dress, bouncy castle, face painting, and lots more. A right royal quiz will take place over the weekend too. Dont forget, we serve good home cooked food, including traditional Sunday Roast, still only £6.95.

People have been asking if the rumour is true that I'm leaving the pub, I'm not leaving, hope this will stop the rumours.

Well I'm back to gardening and painting window frames as long as the weather holds .. hopefully see you soon.
Linda - Rose and Crown

RAFT RACE DAY

The Rotary Club has announced that the event this year is to be held on **Sunday, 15 July 2012** at the River Field at Hilgay (by Hilgay Bridge). The Benefactors will be Tapping House. So start getting your rafts ready now!

TEN MILE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

This term we have been learning how to 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' our rubbish. We saved lots of electricity during 'Switch off keep cool' week, as part of the 'Energy Busters' project we did with the National Trust. We are trying to continue to make these savings.



We visited the Eco-Tech Centre at Swaffham to learn about the energy from the wind, we have also visited a farm which relies on solar energy. On World Book Day we had a brilliant day learning about books with the children of Hilgay Village V.C. Primary School. The Frogs class (Key Stage 2) went to Hilgay for the day and the children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 from Hilgay came and joined the Tadpoles class here in Ten Mile Bank. A fantastic day was had by all, with lots of new friendships being formed. The day finished off with a story teller who laughed right off his chair!



Vouchers

It is that time of year again when the supermarkets are giving out their vouchers for schools. Last year we were delighted with the amount of vouchers we received. We were able to get a new digital camera from Tesco's, enough pairs of gardening gloves for a whole class (including the adults!) and lots of seeds from Morrison's and also some playground equipment from Sainsbury's. We had so many vouchers from passers-by and through the post from people far and wide! Without your support we would not be able to achieve such fantastic equipment.

So please remember us next time they offer you a voucher, every one we receive really does count!

Send/Bring to: Ten Mile Bank Primary School, Station Road,
Ten Mile Bank, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0EP.

WILLOW LODGE, HILGAY

Hilgay Parish Council have been informed by Freebridge Housing that they have evidence from the Local Authority that there is little identified housing need for older persons' accommodation in Hilgay, and it is Freebridge's intention to relocate the existing Residents living at Willow Lodge to alternative accommodation. At present there are no long term plans for Willow Lodge, and Freebridge have advised that they wish to work with the Community and the Parish Council to find a solution for the site which allows it to meet local housing needs.

Thus the Parish Council are interested in **YOUR** views.

Name

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Address

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What do you propose for Willow Lodge's future?

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Return to The Clerk, Hilgay Parish Council, 123 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, PE38 0EG
Deadline for return 2 May 2012

HILGAY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT **NEW CRAFT CLUB**

from Val Barrington

The first meeting of the Craft Club was held on 7th March in the Hilgay Village Hall and was very well attended. There are many very talented people in and around the village with craft skills ranging from knitting, sewing, quilting, embroidery through to basket making and walking stick making! Card making is also popular and what could be nicer than giving, or even receiving, a personalised handmade card.

The group meets every other Wednesday evening and a warm welcome and a cup of tea is extended to all who would like to come along.

If there are crafts you would like to learn I'm sure there will be somebody there to teach you. You may even have craft skills that you could pass on to others. We are a very friendly and informal bunch and look forward to meeting you all at our next meeting on **Wednesday, 4th April at 7–9pm in Hilgay Village Hall**. At a cost of £2 per meeting, I am sure you will find it very worthwhile

ZUMBA AND BODY TONING CLASS in the Village Hall on a **Tuesday evening from 7–9pm**

Great for keeping in shape and keeping those wobbly bits under control (hopefully)!

CRAFT FAIR is being held on **Sunday, 15th April** - 10 – 4pm with homemade cakes, teas and ploughman's lunch available.



COFFEE

MORNING - Thursday, 26 APRIL 10.30am-1.30pm

ART CLASS

Andy Scordellis and Arijs are hoping to set up an Art Class, beginners and more advanced artists welcome.

Contact Andy on 01366 381087 or Arijs on 01366 380136 for further information.

MUSIC AND READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

with Downham Market Choral Society at St Mary's Church, Denver on Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30pm
£5 on the door includes refreshments

HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS

from Brian Doy

On 11 February 2012, our Awards Night was held at The Crown in Downham Market. As well as enjoying a buffet dinner and the Quiz organised by Bob Britton, the following Awards were given:

Most Improved Beginner - Max Horton

Most Improved Youth Band Player - Ben Palmer

Most Improved Senior Band Player - Robbie Germano

Most Attended Player - was a tie between myself and Stuart Dean!

Interested in joining the Band? We offer **free tuition and free instrument available** – telephone me on 01366 387 630 for further information.

Calling outgoing Year 11s – **One Big Summer** is recruiting for its 2nd year. There are 120 places to take part in a residential camp out in Norfolk and a week of voluntary community work where you will make new friends and learn new skills. All for just £50 (Bursaries are available). Norwich City Community Sports Foundation and the Football League Trust will deliver the programme.

To find out more contact Paul or Darren at the CSF Office on 01603 761 122 or facebook – One Big Summer or follow them on Twitter @onebigsummer.

The Norfolk and Norwich Festival is looking for 100 men, women, and children to take part in **100% NORFOLK** at the Norwich Theatre Royal. The cast will be as representative of the county's population as possible looking like the county's population in miniature. It is based on a project by Berlin based theatre collective Rimini Protokoll and follows 100% Berlin, 100% Vienna, and 100% Vancouver.

If you would be interested in taking part please contact Louise Dennison on 01603 877 765 or email 100percent@nnfestival.org.uk

Young drivers are being offered the chance to try out Norfolk County Council's **SKID CAR** at **Tread's Young Driver Workshops** for 17-25 year olds.

The Workshop tackles driving in difficult weather conditions, and the Feeling Flat Workshops allows you bring along your own car. Other workshops include what modifications you can make to your vehicle to stand out from the crowd.

Packages cost just £25 and there are some great freebies.

Find out more at www.think.norfolk.gov.uk or telephone 0344 800 8020 or find them on facebook at Tread Says.

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL – SNIPPETS

The Annual Residents Meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 May 2012, commencing at 7pm, immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council would be delighted to receive your Organisation's Annual Report to be included in the Annual Residents Meeting. Either post to Hilgay Parish Council, 123 Sluice Road, Denver, PE38 0EG or email to hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com

The 2 Torch Bearers were chosen at the Draw held on 4 March 2012 at Hilgay Village Hall. Mrs Appleby kindly drew 2 names from the 'hat'. Winners were Scott Annan and Suzanne Teverson. Many thanks to the Hilgay Village Hall Committee for providing refreshments. The 1948 Torch Trail will be coming to Hilgay Village on 4 June 2012 at 12.16pm. For full route details visit www.letsgetactive.org.uk.

A hosepipe ban will commence on Thursday, 5 April 2012.

Norfolk County Council's Wireless Internet Project - There are issues at Hilgay relating to the ownership of the land the school sits on and these are slowing progress. The delivery of the services is dependant on successful planning permission. When this is achieved Norfolk Property Services (NPS) will engage a contractor to install the masts and provide communications links and electricity to the masts.

The Better Broadband for Norfolk Programme Update.

Norfolk will be going to tender for this program of works covering the whole of Norfolk during April 2012 with completion of the tendering process during the summer. This will be followed by a period of detailed planning, with rollout of services starting in January 2013 leading to programme completion for the whole of Norfolk by end March 2015.

Ten Mile Bank School Council presented an appeal at our March Parish Council Meeting for financial support towards the proposed play equipment to be installed at Ten Mile Bank. Each member of the School Council individually advised the Councillors on the different aspects of the Project, and display boards to support their appeal were circulated amongst the Council. The Parish Council have pledged £2000 towards the cost of the equipment, and have agreed to insure and maintain the equipment once it is installed. The Councillors were very impressed with the School Council's clear explanation of the Project and its members received a round of applause from both Councillors and the Public for their excellent presentation. 10% of the cost has now so far been raised.

MIGHTY MOUTH IS BACK!

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

Hello there folks, I hope this finds you all in fine spirit! The weather in the last few days whilst writing this has been as good as we have come to expect of some of our warmer summer months! It reminds me of being a youngster again on my school holidays! I loved the school holidays it made such a change from having to sit a listen to those dull uninspiring history teachers who seemed to get some sort of satisfaction from boring you witless with tales of the Incas and their temples and what the romans did for the rest of civilisation (cue countless John Cleese 'life of Brian' quotes).

Something else occurred to me was that when trying to control the class, is the teacher best placed to stand at the front and risk the pupils misbehaving behind your back whilst writing on the board, or does the teacher stand at the back so they can see the pupils but then isn't able to write on the board? This is an age old conundrum that has not yet found a suitable solution, not by A LONG CHALK!?!?! Oh now there is a thought! However in contrast to this the actual lessons, we enjoyed, do you remember playing the 'how many tennis balls can you get wedged into the overhead light fittings' game. Also each week we used to have a competition to see who could get the most amount of 'stuff' into a pupil's PE kit bag without them noticing. By the time we left school Chopper Harris held the record of 3 house bricks, the contents of the class bin and a dead pigeon. The remarkable thing was that the child whose bag it was did not notice until he got home that evening!

If you ask me good ol state education neva did me n e arm!

These were the best of times and yet they were the worst of times.

This was about the same time as when fireworks were real fire works.

They would only be available for 2 weeks of every year (because the British Army were using them for the rest of it) and the instruction would read 'light blue touch paper, and RUN!!!'



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who is able to stop our newly fitted tap from dripping, who can ensure that the water remains within our newly certified calor gas water heater and not all over the floor, who can fit a spray hose to our bathroom tap, and ensure that our newly fitted kitchen tap remains attached to the sink. If you think you are able to carry out these tasks and possibly a couple of other tasks during a reasonable period of time at a reasonable fee without leaving rubbish from your van at our house .. then call Shan on 01366 385 449

Or am I asking too much?

We the **WEST NORFOLK OLDER PERSONS FORUM** are seeking your help and co-operation. The Forum was established in West Norfolk as an independent, voluntary organisation in 2009. Our primary aim is to help improve the quality of life for Older People in this area. We hold about 4 public meetings per year (currently in King`s Lynn during the daytime) with expert Speakers on a variety of topics which concern people in later life. But we are not a purely `Lynn` organisation. Members of our present committee come from a wide area: Downham Market, Dersingham, King`s Lynn, Leziate, Middleton, Sporle, Terrington St John and Wiggshall.

Joining the Forum is free of charge. You simply ask to go on our mailing list and provide us with contact details so we can inform you of our local events that we hope you`ll be interested in. And, of course, we would like to hear what you think the Forum should be doing. Importantly, **you do not have to be `Old` to join.** Whatever your present age (you may simply be interested because you`ve got elderly parents, friends or neighbours for instance), you will get the chance to hear about things happening in West Norfolk that are likely to affect people`s daily lives - both now and in the future. We particularly want to hear your views (and your past experiences if you wish to share them).

How to contact the Forum: Email: Junestokes@uwclub.net or telephone 07742 194604 or write to:

Windhoek, Hill Road, Fair Green, Middleton, King`s Lynn PE32 1RW

HILGAY VILLAGE MEMORIES Part 1

from Gwen Dearsley

In the 1900`s there were 6 public houses in Hilgay – The 8 Bells, The Bell, The Swan, The George and Dragon, The Queens Head, and the Rose and Crown which still remains today.

There were 5 shops. E Anderson was a newsagent, the newspapers were picked up from Ryston Station. H Firth was the main shop. B Dent sold groceries, clothes and haberdashery. Curries sold everything. L Lane ran the Post Office.

Fred Chapman was a `mobile shop` - he walked around the village selling products. Some of the houses were over a mile away, and eventually he bought a bicycle. Russell Dent had a horse drawn van, selling everything! His round included not only Hilgay, but Ten Mile Bank and Southery.

Funy Cornell also had a horse drawn van, selling bits and pieces, and he would pay 1s2d for rabbit or mole skins. Bakers- H Cross and M Firman delivered their bread by horse and cart. I recall my Granny Tuck would take her meat and Yorkshire puddings up to M Firman`s Bakery to be cooked because their coal ovens were very hot – no electric in those days!

to be continued in the June issue ..

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