

# RIVERSIDE NEWS

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So are you ready for **HILGAY RAFT RACE?**  
**17 JULY 2011**

and the

**KL FM DUCK RACE**  
**16 JULY 2011**

Further details inside



Shame our beauty spot is still being blighted by industrial fencing  
4 years is far too long – hopefully it will be removed soon.

<b>WHO TO CONTACT and Regular VILLAGE EVENTS</b>		
Clerk to the Parish Council Shan Tedder 01366 385 449 Email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com Mobile 07944 943 651 Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thursday, <b>7 July 2011</b> at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. <b>All members of the public are most welcome to attend</b> 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	Alison Davis	01366 386 167
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 & St Mark's Church	Father David Evans	01366 384 418
Hilgay Parish Cemetery	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Street Lights	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Littering and Dog Fouling issues	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Allotments	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
Hilgay Parish Growers Hilgay Village Green Committee	Harvey Hillyer	01366 380 283
If you would like <b>your organisation included free of charge</b> in the above listing .. Tel: Shan on 01366 385 449		
<b><u>DENT'S BUTCHERS - GENERAL STORE &amp; NEWSAGENTS</u></b> Stocks Hill, Hilgay TEL: 01366 387 686		
<b>Get Carter on 01366 385063 or 07841 715 464</b> <b>DOMESTIC &amp; COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR</b>		

**Riverside News Contact:** Shan Tedder  
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## HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS

from Brian Doy

The Band is now getting ready for a busy Summer.

On the 12 June 2011 the Band was at Cherry Hinton Park, Cambridgeshire.

On the 24 June 2011, the Band gave a concert at Ten Mile Bank School, starting with the Youth Band playing a few short pieces, followed on by the Senior Band playing. All proceeds to Ten Mile Bank School.

### FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS:

- 10 JULY Riverside, Ely from 2pm to 4pm
- 23 JULY Fox and Hounds, Heacham
- 31 JULY Hunstanton Bandstand from 2pm to 4pm
- 7 AUGUST The Walks, King's Lynn from 2pm to 4pm
- 14 AUGUST Hilgay Country Fair from 2pm to 4pm
- 21 AUGUST West End Park, March from 2pm to 4pm

All Players and Beginners welcome.

Tuition, Instrument and music are **free**

For further information, please call me on 01366 387 630

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## HILGAY COUNTRY SHOW - 13 & 14 AUGUST 2011 at Downhall Field

Main Arena Events:

**GRAND PARADE each day** – with local commentators

**Farming Demonstration**

**Hilgay Silver Band**

**Family Pet Fun Dog Show - Sunday**

Vintage Tractors

Motorcycles

Trade Stalls

Refreshments

Vintage Cars

Raffle

Bygones

Tombola

Stationary Engines

Cakes

Farming Machinery

**Admission £3 per adult with children under 12 FREE**

Parking available on site

For further details – contact

Peter Bates, Cornerways, West End, Hilgay, PE38 0HZ. Tel 01366 387988

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to the 'LIGHT MAN', who you probably know as **Morris Coates**, our sprightly 81 year old Resident, who assists the Parish Clerk by keeping an eye on the street lights, and reporting outages to the Parish Council.

# WARTIME REMAINS IN TEN MILE BANK AND HILGAY

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## Part 2 - Hilgay

As outlined in the last issue, Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay were at the heart of wartime plans to defend Britain in the event of a German invasion in the early 1940s. In Hilgay, the defences were centred around the River Wissey. Along with the Great Ouse, it formed part of the GHQ stop-line



which, in the event of an invasion, had the purpose of slowing the advance of any forces heading from the east coast to the industrial Midlands.

Between 1995 and 2001 a project was set up to record the 20th century military landscape of the United Kingdom.

### Training with Spigot Mortar in Wartime

Known as the Defence of Britain Project it was overseen by the Council for British Archaeology. The resulting national anti-invasion database records the following sites in and around Hilgay:

#### Pillbox

- A Type 22 in a field by Hubbard's Drove opposite the gate to Rose Hill Farm. This sturdy concrete construction can still be seen underneath a covering of foliage.

#### Spigot Mortar Bases

- Only one is recorded in the database and that is in the grounds of Crosskeys Riverside House on the north bank of the river. There are, however, two more:
- One in the garden of a house on the north bank and west of the road
- Another directly opposite in a garden on the south bank next to the slipway

These bases are drums of reinforced concrete 4ft (1.22m) high and 3ft (0.9m) wide and are the mountings for a 29mm Spigot Mortar or "Blacker Bombard". It was a Home Guard anti-tank or anti-personnel weapon set in a pit for the protection of the crew and had a range of about 400 yards. Some sources described it as inaccurate, slow and difficult to operate. Fortunately we never had to find out.

## WARTIME REMAINS IN TEN MILE BANK AND HILGAY contd ..

### Home Guard Shelter

This one is a bit of a mystery. The project records a standard Home Guard Shelter built of brick with a concrete roof with two high windows in the west wall. It was apparently surveyed in January 1994 and described as in good condition at National Grid Reference TL 6195 9866. This puts it between Whittome Mill and the A10. I have spoken to a couple of local people who cannot recall it. **If you can remember it, please let me know.**

After my last article, I was contacted by Andy Greening of Ten Mile Bank who told me about a tank trap on the approach to the old bridge, remains of which can still be seen in the bushes at the side of Bridge Farm Road. Due to Norfolk's vulnerability to attack from the North Sea, there are many anti-invasion remains to be seen especially around the coast and alongside rivers and drains. Next time you drive from Downham Market to Wisbech, just count up the number of pillboxes you can see.

Please remember that if you decide to go looking for wartime remains, some are on private property so seek permission from the landowner first. If you have information regarding local wartime remains or Home Guard activities in Hilgay parish, I would be interested to hear from you by email at: [tony@tenmilebank.com](mailto:tony@tenmilebank.com)

Spigot Mortar Base in the ground of Crosskeys Riverside House



Type 22 Pillbox by Hubbards Drove

THE **LARGE SLIDE** AT HILGAY PLAYING  
FIELD **REMAINS CLOSED.**

PLEASE

**DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON  
THE SLIDE UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE**



## THE ROSE AND CROWN

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KLFM's coming to the River Field at Hilgay.

We're holding a **Charity Duck Race** on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011**, when companies from across West Norfolk get the chance to win

£1000 for their chosen charity. It's on at 2.15pm, so

**we'd love you to come down and support it if you're free.**

You could also win some cash if you vote for the winning duck before the race at [www.klfm967.co.uk](http://www.klfm967.co.uk)

## **HILGAY RAFT RACE at the RIVER FIELD, Hilgay on SUNDAY, 17th JULY 2011**

raising money for Help for Heroes.

Entry forms are available from Ali Dent - the Butchers in Hilgay and Sues Canoes in Watton. All the fun starts at midday.

**Fast and Fun class raft race** - our traditional raft race, why not build your own and come and try the fun. Entry fee for our chosen charity must be paid on the day and hopefully you can raise some funds through sponsorship too! Rafts are a minimum of 2 people, maximum of 6. Heats take place first where the crew must paddle from the end of the field to the bridge, pass one member of the team through the tyre suspended from the bridge and then return to the finish line.

Full race commentary from Wally Webb of Radio Norfolk.

**Demo boats for hire/donation from Sues Canoes** - fancy a go at canoeing? For a donation to the charity you can hire a demo boat on the day for a paddle on the River Wissey. Coaches will be available to ensure you're safe and offer tips to get you going in a straight line!

**Fun Ringo Racing** - between the heats, enter on the day in the inflatable ringo races, first across the line wins a prize!

**Hilgay's first Cardboard Canoe Race** - Not sure what this is? Then check out our Facebook page: Hilgay Raft Race - for a video of a similar event. Simply build your own canoe from cardboard and enter the race, first to finish/go the furthest wins!

Plus of course the BBQ will be fired up, ice cream, stalls, bouncy castle, face painting and soft drinks available as well as the infamous **Duck Race**. Keep up to date with all the events, see results and photos from last year by joining our facebook Group: Hilgay Raft Race  
Please remember, flour only to be thrown, no eggs, mud or stones!

## **VACANCIES**

### **Hilgay Parish Council have vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors.**

You do not need any qualifications, merely an interest in Parish matters, and be able to attend a bi monthly evening Meeting.

For further information ring Shan Tedder for an informal chat .. or send a brief outline about yourself, and your interest in being a Parish Councillor - either by email – hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com or write to 123 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, PE38 0EG

### **Hilgay Feoffee Charity - Vacancy for Clerk to the Trustees**

If you are interested in applying for the post of Clerk to the Trustees please contact the present Clerk - Mrs P Golds on 01366 388496 who will be pleased to discuss the work involved and the responsibility of the post. Three regular meetings are held annually alternating between Hilgay Hall and Ten Mile Bank Hall. Salary is negotiable

### **The Trustees of Hilgay Charity are looking for volunteers to join Hilgay Village Hall Management Committee**

The Committee is responsible for the running of the hall and making sure it is run properly. If you are interested in being part of the village community and helping to make more use of the village hall, please offer your services by contacting Mr G Carter, Trustee, on 01366 385063, Mr P Bates, Trustee, on 01366 387988 or Mrs Stewart on 01366 385580, or alternatively come along to a meeting in Hilgay Hall on **Friday, 8 July 2011** at 7.30pm to offer your services.

### **Fairfield Garage (Dents Garage- Hilgay) from Penny & Kevin Scot**

We would like to take this opportunity to explain the business we are running from Dent's Transport Yard in Bridge Street, Hilgay.

We are repairing and selling secondhand cars and vans on this site.

We would like to stress we are not breaking or dismantling vehicles on this site. We do have an Authorised Treatment Facility (Breakers Yard) at Outwell, and if anyone needs a part - we are happy for them to order them from Hilgay.

Currently my daughter Penny is in the office dealing with day to day matters, and we employ a qualified part time mechanic. We are hoping to offer our services to the local community at a competitive rate, and in the future, plan to employ 1 or 2 more peoples as business picks up.

If anyone has any comments or queries we can be contacted on 01366 388655 during opening hours, and 07778 344533 after hours.

Should anyone wish to look around, please call or pop in to have a coffee and a chat.