

RIVERSIDE NEWS

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HELP FOR HEROES £5,683 CHEQUE PRESENTATION



Pictured above from left to right: John Ebbage (President of Downham Rotary Club), Howard Phillips (Downham Rotary), Ali Dent, Simon Hallam (Local Co-ordinator for Help For Heroes), Des Dent, Steve Round, and Parish Cllr Dave Appleby. The Rose & Crown, Hilgay, was the venue on Saturday 1st October for the presentation of **3** cheques to Simon Hallam, the Local Co-ordinator Volunteer for HELP FOR HEROES.

Cheques were presented from:

Ali Dent's Book Sales - £3,300

Rotary Club of Downham Market, Hilgay Raft Race Fund Raising Event July 2011 - £2,000

Sue Whitehurst of Sorella's Hair Studio, 26, High Street, Downham Market - £383

Simon Hallam gave a very interesting short talk on 'where the money now goes' and 'what it is spent on'. Since June 2007 Help for Heroes has raised £109.5 million and spent £99.5 million. Grants are already in place for £15 million. Help for Heroes works on the principle of £1 in, £1 out. The Help for Heroes Fund Raising was started with a cycle ride by Bryn and Emma Parry to raise £10,000, however, it finished up raising a staggering £1.6 million.

Dents Farm Shop are holding a Help For Heroes Event in November – see P3 for details

WHO TO CONTACT and Regular VILLAGE EVENTS

Clerk to the Parish Council Shan Tedder 01366 385 449

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Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thursday, **3 November 2011** 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
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 D 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	Harvey Hillyer	01366 380 283

If you would like **your organisation included free of charge** in the above listing .. Tel: Shan on 01366 385 449

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HILGAY BRICKYARD

from Gwen Dearsley

For those interested in Hilgay's past, you may be surprised to know that back in the 16th -18th century bricks were made in the field located on the

right hand side of Steels Drove. This field has been in the Dearsley family since the 16th century, and to this day there is still one very deep pit remaining.

In the middle of the field, set deep in the ground, there was a kiln with shelves - I assume the shelves were used for drying the bricks. As the children would play in the field, we decided to have the kiln destroyed for safety reasons.

The field is made up a top layer of earth, as one digs further down there is a layer of grey clay, and then the layer of blue clay – which is very hard to get off the spade! Please do note that this field is private.

A friend of mine owns a copy a book in which I have read about Charles Edward Dearsley, who was a bricklayer, and who built a row of houses here in Hilgay using some of the bricks from Hilgay Brickyard. Sadly, I have not ever been able to identify which row of houses was built using the Hilgay bricks.

If like me, you have been fascinated by Mrs Dearsley's article, there is further reading about the clays of Eastern England via the website link .. <http://www.sentex.net/~tcc/HHH1.htm> which features the following article from the Geological Magazine 1896:449-463. The Chalky & Other Post-Tertiary Clays Of Eastern England by Sir Henry H. Howorth, K.C.I.E., M.P., F.R.S., F.G.S. which tells of Modney Bridge Brickyard near Hilgay, and that in the eastern part of the district, the Kimeridge Clay crops out from below the Lower Greensand at Hilgay (forming the surface of the greater part of the island, to Southery).

A James Dearsley – bricklayer, born 1819 is mentioned in the Kelly's Directory for Cambridgeshire, Norfolk & Suffolk, 1883

visit: <http://apling.freesevers.com/Villages/Hilgay.htm>

In the 1851 Census there is mention of John Isgate, 47, brickburner, Hilgay, Norfolk and James Ely, 15, labourer in brickyard, Hilgay.

But sadly I have not been able to locate any further information than that on Hilgay Brickyard.

Apparently historically, hand made bricks were firstly used just for chimneys, and hearths in timber framed houses, and then usage progressed to building brick houses

If you would like to know how these bricks were made - go to

<http://www.shol.com/agita/thespiel.htm>



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

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

HILGAY YOUTH SHELTER –  Please **do not allow your children** to sit on the roof of the youth shelter

MOTO KL – FREE MINI MOTO RIDING EXPERIENCE EVENT is being held at Norfolk Arena for youngsters aged 11-16 on **Thurs, 27 Oct 2011**. Info can be found at www.motokl.org.uk or from Co-ordinator - Shan Tedder on 01366 385 449 or facebook Moto KL – free mini moto riding

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**DENTS FARM SHOP, HILGAY - AUGUST 2011 EVENT
RAISES £1,150 for MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

Our August fundraising event went brilliantly. We raised a amazing **£1,150!** This exceeded last year's amount. We had lots of positive feedback and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Everyone was so generous and we very much appreciated your support and want to say THANK YOU!

HELP FOR HEROES CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 19 and Sunday, 20 November 2011

at Dents of Hilgay Farm Shop, Garden Centre, and Fishery

Steels Drove, West Fen, Hilgay, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0QH.

Christmas is just around the corner, so come and kick start the festive season with us at Dents Farm Shop & Garden Centre and help us raise money for Help For Heroes with our Help For Heroes Christmas Fayre! Join us and get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy delicious food and drink tasters including mulled wine, Christmas pudding, and many more festive treats, and find some inspiring gift ideas with lots of genuine handmade local craft stalls on display. We will also be holding a charity book sale. The event will be held on Saturday 19th, and Sunday 20th November, 10.00am to 4.00pm, with free entry, and free parking.

It's a great way to start the festive season!

For more information please call us on 01366 385 661

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL WHO'S WHO

Welcome to Dave Appleby and Kevin Scott who were co-opted onto the Parish Council at the September 2011 Parish Council Meeting.

HILGAY

Graham Carter - Chairman

Annabel Charlesworth

Peter Bates

Peter Carter

Richard Martin

Kevin Scott

Dave Appleby

TEN MILE BANK WARD

Raymond Houghton – Vice Chairman

Elaine Hall

Chris Dawe

Derick Gordon

Mike Higgins

Colin Wills

Next Parish Council Meeting is 3 November 2011 at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. Members of the Public are most welcome to attend, and can take part in discussions under Public Participation.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

from Graham Carter, Hilgay Parish Council

A Very Sad Event

What sort of people, who are supposedly taught right from wrong by their parents or guardians, can set fire to our fantastic play area and watch it burn without calling for help?

We are of course very angry and sad at this time as the people responsible have not as yet offered any remorse or apology to our Community or offered compensation.

Please remember it belongs to us all, and we must all try to protect and enhance our community assets.

Our thanks to those people who phoned the emergency services, and to a young brave and honest individual who helped our Police.

We are repairing our play equipment @ of approx. £7,000.

Works should commence on 17 October 2011.

Repairs are also to be made to the Play Trail Play House and safety surfacing at the same time.

A plaque is to be erected at the Play Trail dedicated to:

With special thanks to **ANITA STEWART** and **REBECCA NICHOLSON**

Who, supported by their Community Team, Norfolk County Council, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Hilgay Parish Council, Hilgay Village VC School, Pupils & Parents, Tommy Dent, & Robbie Martin
'A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step'

Are you Legal or Liable? (When parking on the Highway)

Below are a few extracts from the Highway Code and the Road Traffic Act:

The Highway Code States: 145

You **MUST NOT** drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency.

[Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & RTA 1988 sect 34]

The Road Traffic Act 1988 states:

Sec 34 Prohibition of driving mechanically propelled vehicles elsewhere than on roads.**E**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, if without lawful authority a person drives a mechanically propelled vehicle—

(a) on to or upon any common land, moorland or land of any other description, not being land forming part of a road, or

(b) on any road being a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway

Are you legal or liable contd ..

DO REMEMBER you **must inform your insurance company** where you park your vehicle as it may affect your cover or liability

Do not park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger other road users, near a school entrance, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, on or near the brow of a hill, partially or wholly on the pavement.

All vehicles parked on the highway at night **must not face against** the flow of traffic

Parking in fog or poor visibility, you **are asked** to leave parking or side lights on

In respect of the onroad parking within our Villages - some are causing dangers to others, please make sure you are not, and make sure you are parked within the **Law!**

Remember to think of your possible liabilities.

Our Parish Council has decided to ask the Authorities to ensure that all vehicles are parked within the law to make our roads safer.

Very soon the law will change regarding parking on the pavement resulting in a **£70 fine.**

Winter is coming, and along with it, poor visibility at times, and remember - soon some of the street lights in Hilgay will be turned off during the night.

The Parish Council have invited Norfolk Constabulary to our Parish Council Meeting on the 3 November 2011 at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall to discuss parking legislation. All members of the public are welcome to attend this Meeting which starts at 7pm.

Ten Mile Bank Play Equipment

Parish Cllr and Chair of Ten Mile Bank School Governors – Chris Dawe is heading a newly formed **Community Committee** whose members include Ten Mile Bank School (Pupil) Council, Ten Mile Bank School Staff, myself, and the Clerk, to look into the Play equipment at Ten Mile Bank. We will be having our first Meeting on 21 October 2011.

The Committee would like to receive your ideas and input – get involved by contacting the Clerk on 01366 385 449 or emailing hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com.

HILGAY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT **from Vic Martin**

A new Committee has been formed with a view to increasing the use of the Hall. Members are: Martyn Browne – Chairman, Val Barrington - Secretary, Vic Martin - Treasurer, Graham Carter, Suzanne Teverson, Dave Barrington, Geraldine & Arijis Rudzitis, Susan Annan, & Ali Dent. To this end an application for funds is being prepared to assist with the refurbishment of the Hall. It is envisaged that with funds the Hall can be made more welcoming and thus new activities can be undertaken by the villagers.

If the application for funds is successful it is hoped that the villagers will come forward with ideas for uses of the hall and will volunteer to assist in the activities, e.g. assisting with the café for morning and afternoon teas and coffees etc.

A Report on the progress of the Project will be posted in the Riverside News on a regular basis.



COFFEE MORNING

Thursday, **20 OCTOBER** 2011

10.30am to 12.30pm

Home made cakes .. Raffle

Everyone Welcome

CHILDREN IN NEED FUND RAISER

On Sunday, **13 November 2011** – 10.30am - 2.30pm

Come and join in the fundraising for Children in Need at Hilgay Village Hall

Cake Stall



Face Painting

Childrens Games

Something for Everyone!

For further information contact Val Barrington on **01366 388 909**

FLY TIPPING AT THE HILGAY RECYCLING CENTRE



DO NOT LEAVE CARDBOARD, WINDOW PANES OR PAINT

at the Hilgay Recycling Centre. The Recycling Centre is being monitored for fly tippers. Fly tipping is an OFFENCE and subject to a large fine.

HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS

from Brian Doy

After a busy Summer, the Band is now busy preparing for:

The British Legion Remembrance Concert at Downham Market Town Hall at 7.pm. The Band will be conducted by Brian Cawston. Brian is one of the most well known brass players in East Anglia, having played for Matthews Norfolk Brass – known as Norfolk Brass, who have been East Anglian Champions for the past 20 years. Brian has also been Solo Champion of East Anglia 9 times!

The Band would like to hear from any Euphonium Players as they are in need of one.

The Band visits Ten Mile Bank and Denver Schools once a week teaching pupils to play brass instruments.

Why not join Hilgay Silver Band? All Players and Beginners welcome.

TUITION, INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC ARE **FREE**

For further information, please call me on 01366 387 630

Hilgay Parish Council have an **ALLOTMENT for rent**. Applicant must live in the Parish of Hilgay or Ten Mile Bank. Tel: 01366 385 449 to apply.

THANK YOU! Earlier in the summer I was recycling some bottles in Hilgay when I got speaking to a gentleman coming from his allotment. He very kindly gave me vegetables, even though he had never met me Before! Needless to say my family (we have 4 children!) & I enjoyed them very much & wondered if we could say a BIG thank you via Riverside news as we don't have any other way of contacting him. Kind regards
Lisa Wright, Old Bridge Stores, Bridge St, Hilgay

HILGAY GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB – SNUG FOR THE WINTER!

The Over 60s – Good Companions Club have received a donation of **£825** from Hilgay Parish Council towards a new heating system.

Norma James advises that the Club is flourishing with high membership – but always welcomes new members.

If you are interested in joining the Good Companions Club – give Norma a ring on **01366 387 656**. The Club has an excellent range of events throughout the year, and as the club name says – you will meet up with some very good companions!

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 well, It has been a while since I have vocalised my thoughts through the medium of this fine 'publication' but I felt it was a good time to share my day to day wonderings and contemplations with you all.

Since I last wrote in the Riverside news, we as a nation and as a region have seen a huge rise in the numbers of people moving from the European Union. Predominantly these have come from Eastern Europe, particularly Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Russia etc.

Now you may find it hard to believe but I have a few words to say on this subject. I can't believe that we are tolerating the fact that these people have brazenly come to our country with a strong work ethic, whilst delivering high standards of craftsmanship and taking pride in their work. What's more these people have the nerve to charge a far more reasonable price than their English counter parts and you never have the vomit inducing misfortune of seeing them leaning their overweight hairy builders bums on a shovel whilst drinking tea, smoking a roll-up and reading The Sun. I for one will not be parting with my hard earned salary to pay for high quality work that is excellent value for money.

Now I will acknowledge that there will always be sections of any society that abuse the systems put in place to support them, engage in criminal activity or generally give their fellow countryman a bad name, but that's enough about the English I want to get back our Eastern European counterparts.

Q. how many Eastern Europeans were believed to be involved/arrested in the recent riots across the country.

A. less than 2% - which by a process of logical deduction makes the rest either English or 'other'.

This little nugget leads me nicely onto my final thought. I was watching the news a few weeks back, around the time of the riots and the reporter stopped a (seemingly) random passerby. For reasons that will become apparent I shall refer to him as Gav.

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Mighty Mouth contd ..

Quick sketch of the individual concerned, brand new track suit probably purchased at 'chavs r us', trainers also purchased at previously mentioned purveyors of fine Haute Couture, a Nike baseball cap with obligatory flat peak, Staffordshire bull terrier and enough of Elizabeth Dukes finest to sink the Emma Maersk.

"Excuse me sir" says the reporter "Can I ask you a quick couple of questions" Gav replies "allriiiyyt". "What do you think of the recent troubles" enquired the reporter "dunno" says Gav. "Do you think the current increase in unemployment may play a part" asked the reporter, "well nar" says Gav, "its coz all dem lifs (*chav for persons of Lithuanian origin*) av got ar jobs inti mate. "Are you currently employed" asked the reporter. "Na" comes the reply. The reporter then asked if Gav had been recently unemployed, "kinda, I looked up loadsa stuff in the job centre, but dey all wanya to start early inda morning an dat" he says "when were you made jobless" asked the reporter "when I lef school andat" retorted Gav!!!

In my humble opinion there is work out there if people want it, it may not be the highest paid, but it is there, people just need to look for it and be motivated and proud enough to make the effort to do it. Our illustrious leaders need to stop making benefit chasing a less profitable option when comparing it to paid work.

The problem isn't 'Jonny Foreigner', it is us, it is our country, it is our skewed morale compasses, our lack of self and civic pride. It is who we have become over the last 40 years. (cue a rousing rendition of Sir Hubert Parry's Jerusalem playing in the background).

On a final note the recent re-decoration job on my front room is excellent; my 'better-half' is most impressed with Pavel and Dimitri's hard work.

IS YOUR ELECTRIC BLANKET SAFE?

Norfolk County Council & the Electrical Safety Council are conducting Electric Blanket Safety Testing at
The Town Hall, Downham Market on Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Tests are free

But by appointment only – call 0344 800 8020
or email: trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk

Over 50% of electric blankets tested over the last 4 years were found to be UNSAFE.

NEWS FROM TEN MILE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Harvest Service and Lunch

The children of Ten Mile Bank Primary School sang at the Church for part of the Harvest Service - they all sang beautifully.

After the Service everyone arrived at the School for a Harvest Lunch. It was truly a lovely day. We would like to thank everyone for their support.

Food For Life Partnership

Over the holidays we achieved a Bronze Award for Food for Life. As part of the next step, the School is trying to achieve the Silver Award, so we are putting on the wellies and loading the coach to go and see a potato farm in action. With thanks to Mr and Mrs Petherick who are allowing us to do this, the children are really excited about this trip.



Upcoming events: - check out our website to see what the School and Friends of Ten Mile Bank are up to. www.tenmilebank.norfolk.sch.uk

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



Pupils took part in the helping with the daffodil bulbs provided by Hilgay Parish Council which have been planted at Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay as part of the nationwide Daffodil Project to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

SPORTSAFE UK kindly offered at £100 donation to Hilgay Parish Council. It was agreed that both Hilgay & Ten Mile Bank School should benefit from £50 worth of sports equipment for each School.