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Suzanne Teverson and Scott Annan, the Hilgay Village Torch Bearers for the 1948 Torch Trail that passed through Hilgay on 4 June 2012.

| WHO TO CONTACT EVENTS | and | Regular VILLAGE |
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| Clerk to the Parish Council Email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thurs, 6 SEPTEMBER 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 | Shan Tedder | 01366 385 449 Mobile 07944 943 651 |
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Priority will be given to a new applicant, rather than existing Plot Holders
who are currently on the waiting list for an additional Plot.
Contact the Clerk on 01366 385 449 or email hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com

HILGAY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT from Val Barrington
Hilgay Craft Fair A big **Thank You to Geraldine & Arijs** for organising such a successful Craft Fair on Sunday 15th April 2012. Well over **£300** was raised towards village hall funds and everybody had a really good day. There were about 16 stalls showing off a variety of crafts and goods made by local people including woodwork, various painting styles, cards, picture framing, stained glass, jewellery, homemade jams & pickles and much more besides. There really are some very talented people in the community. There was also tea, coffee and homemade cakes to enjoy, not to mention the ploughman's lunches which proved very popular. Many thanks to Marie, Estelle, and Geraldine for their help in the kitchen. At the end of the day the stall holders were asking when the next Fair is to be held so watch this space and the Village Hall notice board.

The Hilgay Village Hall Management Committee would like to **thank Alison Davis and her husband** for their efforts in cleaning the Village Hall over the last few years

HILGAY CRAFT CLUB - The Hilgay Village Hall Craft Club has got off to a good start with many members doing a variety of different crafts. If you have a craft you would be willing to pass on or are someone who would like to learn a craft, come along to our next meeting. Meetings are held every other **Wednesday** between 7pm & 9pm. Next Meeting is 22 August

NEW ART CLUB

An Art Club has started in the hall.

This is held on **Monday** nights between 7:00pm and 9:00pm every other week. So, if you can paint or draw, or would like to learn, please come to our next meeting on 3 September 2012.

Contact **Andy on 01366 381087 or Arijs on 01366 380136** for more details.

ZUMBA AND BODY TONING CLASS in the Village Hall on a **Tuesday** evening from 7.00pm –9.00pm

MOTHER AND TODDLERS every week on a **Wednesday** between 9:30am and 11:00am

YOUTH CLUB for children up to 11 years old every other week on a **Thursday** between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.

COFFEE MORNINGS are to be held on:

Thursdays - 23 August .. 20 September .. 1 November and 29 November

For further information on any of the above Clubs please ring:

07748 413103

Visit our Facebook page at: Hilgay Village Hall

Hilgay Silver Band gave its first concert of the summer season at Marshland St James Methodist Church in May, continuing with concerts in The Walks, King's Lynn and Leverington Church in June, and at RAF Marham and March's West End Park and back again to the Walks in July. The Band has now completed their summer engagements.

We are pleased to welcome **Dario Silva** as our new Musical Director. Dario has studied music at Norwich UEA and is taking the Band on a weekly basis.

We would also like to welcome **Roy Brickwood** into the Band. Roy has recently moved into the village and has played in the Army with the Royal Engineers.

The Youth Band gave a concert in the Methodist Church on 11 July 2012, and gave a good performance, having been playing for only a short time. It was nice to see a large appreciative audience which will encourage the youngsters.

John Ward, Head Teacher at Hilgay School, has invited me to the School to see if we could encourage some pupils to play. Hopefully we will get some new recruits after the summer break.

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

NORFOLK HOSPICE

Do you have an hour or so you can spare? –

We are always on the look-out for volunteers, we need people to hold a bucket now and then, man a tombola, help us put up a gazebo, organise small events.

Basically **we need all kinds of people** to help us raise as much money for the hospice as possible, if you would like a chat about what you might be able to offer, please call the fundraising team on **01485 542891** and they will put you in touch with your local Community Fundraiser.

Norfolk Hospice will benefit from the £2,200 raised at this year's Hilgay Raft Race. Many thanks to everyone!

WEST NORFOLK CANOE CLUB

Is looking for members to **join this new Kayak and Canoe club** and is open to anyone living or working in the West Norfolk area. Initially we'd really love to hear from existing boaters who have their own boat and/or equipment as the Club has very little as it's just getting going. We plan to establish a small membership, acquire some kit (work in progress) and then start offering coaching sessions for beginners/intermediates on a regular basis.

If you're interested in meeting fellow paddlers in the area, or have had a break for a while and what to get back into it, please contact us, we're open and already have people from all disciplines including whitewater, sea, surf and touring paddlers.

If you don't own any equipment but are still interested in canoeing, register your interest either through our Facebook page or Club Secretary – Andrew Church, we will keep you informed as soon as we have got something for you to paddle!

Please join our Facebook group to keep up to date with what's happening - search for West Norfolk Canoe Club
or email our Club Secretary on: andrew.church2@bopenworld.com

HILGAY SCHOOL – GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local School?

Do you have an interest in education or a skill that could help Hilgay School develop in the future?

If you have, then this could be the opportunity that you are looking for.

Hilgay Village VC Church of England Primary School currently has vacancies on its governing body which it would like to fill before the start of the next academic year.

Being a School Governor is a voluntary position but can also be a very rewarding one.

If you are interested in joining our active team of Governors, we would love to hear from you. The Head Teacher and Chair of Governors will be happy to meet with you, take you on a tour of the School and discuss the commitment that being a Governor involves.

Don't sit back and think this is not for you and somebody else will do it, call the School today on **01366 387685** and make an appointment. We look forward to taking your call.

SNIPPETS

Queen's Diamond Jubilee - To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, at the suggestion of John Ward, Head Teacher, Hilgay Parish Council funded boxed commemorative Royal Mint medals which were presented to each of the pupils of Hilgay and Ten Mile Banks Schools.

Ten Mile Bank Play Equipment – Pledges towards the 4 pieces of play equipment desperately needed for the Ten Mile Bank Playing Field have been received from Hilgay Parish Council, Hilgay Feoffee Charity, and the Downham Rotary Club. Ten Mile Bank School have continued with their fund raising, and Cllr Peter Carter has kindly made a personal donation.

If you can help in anyway please contact us on 01366 385 449

New Website - <http://www.visitwestnorfolk.com/> - A new website promoting places to visit, and things to do in west Norfolk is now live.

The KLFM Duck Race will be once again taking place at the River Field at Hilgay. The date has been set for Saturday, 15 September 2012. Keep an eye on the KLFM website - www.klfm967.co.uk or tune in for further details nearer the date.

HILGAY VILLAGE MEMORIES Part 2 from Gwen Dearsley

In the 1900s - Residents would earn an income from within the Village.

Mr Johnson sold cigarettes from his house in Ely Road, and Mr Wollands, also living in Ely Road sold 'bits and pieces.

Mr W Spinks and Mr B Smalls did shoe repairs.

Mr C Everett – the hairdresser, had a salon at the end of the George and Dragon Public House.

W Dent - Butchers, would buy his stock from King's Lynn Market, and offered a village delivery service for orders (with the delivery service remaining to this day!).

Barclays Bank hired a room twice a week on Stocks Hill to provide a village banking service.

Mr B Dent repaired cycles, then went on to sell wirelesses and charged wireless accumulators. Budget Ambrose and Mr Delph were in a similar line of business.

Mr H Holman & Mr C Reeve were coalmen who delivered the coal by horse and cart.

Mr T Groom was the village chimney sweep.

Mr W Cook and Mr B Woolston were the blacksmiths and kept very busy because horses were the major transportation mode.

To be continued in the October 2012 Issue.

HILGAY RAFT RACE EVENT 2012

from Ray Starling

This year's Hilgay Raft Race was so close to being cancelled. In the days leading up to this very popular event, Organisers were constantly inspecting the River Field due to the waterlogged conditions. I don't think we have ever seen the two ponds as big during June and leading up to mid July - no doubt the river level having a part to play in this. Downham Rotary Club were on the verge of cancelling due to the wet conditions, and only a brighter weather forecast for the Sunday during the preceding few days triggered off the decision to go ahead.

Plans had already been drawn up by the Organisers should the weather forecast improve, this included virtually all the River Field being cordoned off leaving the riverside bank for spectators to stand and the village end of the field for a BBQ, drinks stall and three or four stands close to the toilets. And so with a bright start to early Sunday morning the forward plans were quickly put into place. Following lots of sawdust being distributed to the field entrance and riverside bank area - Hilgay Raft Race 2012 was suddenly underway!

The Event turned out to be another tremendous Hilgay Raft Race day with **£2,200** being raised for Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

Fastest Raft was 'Last Place', a group of 4 friends captained by Sam Allen. The 'Best Dressed' crew was 'Busy Bugs' from Southery Hair Studios. The Hilgay Raft Race Event and River Field was also BBC Radio Norfolk's final stop for its Sunday 'Treasure Hunt' programme. I wonder if Wally Webb had something to do with that? Thanks Wally!

Downham Rotary Club wish to thank Hilgay Parish Council, Nicky Robinson for providing the PA system & Cherry Picker - Wally Webb's commentator's platform for the day, Heygates for supplying the flour for the flour bags, the BBQ man (M&J's) from Soham, and not forgetting Ali Dent and all of his merry men helper friends, and a big thank you to all you Hilgay village people who supported the day.



Photos courtesy of Ray Starling