

# RIVERSIDE NEWS

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**Wartime Remains in Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay**

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## **Part 1 – Ten Mile Bank**

It may be difficult to imagine but Ten Mile Bank would have been at the heart of the defence of Britain in the event of a German invasion in World War 2.

This is because the River Great Ouse formed part of the GHQ stop-line – part of the backbone of General Ironside's anti-invasion defence plan which was presented to Churchill's War Cabinet in June 1940. The stop-line ran the length of the country, parallel to the East coast in order to defend the industrial centres of the Midlands and North...

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<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 in <b>May 2011</b> for the Annual Residents Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting Date to be confirmed due to Local Elections <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>BOOK SALE 9 MAY 2011 – HELPERS NEEDED TO SORT BOOKS! ☺</b>		
<b>Get Carter on 01366 385063 or 07841 715 464</b> <b>DOMESTIC &amp; COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR</b>		

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## **AGED OVER 55? WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS?**

Then join the **GOOD COMPANIONS**, who meet in the Good Companions Hall located in the Allotment Gardens in Ely Road (opposite the War Memorial). Annual Membership is £1, with Members paying 50p per meeting. The Club was formed in 1955, and still meets every other Thursday from 2-4pm. Members enjoy a variety of events such as guest speakers, demonstrations, bingo, Easter Bonnet competition, summer teas, harvest festival celebration, birthday parties, fish & chip meals, carol service, and a grand Christmas meal in their Hall. 6 Coffee Mornings a year are held to raise funds.

If you require any further information give their Chairman, Norma James a ring on 01366 387 656, or the Secretary Rose Gidney on 01366 387 435, or the Treasurer, Doris Reader on 01366 382 116.

**Join now, and be sure of a very warm welcome.**

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## **HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS**

**from Brian Doy**

The Band held its Annual Awards Evening at the Crown Hotel in Downham Market on Saturday, 5 February 2011. Winners were:-

**Senior Band** Joanne Wiltshire and Mark Jackson

**Youth Band** Dominic Driver

**Beginner** Thomas Wiltshire

**Most Attendance Senior Band** Stuart Dean

The Band would like to thank Guy Bridge for organising the evening, Corinne Pinnard for organising the quiz, and the Crown Hotel for an excellent buffet.

The Band is now busy rehearsing for the summer season.

Early Engagements are:

9 April Marshland St James

29 April Downham Market Square

12 June Cherry Hinton Park

18 June Swaffham Bandstand

24 June Ten Mile Bank School – Youth and Senior Band

All proceeds to Ten Mile Bank School

We would also like to thank all those people who supported the Band so well during the Christmas Carol Playing.

**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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## **ST MARK'S CHURCH EASTER SERVICE**

24 April 2011 at 10.30am

Followed by tea and coffee, and an **Easter Egg Hunt for the children**

**Part 1 – Ten Mile Bank continued**

The Defence of Britain Project, which surveyed remains between 1995 and 2001, records the following location of defences around Ten Mile Bank

- **A Type 28a Anti-Tank Gun House**  
in the garden of a house in Bridge Farm Lane. Now hiding beneath a deck terrace and summer house
- **Three Pillboxes**  
a Type 24 situated midway between the East bank of the River and Modney Hall Farm  
a Type 24 north of Bridge Farm, east of the river, alongside the old Sam's Cut  
a Type 24 at "Hilgay Bridge Public House", presumably by the old Windmill Inn
- **A Spigot Mortar**  
Adjacent to the pillbox by Windmill Inn.

What the Defence of Britain Project does not record are the following:

- A Spigot Mortar base on the west bank of the river just south of Fairview Cottages
- A pillbox in the corner of a field at the back of Rice's Farm, off Station Road

The purpose of these defences, manned by the Home Guard and local troops, would delay the advance of enemy forces at the river until reinforcements arrived. These consisted of elements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division and 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division based further inland which would respond to code words. "George" would send them to the Brandon and Thetford area and "Percy" to the Fens to meet an invasion from the Wash. Apart from those by the old Windmill Inn which were swept away by the new bridge works, all of these defence works can still be seen. They were built to withstand the might of the German war machine so will probably still be around for another sixty years.

In my next article, I will cover wartime remains in and around Hilgay.

If you have any further information regarding local remains, I would be interested to hear from you by email at: [tony@tenmilebank.com](mailto:tony@tenmilebank.com)

## Reference

20<sup>th</sup> Century Defences in Britain – Norfolk by Mike Osborne – Concrete Publications 2008

Silent Sentinels by Christopher Bird – The Larks Press 1999

Pillboxes of Britain & Ireland by Mike Osborne – Tempus Publishing 2008

Standing Up To Hitler (Norfolk's Home Guard) by Adrian Hoare – Countryside Books 2002





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

Bridge Street, Hilgay

**Telephone: 01366 385 414**

**STEAK NIGHT** Wednesday from 5pm – 8pm  
Rump, chips, & peas **£5.95**

**CARVERY** Thursday from 5pm  
Sunday from 12 noon

Choice of meats, fresh veg, and Yorkshire pudding only **£6.95**  
Booking is advisable

### LUNCHTIME AND EVENING MEALS AVAILABLE

Tuesday to Sunday

Food Served Tuesday to Sunday until 8.45pm

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email: [lbgardenservices@aol.com](mailto:lbgardenservices@aol.com)

**SHOP FOR RENT** at Stocks Hill – unfurnished, recently redecorated,  
suitable for hairdressers/barbers. Immediate availability.  
60ft x 20ft storage area – understand that grants are available for business  
development. Suitable for workshop. Tel: 01366 387 686 for details

## **WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT HILGAY VILLAGE SCHOOL THIS TERM?** The children have had an action packed term so far..



Gamma class had a visit from Natalia Hillyer who spoke to them about life in Poland, she also brought in some wonderful polish food for the children to taste. HUGE THANK YOU to Natalia for a very interesting visit.

Beta class visited Caithness Glass company in King's Lynn to watch glass being blown as part of their science topic on materials.

Beta and Gamma class also visited the Prickwillow Drainage Museum.

As part of world Book Day the whole school dressed up as a character from their favourite book and on Red Nose Day the children came to school dressed as a monster! .. or in red!

**£105** was raised for comic relief.

Alpha class have also been busy with a Farm Safari, and several trips to the Dent's the butchers to see how sausages are made!

Several children took part in the Norfolk Cross Country at Clackclose School and 2 of the children have been chosen for the County Championships!!

Everyone will be looking forward to a well deserved Easter break!!

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### **Are you going to College or University?**

#### **HILGAY FEOFFEE CHARITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

For more information on Further Education financial support for students and an application form

contact: Mrs P Golds, Hilgay Feoffee Charity on 01366 388 496

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**PARKOUR CLASSES at Lynnsport** - take part in the new exhilarating way of moving around the environment – coached by the King's Lynn Free Running Team – KLFR. £3.50 per session. Aged 8+ Visit [www.klfr.co.uk](http://www.klfr.co.uk) for more information or tel 01553 616853 or email [urbansports.motivator@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:urbansports.motivator@west-norfolk.gov.uk)

**MOTO KL FREE mini moto riding experience day on 14 April 2011** at Norfolk Arena – Tel Shan Tedder on 01366 385 449 for more details. Visit facebook: Moto KL free mini moto racing or [www.motokl.org.uk](http://www.motokl.org.uk)



## TEN MILE BANK SCHOOL DOES RED NOSE DAY 2011!



The children and staff put on a talent show for Red Nose Day. It was a fantastic event, raising £70 for Comic Relief. Mrs Petherick did a wonderful dance.



"The boys are JLS. They were fandabidozey. They were very good at singing" wrote Caelyb

## TEN MILE BANK SCHOOL 'GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES'

At Ten Mile Bank we are taking part in the Potato Council's 'Grow Your Own Potatoes' competition. We chitted our potatoes on 1<sup>st</sup> March. This year we are growing a local variety 'Rudolph' and 'Rocket'.



Then Mr Higgins came and prepared the ground for us.



The whole school helped to plant them and we are now eagerly watching them



## Ten Mile Bank School 'Grow your own potatoes' contd ..



Look at these straight rows!

We will keep you informed of the progress our potatoes make.

# COMING SOON !!!

Call now first session FREE

Classes in Downham Market, Kings Lynn, Wisbech, Swaffham and Brandon Areas

The Funky Cats is an activity which enables parents & their children to participate together exploring balance, coordination & locomotion in a fun & imaginative way. Using soft play & other sensory apparatus the course is structured to develop your child's imagination and motor skills, all themes follow the guidelines set out in the British Gymnastics, Fundamentals Early Years Scheme.

For children of walking age to 5 years.

For more details call : 07885414344 or check out [www.thefunkycats.co.uk](http://www.thefunkycats.co.uk)

# funky cats

## toddler gym

## COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Norfolk has 700 vacancies. No special qualifications are required, and you do not need to be a parent. You will need just 6-8 hours commitment per term - being involved in important decisions on how a school is run. Find out more: 01603 303361, email: [dawn.turner@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.turner@norfolk.gov.uk) or visit [www.sgoss.org.uk](http://www.sgoss.org.uk)

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Norfolk Village Games – 26 June 2011. Prove your village is the Best in West Norfolk. Contact Ali Dent for further details on 01366 387 686. Or Visit [www.activenorfolk.org/villagegames](http://www.activenorfolk.org/villagegames)

## **HILGAY PLAY TRAIL – Official Opening 18.2.11**

Here are the people that made it happen



From left to right – Jon Green – Diocese of Ely, Hannah Masters – BCKLWN Jackie Squires – BCKLWN, Graham Carter – Hilgay Parish Council, and Anita Stewart and Rebecca Nicholson who made a dream into reality! A plaque is to be put up at the Play Trail in honour of Anita and Rebecca.

The ‘Play Trail users’ had only limited patience with the adults stopping their play to perform an opening ceremony ..



after all talking is boring, and scissors are for cutting .. so why wait ☺ ?

Many thank to Emma Martin for arranging the refreshments ..  
and THANK YOU to everybody who has helped to create this Play Trail.  
Judging by the hoards of youngsters playing there daily it can be said  
IT IS A HUGE SUCCESS.

Visit facebook: Hilgay Village NEW Community Park

## RYAN MEETS THE QUEEN

from Marie Walker



On the 2.2.11 The Queen and Prince Philip visited The West Norfolk Deaf Assoc. & Ryan Walker, aged 11, from Hilgay was there to meet them!

Ryan, who is a member of the Childrens Deaf Society, showed The Queen how to use a Wii console. After a particularly good move, The Queen told him "good shot"! Prince Philip also found the demonstration amusing.

Ryan, who moved to Hilgay with his mum Marie and Brother Aaron (14) four years ago, attends Hilgay VC Primary, and was only fitted with hearing aids last May after suffering numerous ear infections. He joined the West Norfolk Children Association soon after and has benefited by meeting other deaf and hearing impaired children and attending various functions they have organised. Ryan, Aaron and Marie are in the process of learning sign language to be able to communicate better with others during their visits to the centre. They have also participated in fund raising events for the centre after government funding was cut.

For more information on the West Norfolk Deaf Association:

Telephone: 01533773399

Textphone:01533774766

e-mail:admin.wnda@btconnect.com

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## MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL COLLECTION

from John Robinson

Ten Mile Bank gave generously to the collection. Janet Scofield received donations of £51 from the Residents of Station Road, and £76 was collected from 29 houses in Church Road. Many thanks to all those who donated.

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## NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST – FREE WORKSHOP – 30 April 2011

Bird Surveying for Beginners from 8am to 1pm at Reffley, King's Lynn

Booking is essential –Tel: 01603 598 333. [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)



## **HILGAY RAFT RACE from Paul Stewart**

This years event is on

**SUNDAY, 17th JULY 2011**

raising money for Help for Heroes.

Entry forms will be available soon from Ali Dent - the Butchers in Hilgay and Sues Canoes in Watton.

All the fun starts at midday and the line up so far includes:

**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!

## **WEST NORFOLK CANOE CLUB**

Plans are already underway to form a new Canoe Club in the area. A group of Coaches from the region have already met to form the basis of a club and plan to launch its inaugural event soon. If you'd like to be kept informed of details about the club once its fully formed, please either join their facebook group: West Norfolk Canoe Club or drop a line to the Chairperson: Paul Stewart via email [paulstewart@talktalk.net](mailto:paulstewart@talktalk.net)