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Thursday, 7 January 2010 – Hilgay Village Hall at 7pm

All members of the public are welcome

The Minutes are available for viewing online at www.tenmilebank.com (courtesy of Tony Hall)

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Hilgay VC Primary School VACANCY

Clerk to the Governors of Hilgay Village VC Primary School

The Clerk's main responsibilities will be to take minutes at the meetings, and circulate them, and future agendas, to the Governing body.

We normally have four meetings per year; held in the evenings.

There is an honorarium (payment) for the service.

If any one is interested in applying, or would like more information

Please contact James Mc Burney; Headteacher

Tel: 01366 387685 or email: head@hilgayvillage.norfolk.sch.uk

THE FENCING FRONTING AVENUE CLOSE, HILGAY

The fencing which fronts the grassed area of Avenue Close is owned by the Borough Council (BCKLWN). **The fencing is in very poor condition.**

The Parish Council, prompted by a petition from the Residents of Avenue Close requesting that the fencing be repaired, have been in lengthy negotiations with the Borough Council on this matter.

The Borough Council have issued a final statement on their stance on the future of the fencing, which is as follows:-

Our view is that the fence is not required, but is now an "eye sore", and we are prepared to consider its removal and grass reinstatement

Reasons:-

1. There is a similar area of grass to the south of this site, with no road side fence, that appears to have no problems.
2. Many of our grass amenity areas abut roads but do not have formal fencing.
3. As far as we are aware there are no recent recorded safety issues from games playing.
4. As far as we are aware there are no fence related social issues regarding the houses fronting the grass and hedge.
5. We take the view overall that there may well have been a case for the fence when the main A10 was running by. This is no longer the case.

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The Parish Council intend making a **final decision** on this matter at the January Parish Council Meeting. OPTIONS are:

SHOULD HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

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| a) Leave the fencing in its current state of disrepair. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Instruct the Borough Council to remove the fencing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Consider repairing the fencing @ £2,800 for green plastic covered wire chain link fencing or using galvanised high tensile wire @ £3,400 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

tick box

The Parish Council would like ALL RESIDENTS TO VOTE as this issue affects the **OUTLOOK of the village.** Closing date 5 Jan. 2010.

NAME

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Send to Owlsway, 123 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, PE38 0EG

or leave at Dent's Butchers, Stocks Hill, Hilgay for collection by the Clerk

CHRISTMAS IN HUNGARY

from Norbert Rabi

Thought you might like to hear about Christmas in Hungary which is a little different to the celebrations in the UK!

2 December marks the start of Advent, The season begins on the first Sunday after 30 November and lasts for 28 days. People display Advent wreaths which can be seen everywhere in shops, schools, offices, and in almost every home. They usually come with 4 candles – with one additional candle lit every Sunday until Christmas.

On 6 December - *Mikulás Day* or St. Nicholas Day -Santa ("Uncle Mikulás") makes his rounds among the shops, schools and parades. 'Good' children get sweets and chocolate in red wrappings. Mikulás also leaves sweets or other small goodies in children's shoes or boots, which the children have left out overnight, usually by a window. However, if the children had been bad, or at least very naughty during the year, instead of a present, they would find a lump of coal, or a potato, or a bunch of twigs (like a "switch"), tied together in their shoe, or, they would be warned that the Krampusz (as pictured) – a kind of mean goblin in the shape of a small boy will come after them to beat them with a switch!



Prior to the 24th, Hungarian children write their letters to baby Jesus, or '*Jézuska*,' They then leave their letters on a windowsill to be picked up by angel messengers (some children have developed a clever twist on this custom - they ask "*Jézuska*" to bring the usual presents on Christmas Eve, and then for Father Christmas to deliver additional presents on Christmas day!).

On 24 December - Visiting of the Shepherds takes place. Participants (usually only students these days) visit houses on Christmas Eve, up until midnight. They wear their coats turned out, put satchels on their shoulders, and carry shepherds' crooks. The smallest shepherd usually has the job of carrying the manger. The participants sing Christmas carols for the Residents and hope to receive some sort of gifts from householders Christmas trees are bought and decorated on the 24th. Traditional Hungarian tree lights have always included candles and sparklers, although many families have abandoned this custom due to fire hazard concerns! After the tree is lit, and the presents are opened, families celebrate the rest of the evening of the 24th together, mostly within the close family.

On the 25th, & 26th, larger families and close friends travel and visit each other. Enjoy the festivities wherever you are celebrating!

Chris Shaw has published another book – **Downham Market and Around** This book gives a brief history on Downham Market, West Dereham, Bexwell, Denver, and Welney. All profits from the book are donated to charities supported by the Downham Market Rotary Club.

On sale now at Dent's Butchers @ £6

NEWS FROM TEN MILE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL from Leah Hopwood
The children have had a great term with lots of activities going on.
The theme for learning this term has been Africa. This is very evident in the classroom and curriculum with displays.



The children have made masks, enjoyed literature and studied maps and famous people. Kojo Darko came to school to share African culture with them

through drumming and dance. He introduced tie dyeing to them and a wide of African food. The day was part sponsored by Friends of the school and was a great success.



For **Children In Need** we pedalled for Pudsey. We borrowed an exercise bike, started pedalling at 8:50am and continued through to 3:30pm. The children were helped by staff, parents and friends. We managed to cycle 106 miles in the day – a great achievement. We raised funds by a ‘guess the mileage’ competition and bringing in pennies for Pudsey.

On the day the children brought in their decorated T-Shirts that had been done at home. The standard was fantastic and all were later given a prize for their efforts. (See front cover).

The Christmas festivities are all planned.
The children will be performing “It’s a baby” on Tuesday 8th December.

Armistice Day

On the 11th November 2009 we attended the Ten Mile Bank War Memorial for our two minute silence.

Father David led the Remembrance Service. The children laid the parish wreath as well as their own wreaths. They had made poppies with the names of the soldiers in the middle and a message around the outside. It was a very moving two minutes.



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HILGEY PARISH GROWERS

from Harvey Hillyer

It's been some time since our first entry in the news letter and a lot has happened in that time. As you may know the Hilgey Parish Growers have been busy!

We managed to bring much of the poly tunnel site in Boughton back into use for growing peppers, chillis, grapes, beans and corn, aubergines and many salads, as well as herbs, asparagus, potatoes and tomatoes.

On the Parish front, we have been invited to attend the January Parish Council Meeting to discuss a proposal to use a piece of land adjacent to the playing field. If negotiations are successful we hope to establish a growing area in conjunction with the schools, whereby we will soon be growing vegetables and flowers. We hope that what we do, with the help of the children, will inspire others to become more involved with food production in our community. We also hope that those of you **who are already growing your own will support us in our efforts** and would **welcome any advice** that you might have.

VILLAGE SOS

Exciting news regarding the Village SOS competition that we entered on behalf of the village. Our project, which is called Hilgay Village Green has been **SHORTLISTED from 400 villages in the UK to just 28** with the prospect of receiving a **£400,000** grant to help develop our Hilgay Village Green project.

We held a Consultation Meeting on Sunday, 29 November 09 to seek support for our efforts, and are pleased to tell you that from that meeting, we have been able to establish a Steering Committee to help us in our bid to win this competition. The Steering Committee intends to hold future Hilgay Village Green events whereby we can update you on our progress and listen to your suggestions for the parish.

We also had an opportunity to meet two of our proposed village champions whose aim will be to help bring us closer to our goal.

Hilgay is the only village in the East of England to have progressed this far and if we are successful there will be a television series by the BBC about the village which will be shown in 2011. They will spend a year filming our progress from next July.

As part of the consultation process we would ask **EVERYONE** to put forward their views as to how we should be spending this money.

There is also an enormous potential to receive at least the same amount in match funding and more, if everyone in the village comes together to support our bid

We will do the utmost to ensure that there are events in the village that you will be able to attend in order for you to **have your say**.

Please make the most of these events.

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If **you have any suggestions** at all please contact me asap on 01366 **380 283** or 07840 411 781 or email: hillyerharvey@ymail.com

Please don't let us miss this opportunity. Yours views are important.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO GET YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO US.

There will be a **Suggestion Box** located at Dent's Butchers and at Hilgay school. **Please use them!**

For ease, we have included below a Suggestion/Interest Form which can be popped into one of the boxes or sent to me directly, but it is not obligatory to use this form.

Many thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

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I am interested in supporting the Hilgay Village Green Project

I am interested in being involved in the Hilgay Village Green Project

I would like to make the following suggestion

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Place this form in one of the Suggestion Boxes
or send to Harvey Hillyer, 5 Church Road, Hilgay, Downham Market, PE38 0JF