

# RIVERSIDE NEWS

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## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 11:00am the children from Alpha class, of Hilgay Village VC Primary School stood in silence for 2 minutes. They made the giant poppies to remember the people that had been injured and those that had lost their lives.

The whole school also took part in the 2 minute silence.

<b>WHO TO CONTACT</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Regular VILLAGE</b>
<b>EVENTS</b>		
Clerk to the Parish Council Email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com	Shan Tedder Mobile	01366 385 449 07944 943 651
Hilgay Parish Council are next meeting on Thursday, <b>5 JANUARY</b> 2012 at Hilgay Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.		
<b>All Residents 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		077 484 13103
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
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Allotments	Shan Tedder	01366 385 449
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**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL 2012**

**WAR MEMORIES**

**from Gwen Dearsley**

I remember, when gas masks were to be issued, going with my Parents to

the Village Hall to collect them, including a cradle for my brother. My Mother was too scared to ever consider operating the pump on the cradle mask, and as my Father might be at work during an emergency, my Parents taught me how to operate it.

I recall a gentleman called Selo Taylor, who had a very long beard, which proved very difficult, when attempting to wear his mask. The advice was to trim beards – which he refused to do. He did try the mask with his beard tucked inside, but admitted .. *'I can't see a b\*\*\*\*y thing, and if I am on my bicycle I shall not be able to see where I am going'*. Thankfully we never needed to use our masks.

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Editors Note: Here are some examples of gas masks found at [http://www.swanseaheritage.net/article/gat.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=674&PRIMARY\\_THEME\\_ID=3](http://www.swanseaheritage.net/article/gat.asp?ARTICLE_ID=674&PRIMARY_THEME_ID=3)

CHILD'S MASK - During World War Two (1939-45) the British Government protected its population from the threat of poison gas attack by issuing gas masks to every citizen, young and old. By 1940 the Government had issued 38 million masks, in functional black for adults but brightly coloured for children. This mask, which dates to 1940, is an example of a 'Mickey Mouse' mask in red, blue and white.



The masks were carried in cardboard boxes with long string handles. The cardboard box, secured with metal rivets and with a cotton bias-binding carrying strap, contains a gas mask. On the lid of the one opposite it states 'This special respirator for a small child is Government Property. Any person who has it in his possession is responsible in law for using care to keep it in good condition. It is to be returned to the local authority in whose area the possessor may be at any time, either on



request or when no longer required'. Inside the lid are further instructions on how to pack the respirator and how to put it on and remove it safely. Following the severity of the gas attacks on troops during the First World War, it was feared that this time the attacks would be extended to the civilian population. Gas masks had to be carried at all times. The importance of maintaining the masks in good condition was emphasised as the possible difference between life and death. Fortunately, however the attacks never materialised.

BABY'S MASK - Babies had special cradle like respirators like this, when all the flaps were folded in place and the straps closed up, the baby was totally enclosed. Air was hand-pumped through a filter on the side which ensured the baby inhaled no gas.



**HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL ... POINTS OF INTEREST SNIPPETS**

**Meetings:** Hilgay Parish Council hold 6 Meetings a year.. **3 at Hilgay Village**

**Hall in January, May, and September, and 3 at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall in March, July, and November.** Everyone is welcome to attend, and you are able to comment on the Items being discussed, or raise issues of your own under Item - Public Participation which is normally heard towards to the end of the Meeting. Forthcoming Meeting dates to the end of this financial year are **5 January** (Hilgay Village Hall) **and 1 March 2012** (Ten Mile Bank Village Hall).

### **BCKLWN Local Development Framework Site Specific Allocations & Policies – ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Borough Council, having adopted the Core Strategy to set the overall pattern and scale of development in the Borough until 2026.

This Consultation is to **prepare a plan** to give more specific guidance for individual settlements. and has 3 main elements.

Distribution of development between the main Villages, Potential choices of development sites within the Towns & Villages, and a series of Policies relating to detailed subjects.

Many people and organisations have previously brought a specific site(s) to the attention of the BCKLWN, which these people and organisations consider would be appropriate for development. The BCKLWN have assessed these sites, and many of these have been incorporated as **potential options**.

The Consultation was an important opportunity to influence the shape of your local community over the next 15 years.

Hilgay Parish Council responded to the Consultation, which can be viewed at [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk) or a copy can be viewed at the Clerk's office.

#### **HILGAY**

**281** - Hilgay Parish Council were unanimous in rejection of this Site. The Site would be the most contraversial proposal in the Parish as it is an outstanding picturesque setting - the Parish and the Church would wish to ensure this status was preserved. This Site is presently used as an open space to be enjoyed by all.

**976** - Hilgay Parish Council agreed that this Site would only be suitable for roadside development to match the existing mixture of properties.

**614** - Hilgay Parish Council were unanimous in their objection to this proposed Site.

**975** - Hilgay Parish Council agreed that this site was suitable for limited development to match existing surroundings.

**801** - Hilgay Parish Council agreed that this Site is the preferred location for growth with possible small estate type development, which would match existing surroundings with a mixture of dwelling including affordable homes. Of all the proposed sites this would be the least intrusive to the Village.

**561** - Hilgay Parish Council objected to this proposed Site as it would not be in keeping with the present building line.

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Hilgay Parish Council would also like the two Green Open Spaces - Manby Close Green and the frontage of Avenue Close protected as they are an integral part of

our Village.

### **Ten Mile Bank**

Hilgay Parish Council agreed with the BCKLWN comment 9.21.4 (Page 254) that there are no suitable, available, or deliverable sites in Ten Mile Bank as the Village falls within a flood risk zone.

### **ELY ROAD, HILGAY ALLOTMENTS**

There is 1 Allotment available for rent, preferably to a Resident who does not already have an Allotment. Rent is £5.25 per annum.

### **ALL SAINTS CLOSED CHURCHYARD**

All Saints PCC and Hilgay Parish Council met with the BCKLWN to discuss the standard of the churchyard maintenance and works that need to be undertaken now that the BCKLWN are responsible for its care.

### **PARKING ISSUES IN HILGAY**

Hilgay Parish Council are continuing to try to resolve the parking issues in Hilgay. Norfolk Constabulary, who attended the November Parish Council Meeting, have been unable to help with these issues.

### **NORFOLK CONSTABULARY - NEW NON EMERGENCY NUMBER**

Dial 101 for non emergency calls.

### **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Is no longer a Police matter, and is the responsibility of the BCKLWN.  
To Report issues - Telephone 01553 616 222  
or email [parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk)

### **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, RIVER FIELD, HILGAY**

The Public Conveniences are now closed under a BCKLWN directive. Hilgay Feoffee Charity and the Parish Council are endeavouring to secure their future .

### **REFUSE COLLECTION IN WEST END AND STEELS DROVE**

Hilgay Parish Council are currently working towards resolving the issue of the BCKLWN refuse lorry having to reverse along West End and Steels Drove as there is insufficient room for the vehicle to turn around in Steels Drove.

### **HILGAY BUS SHELTERS**

Re-painted.

### **YEAR END 11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Now completed. Copies available from the Clerk.

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**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 following Residents ARE SEEKING WORK**

Name	Tel No.	Experience
Thomas King	07932 837 017	Bar Work, Food Preparation, Labouring
Harry King	07503 030 538	Manufacturing, Labouring, Dog Sitting

## HILGAY SILVER BAND NEWS

from **Brian Doy**

The Band has received some very good comments following their Concert for the Royal British Legion in Downham Market Town Hall.

We are now entering our busiest time of the year, which started with the switch on the Christmas Lights in Downham Market which took place on 27 November 2011, and a Concert in Leverington Church on 3 December.

Other Diary Dates are:

10 December COFFEE MORNING & CAROLS at Downham Market Town Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

17 December CAROLS at Morrisons, King's Lynn from 10am to 12 noon.

18 December CAROLS at Tesco's, King's Lynn from 10am to 2pm.

CAROL SERVICE at All Saints Church, Hilgay at 3.30pm.

21 & 22 December The Band will also be touring the local Housing Estates around Downham Market and Hilgay.

**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

On behalf of Hilgay Silver Band, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## HILGAY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT



### COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday, **22 DECEMBER** 2011

Thursday, **26 JANUARY** 2012

Thursday, **23 FEBRUARY** 2012

10.30am to 12.30pm

Home made cakes .. Raffle

**Everyone Welcome**

EDITORS NOTE: **DO NOT MISS THESE COFFEE MORNINGS**, with their wonderful bistro atmosphere, range of melt in the mouth cakes, excellent cup of tea or coffee, and a very warm welcome. I thoroughly enjoyed my last visit and shall be first at the door in December!

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As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 the Hilgay Village Committee will be responsible for bookings of Hilgay Village Hall. The new phone number to contact is **07748413103**.

If anybody needs to put a notice regarding Village events on the new Notice Board they can contact **Geraldine on 380136** or **Val on 388909**.

## **TEN MILE BANK PLAY EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY PROJECT**

2 Meetings were held in October and November 2011. A 3<sup>rd</sup> is planned for 9 December 2011.

The Ten Mile School Council (Pupils) - Miyah, Bethany, Oliver, Marissa, Sophie, Jack, and Holly, assisted by Mrs M Higgins, have **firmly staked their position** on the Community Project. The School Council (Pupil) achievements so far are:

Conducted a full School Survey on items of play equipment.

Encouraged fellow Pupils to visit Play Areas to assess play equipment – many thanks to the parents for assisting with this.

Conducted a full School Survey on types of swings.

Assessed play equipment health and safety aspects.

Created a 'wish list' of items of play equipment

Proposed, and had formalised by the full Committee – 2 priority items - a Zip Wire (suitable for 5 years upwards) and a Cradle Swing (suitable for any age group).

Identified a 'wish list' of an additional 9 items suitable for various age groups.

Obtained a donation from Hilgay Parish Council for 20 Dancing Flags.

Obtained a vote of thanks - given to Oliver for highlighting fencing issues.

At the December Meeting, we will be considering play equipment providers, agreeing on and adding a slide and roundabout to the 'wish list', and reducing the 'wish list' to a more affordable number of items.

**The Ten Mile Bank Play Equipment Community Project would like to receive your IDEAS and INPUT, and would of course welcome any DONATIONS 😊**

**GET INVOLVED** by contacting Shan Tedder on 01366 385 449 or emailing [hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com).

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### **AGED 14 -25? Join SPORTIVATE**

Skiing at Norwich @£15, Climbing at Norwich@ £6, Golf at Norwich @ £10, Basketball at Kings Lynn @ £6. For details of these, and many more courses visit [www.activenorfolk.org/sportivate](http://www.activenorfolk.org/sportivate)

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## MIGHTY MOUTH IS BACK!

Views expressed in Mighty Mouth articles are not necessarily the views of Hilgay Parish Council

*I read your article with interest as at the time it was published I was having some works carried out by an English tradesman from Outwell who was recommended to me by a Hilgay tradesman. Did it go well? Depends if you were the tradesman or me .. the priced job turned into day money @ £120 a day, the works seemed to progress rather slowly – surely there couldn't be a connection between the two could there? The chap was obviously practicing his shot put skills for the forthcoming Olympics as he scattered all manner of old materials over a wide area of the garden, he mistook my garden for Crimplesham dump and added his own waste materials to mine, improved his abstract artistic skills with an expanding foam gun, obviously didn't like our paint works and added his own scratch pattern, and decided I needed extra ventilation because he poked holes in the ceilings. He was obviously then struck down with alzheimer's as he never return to finish the work. I am convinced he is related to the roofer who filled my loft with rubble. Think I will follow your lead Mighty Mouth and only use someone who can say ..*

*"Taip, aš padarysiu, darbą pradėsiu pirmadienį, o baigsiu penktadienį, kaina bus tokia kokią mes ir sutarėme, be papildomo mokesčio."* Shan Tedder

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Well this month has seen a change in the weather (it's still warm it's just a little wetter), a significant change in the length of the day (it's now dark just after lunchtime) and most importantly I have a new topic which has earned itself a generous serving of 'deep fried vented spleen'.

This month's topic for assassination is the **ELDERLY**. Now usually I would reserve my negative judgment on this section on society, safe in the knowledge that these are the people that have fought for our freedom and paid their dues several times over to this great nation which call home.

However having applied a bit of lateral thinking to it, if they had just rolled over and let our Germanic counterparts walk all over us we would be one of the richest countries on earth, enjoying clean, fast and efficient public transport, we would all be driving Audis and own Greece! Therefore I shall continue..

But for now back to topic. Last week I found myself in 'God's waiting room' (or Downham Market as it is more commonly known). I should have known better than to go there on market day. It was like the town that time forgot!

The reason I feel so irritated was a number of 'incidents' that meant by the end of the morning I was ready to kill (well that maybe a slight exaggeration, something more akin to joy-riding a Zimmer frame would most likely fit the bill).

The first incident involved a little old lady in the supermarket, who I reckon had died sometime back in the nineties, but had forgotten to lie down – memory loss another issue with the old! Now this old dear had managed to position herself in such a way that both her supermarket trolley and shopper trolley had completely blocked all routes past, cutting off access to 3 aisles and at least 7 checkouts.

The carnage this caused, although infuriating, was not the main issue. What was the major concern was the small fact that she was completely oblivious to the mayhem it was causing around her. Staff, small children, pregnant mothers....no one was safe.

I stood in amazement completely astounded whilst this 'ol wrinkly' remained blissfully unaware that the universe around her even existed. Now you may be wondering what was distracting Doris ... double checking how many chocolate biscuits were in the PACK OF SIX that she had picked up. Give me strength. What is it with old people they are sooo slow. It's ironic when you think about it, youngsters (relatively speaking) have the most amount of time left on this earth and yet race everywhere like they are going to die within the next fifteen minutes, whilst the oldies (who do actually only have fifteen minute left) take forever to do the simplest and most mundane of tasks.

The second incident involved an old codger whose glasses were thick enough to double as ash trays, who obviously felt that his electric scooter came with a free pass to race through pedestrianised areas fast enough to strike the fear of god into the heart of any passing 3 year old. Whilst driving down the middle of the road at 10mph he decided to head home (striking fear into the hearts of the rest of us). At one point, as this chap flew past the entrance to Greggs, I swear I saw one old lady recoil and grab her hips in an attempt to prevent another replacement being required should she be knocked to the ground.

I cannot help but think that we should open a dialogue with DEFRA to explore the possibility of widening the envelope of any proposed badger cull to include a pre-agreed percentage of the over 70's. I think the government may just go for it!

Think of the savings to the NHS, pensions and queues in the post office!

Speaking of which, leads me nicely onto my last anecdote. When I was in my teens I went to stay with my grandparents during the summer holidays, to help out in the garden and so on. One of the first jobs was to get up just after 5.30am on a Monday morning to ensure we got to the front of the queue (or at least the front third of it) at the post office. We would head down the high street and queue for what felt like a lifetime and judging by some of the oldies already there, they had been there for several lifetimes. Obviously being summer it was chucking it down, well at least I hope it was as the old bloke next to us had an extremely full catheter bag. Eventually we collected our weekly 'allowance', headed to the shops (for ten lots of buy one get one free tinned tuna and UHT milk – is this OAP recipe I'm not yet aware of?) and made our way home.

Later in the day it occurred to me that the extreme length of the queue at the post office had to hold some degree of significance, otherwise why would the oldies do it every Monday morning. So I enquired with a significant amount of welfare orientated concern "*Grandad, can I ask what happens if you miss your Monday morning slot to collect your pension!*" Under the assumption that if you miss it, you have to wait till next Monday (why else would you engage in such a farcical activity every week). The reply came "*you can collect it on Tuesday.*" Still to this day I cannot fathom the logic behind the Monday morn queue phenomena. These people only have about quarter of an hour to live and yet still insist on squandering an hour of borrowed time getting in the way of everyone else.

Oh one final thought, why do old ladies insist on having a tomato pip stuck to their blouses no matter what time of day or night it is? You look next time you see one, I guarantee stuck somewhere to her top there will be a tomato pip.

Now where did I leave that number for DEFRA?

## **BROADBAND PROVISION FOR HILGAY**

The ongoing pilot scheme for the Norfolk County Council /BT free wi fi broadband service is progressing. BT are proposing to install a 12 metre free standing tubular column at Hilgay School which will beam a signal throughout the Village, and will link to a similar mast at West Dereham. The service offered by Norfolk County Council will be similar to the library service, ie free to use. The timescale for service delivery is March 2012.

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## **HILGAY VILLAGE VC SCHOOL NEWS**

**from Sharon Hayns**

The whole school also went to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre in London on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, a very memorable trip. The children loved the whole experience and were talking about it all the following day

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## **DOWNHAM MARKET CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Methodist Church, Downham Market, Tues, 13 December at 7.30pm

Tickets are £5 - which includes seasonal refreshments

Retiring collection for The Motor Neurone Disease Association

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## **SURVIVING WINTER CAMPAIGN 2011**

This campaign aims to encourage those who receive the Government Winter Fuel Payment to consider donating all or part of this sum to help those in desperate need, if they can afford to do so, and do not rely on that payment themselves. If 1% of people in Norfolk were to donate their payment and Gift Aid it, the Norfolk Community Foundation could raise £300,000 to provide assistance with fuel costs, hot food, and warm clothing for those facing hardship this winter. To make a donation contact the Norfolk Community Foundation on 01603 623 958.

**If you are in need of support from the fund contact Age Concern UK on 01603 787 111 and ask for Jasmine.**

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## **CIRCULATION OF THIS MAGAZINE IN HILGAY**

The magazine can be collected from Dent's Butchers, the Rose & Crown, All Saints Church, Methodist Hall, Dent' Farm Shop, and copies are also given to Hilgay School.

If you are interested in delivering copies to your neighbours in your road, or street please contact Shan on 01366 385 449.

## **CIRCULATION OF THIS MAGAZINE IN TEN MILE BANK**

We would like to thank Tony Hall, who also kindly hosts this magazine on [www.tenmilebank.com](http://www.tenmilebank.com), for delivering the magazine to Residents in Church Road and Engine Road, and St Mark's Church, and to thank Parish Cllr Colin Wills who delivers to Station Road. Copies are also placed in Ten Mile Bank Village Hall, and Ten Mile Bank School.

Hilgay Parish Council have received the following from those responsible for the Climbing Wall fire ..



To the Parish Council of Hilgay Park

We are all So Very Sorry for what Happend to your Park We didnt mean to reack your park it Was a Very Silly accident that Won't ever happen again We have all learnt our lesson and We are all Very Truley Sorry from

Names withheld for legal reasons