

# Riverside News



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## Your Parish Matters

Dear Reader

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new Parish Clerk for Hilgay Parish Council. It is my pleasure to support the Parish Councillors of Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank.

I welcome your input both in person at our monthly Parish meetings or via the parish email account or telephone. I am employed by the parish for 7.5 hours per week and therefore I may not always respond immediately however please be assured I will respond as soon as possible.

The Parish Council are here to serve our community and showcase Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact me and these requests can be debated amongst the Councillors.

The next parish meeting is on Thursday 05 September 2019 at Ten Mile Bank village hall. The meeting begins at 7pm and there is an opportunity to speak should you wish to do so.

Everyone is welcome.

Giving you my best always

Claire Dornan

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### **Parish Council Meetings**

Dear Residents,

Agendas for the meetings are usually posted the previous Friday, and are available on the Parish Council Website ([www.hilgayparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hilgayparishcouncil.org.uk)) and the Ten Mile Bank village website ([www.tenmilebank.co.uk](http://www.tenmilebank.co.uk)). If any resident would like to be sent a copy by email of the Agenda when it is issued, and or the Minutes, please email the Clerk

The next meetings are as follows

August – No Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Ten Mile Bank – 7:00pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Hilgay Village Hall – 7:00pm

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Finance & Resources	Alan Holmes (Chair), Ryan Coogan, Vic Martin
Planning Policy	Elaine Hall (Chair), Graham Carter, Peter Dornan, Jane Heatrick

### **Working Groups**

Allotments	Peter Bates, Elaine Hall
Footpaths	Gillian Harris , Annabel Charlesworth, Elaine Hall
Land Holdings	Graham Carter, Alan Holmes, Vic Martin
Records	Alan Holmes, Vic Martin
Meadow Garden Hilgay	Annabel Charlesworth, Gillian Harris, Vic Martin
War Memorial Refurbishment	Peter Bates, Ray Houghton, Graham Carter

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## Hilgay General Matters

### Recent Vandalism in Hilgay

There has been some vandalism in Hilgay recently of a very unpleasant nature. Many of you will have heard about it.

Hilgay Church and the old graveyard were the targets this time. You may be pleased to know that the culprits have been identified and the police are dealing with the matter.

This is not the first time that the Church has been the victim of vandalism. It is not the only place in Hilgay vandalised in recent months; the River Field Toilet block has had repeated attacks and the toilets block serving the Church has been attacked more than once.

The latest vandalism is particularly upsetting as the old churchyard was damaged. We can all agree that this is completely unacceptable. The Parish is a friendly and happy community. It is relatively crime free and safe to live in. We all want it to stay that way. We do not want it to get a reputation – however unlikely this might be.

But we also know that stopping this type of behaviour is difficult. The Parish Council is not here to police you – it has no powers even if it wanted to. We are also not here to tell you how to live. But we do have a duty to the community to remind you all that living in an area as pleasant as ours comes with some responsibilities.

Parents and guardians – please explain to your children that this type of behaviour is not good, clever or what our community expects. You probably already do but repeating the message is surely worthwhile. Before the new school term starts I will be writing to ask all local schools to reinforce this message in their civil society lessons.

Residents - if you see suspicious behaviour report it – 100 or if very serious 999. But only be vigilant, do not be a vigilante. There is a neighbourhood watch in Hilgay which I see seems to work pretty well in the residential part of the village. Ten Mile Bank residents may want to start one themselves. The local Safe Neighbourhood team of Norfolk Police – see their website – are happy to support.

Finally, on a different but related subject. The Hilgay Playing field and surrounding area has moles so we got in the local mole catcher. Eight successfully detained. However, eight mole traps were stolen. Now this could be anybody but is still unacceptable. Do not do this.

*Alan Holmes Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council  
July 2019*

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## **Street lighting in Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank**

A couple of issues ago we asked you about street lighting. Since then we have had a request for one additional light. The cost of this will be at least £2000-4000 to install and there will be additional running costs, which because of our use of LED lighting should be in the case of one new light be manageable.

When discussing the proposed new light your Parish Council felt that we should ask residents again for their views on the need for additional lights. To make things a little easier we have produced a short questionnaire below. If you would like additional lighting where you live, please complete the questionnaire and send it to the Parish Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> September. Contact details are in the magazine.

However, these are not cheap to install. So we need clear reasons for any new lights. In some areas of Hilgay the Borough Council is responsible for street lighting, which might need further work.

## **Street lighting questionnaire**

Do you want a new streetlight where you live?	
Which Street or Road and where?	
Why do you feel the current lighting not appropriate?	
What benefits do you expect from additional street lighting	
How many people locally might benefit from additional lighting near you	
What other reasons do you have to have additional street lighting.	

If you need more space to answer please use another piece of paper and add the question(s) number clearly.

*Alan Holmes, Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council*

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## Willow Lodge

Freebridge Housing, have an extensive building in Hilgay that lays derelict and has stood empty for a significant number of years.

The property is Willow Lodge and now it is becoming an eyesore. Clearly, an invitation for anti-social behaviour. In these days when housing is in such short supply, I find it almost criminal that such a building can remain empty and unused for such a long period of time. Surely County or Borough Council should be pushing for its' return to full use. If nothing else they must be missing out on council tax income from a number of would be residents.

Approaches to Freebridge by the Parish Council have only obtained a glib response such as 'we are looking into the matter'.

Even our MP Liz Truss appears to have had no success in gaining a positive reply or any time frame as to when the property will be made available to house people once again. There are many people who would jump at a chance to move into accommodation. Many single people (predominately men) cannot obtain social housing, so to have such a block empty seems unacceptable.

Come on Freebridge and do the honourable thing and either refurbish or demolish and rebuild on the site. Housing and a permanent home are fundamental to a good society. Perhaps it is now time for all residents to put pressure on Freebridge directly or via your Borough and County Council representatives to get this building back into use. I would urge everyone to write or e-mail all of the above and the newspapers to raise this issue.

Just to let you know that the article I wrote to Your Local Paper has prompted a response from Freebridge.

Claire the new Hilgay Parish Clerk had also written to Freebridge and to Liz Truss M.P.

*The Freebridge response states that Willow Lodge is no longer suitable for modern use or conversion therefore Freebridge intend to demolish and clear the site in the next few months. Then with a clear site they intend to consider what should happen there in the future.*

*Peter Dornan  
A Hilgay Parish Resident*



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## The Footpaths in Hilgay

There are many circumstances that have led to them being like this but what is most important is what do the residents want done about it

The Borough/County Councils admit that footpaths are not high up on their agendas, in fact the Parish Council has been informed that they allocate only £500 a year to maintain all the footpaths in Hilgay each year. That currently appears to enable them to do two cuts per year but those cuts seem to be at totally the wrong times of the growing season.

The finger posts to identify the footpaths were requested in November 2018 and the Parish Council were told they would be provided within six weeks Well even with my poor maths from November 2018 to July 2019 certainly seems to be much longer than six weeks and none of the finger posts have arrived.

There are some serious questions that need to be asked and answers provided.

Do residents want to have access to footpaths, are they frequently used, are people happy with the current situation and condition of these paths, do people want nothing extra done?

What (if anything) are residents prepared to do to retain these paths?

Would residents be willing to give up a weekend or two to have a 'cut the undergrowth' party and picnic, using their own time and money?

Would residents be willing for money from the Parish Council precept to be put towards greater maintenance of these paths above and beyond what is already being done? If so what type of sums of money should be allocated to this task?

Are there any farmers out there who could offer to help either at no cost or minimal costs?

These are some of the many things to consider, but what is clear is that the current overgrown paths are less than suitable for the public to walk and if nothing is done the situation can only get worse.

It certainly does not show off the Hilgay village in the best of light to any visitors or tourists.

Why not get involved and pass on your thoughts about this matter to the Parish Councillors. The next meeting is in Ten Mile Bank Village Hall on September the 5th 2019 and begins at 7pm. You could voice your views at that meeting in person or tell a Parish Councillors before that date so they can raise the matter at the meeting on your behalf. You can also write / email the Parish Clerk about this matter and explain your suggestions.

Please do something otherwise yet another important thing about village / country life will be lost forever.

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## **Bonfires in Hilgay**

The Parish Council has had several complaints about smoky bonfires in and around the allotments in the last few months. This is not a Parish Council subject, but we thought that a gentle request to residents for more consideration for their neighbours about bonfires would not be a bad thing.

Bonfires for garden waste are permitted in certain areas, which includes all the Parish. But there are guidelines:

Avoid using wet material because it produces smoke;  
Do not burn garden waste on windy days;  
You only have small bonfires late in the day or evening;  
Always think about your neighbours; and always supervise your bonfire.

There are alternatives to bonfires. The Borough Council Recycling Site at Crimplesham takes garden waste and the BC will also provide, for a modest charge, a brown bin which it collects fortnightly from your home.

*Alan Holmes Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council  
July 2019*

## **Hedges at Engine Road, Ten Mile Bank**

At the last Parish Council Meeting at Ten Mile Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 several TMB residents came to tell us their concerns about how the hedging in part of Engine Road close to houses had been cut back. The Parish Council said it would investigate.

I went to have a look and saw just how brutal the work had been. One of the concerns raised was about the possible use of weed killing chemicals; there were clear signs of its use with the grass looking burnt as it does when a chemical weed killer is used. The only thing I can say about that is that all commercial weed killers do neutralise themselves very quickly and we would have to be in direct contact and often for it to be a health risk. That is what the industry tell us and it is heavily regulated. However, I still understand residents' concerns.

I contacted the Environment Agency and the NCC who are the most obvious agencies who do this type of work. NCC told me clearly that they had not carried out this work and would generally not use weed killers on verges. The EA said that they would not do work on that site and went on to say that they would take preventative measures when doing hedging on banks etc.

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This leaves the landowner as the only organisation with the equipment and reason to do this work. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find out who that might be. Should they read this, I would be happy to talk to them about the residents' concerns. 01366 380606: I am available at most times.

*Alan Holmes Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council  
July 2019*

## **Possible wildflower meadow in Hilgay**

You, through the Parish Council, own a small area of land in front of the Council cemetery by the playing field. It has not been used for anything, and since the removal of the old football hut we have been thinking what we could do to provide something other than leave it as a patch of rough grass.

We are currently investigating making a small wildflower meadow. This will look interesting, attract insects like butterflies and other pollinators, and provide a nesting site for small birds: we hope.

The main reason for choosing to do this is that it will be relatively simple and inexpensive to do and we hope will provide a pleasant spot in the village.

We hope to start work on this project early next year 2020. Some of the initial work may look a bit brutal, it will be an improvement over time.

If you have any views or would like to be involved, email our Parish Clerk – her email address is in this newsletter.

*Alan Holmes Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council  
July 2019*



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## **Hilgay Village Hall**

### **Working for the Community**



## **UP AND COMING EVENTS IN HILGAY VILLAGE HALL**

### **August**

Slimming world – Every Monday

(Two Sessions 5:30pm & 7:30pm)

St John's Ambulance - Every Tuesday 7:30 – 9:00pm

Parents and Toddlers – No Meetings this month

#### **Other Events**

**Film Night – Sometimes Always Never (12A) – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee Morning – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am – 12:00pm**

**Bexwell Aerodrome Talk – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

(Doors open at 7:00pm)

**Film Night – Mary Queen of Scots (15) – Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **September**

Slimming world – Every Monday

(Two Sessions 5:30pm & 7:30pm)

St John's Ambulance - Every Tuesday 7:30 – 9:00pm

Parents and Toddlers – Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30am

#### **Other Events**

**Barry Tyler Dixieland Jazz Band – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm**

(Doors open at 7:00pm)

**Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am – 12:00pm**

**Film Night – Fisherman's Friends - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **FILM NIGHTS**

Doors open at 7:00pm for the evening show at 7:30pm

Tickets: - £5.00

(The ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine)

Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits will also be served.

To book your seat, please ring Val, on 01366 388909

Tickets are also available at Ali's shop

### **CONTACT NOS.**

**Slimming World:** Rachel Everett - 07546 236515,

**General Enquires:** 01366 388909 or 07826 216285



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## Hilgay Village Hall Working for the Community



### **Hilgay Village Hall Film Night**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Sometimes Always Never (12A)**



Alan (Bill Nighy) is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter (Sam Riley) and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family. There's a beguiling Englishness to

this elegant, offbeat comedy-drama, terrifically written by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and directed by feature debutant Carl Hunter. It has a wonderful syncopation in its writerly rhythm and narrative surprises. The film positively twinkles with insouciance, and is performed with aplomb, particularly by Bill Nighy, who brings a droll sprightliness and deadpan wit to the lead part, but shows how these mannerisms mask emotional pain.



**Doors open at 7:00 for the evening show at 7:30pm**

**Tickets: – £5.00**

**(The ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine)**

**Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits will also be served.**

**To book your seat please ring or Val on 01366 388909.**

**Tickets are also available at All's shop**



## **Hilgay Village Hall** **Working for the Community**



### **The life and times of Bexwell Aerodrome**

### **A History of RAF Downham Market**

**A talk is being given by Andy Moore about the history of this Aerodrome.**

**in Hilgay Village Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk starts at 7:30pm**  
**(Free Entry)**



**218 Squadron Stirling, on Oakwood's Dispersal Site Downham Market 1943**



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## Hilgay Village Hall Film Night

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

### Mary Queen of Scots (15)



Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie slug it out as the rival Tudor queens in this enjoyable if fanciful historical drama, with David Tennant as the fulminating misogynistic preacher John Knox. While Ronan is terrific, Robbie has arguably the more difficult role, conjuring an engaging portrait of someone whose position has made her "more man than woman. It's a credit to Robbie that Elizabeth's anguish shines through the stony visage behind which she is increasingly forced to hide.



**Doors open at 7:00 for the evening show at 7:30pm**

**Tickets: – £5.00**

**(The ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine)**

**Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits will also be served.**

**To book your seat please ring Val on 01366 388909.**

**Tickets are also available at All's shop**



**Our next three Coffee mornings are on  
29<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> September (Macmillan) and 31<sup>st</sup> October  
all starting at 10:30**



**Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or  
coffee, homemade cakes of various  
sorts and of course good company.  
Also, have a go at our regular Raffle**



**To keep in touch with our events,  
visit our website at  
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and subscribe to our Monthly Newsletter**



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**Coming to Hilgay Village Hall**  
**Barry Tyler's**  
**Original Dixieland Jazz Band**



**14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**Concert starts at 8:00pm**

**There will also be a Charity Raffle**

**Tickets £10.00 each**

**To book your seat ring either 01366 388909 or 07826 216285  
Or you can get tickets from the Village Shop.**

**There will be a Licenced Bar available on the night**



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## Hilgay Village Hall Film Night

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

### Fisherman's Friends (12)



Ten fishermen from Cornwall achieve a Top 10 hit after they are signed by Universal Records for their canny talent of being able to sing a sea shanty or two.



**Doors open at 7:00 for the evening show at 7:30pm**

**Tickets: – £5.00**

**(The ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine)**

**Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits will also be served.**

**To book your seat please ring Val on 01366 388909.**

**Tickets are also available at Alf's shop**



## Hilgay Village Hall – Hire Charges

All hire charge rates include heating, lighting and catering facilities

To book the hall, please ring Val on 01366 388909

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Should you want further information on the up and coming events or anything to do with Hilgay Village Hall please ring either 01366 388 909 or 07826 216 285.

If you would like to receive the Village Hall Newsletter by email please go onto the Village hall website at [www.hilgayvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hilgayvillagehall.co.uk) and subscribe.



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## Ten Mile Bank Village Hall



### Events in Ten Mile Bank Village Hall

**Carpet Bowls** – every Friday night at 7:00pm

To book the Village Hall for your, Birthday Party, Anniversary Party, Children's Party, Club Meeting, Training Course, Coffee Morning, Craft Fair or any other event please contact:

Jill Field	1, Watersmeet, Church Road, Ten Mile Bank	01366 377 640
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All rates include heating, lighting and catering facilities

### Defibrillator



I'm please to tell you that Ten Mile Bank now has a Defibrillator. It is a box attached to the external wall of the Village Hall.

When you have a medical emergency and you ring 999 for an ambulance they will give you the code to open the external case so that you can take out the Defibrillator.



# **Riverside News**

## **Riverside Federation**

### **Hilgay & Ten Mile Bank**

#### **Schools**



Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay Academies have enjoyed another fantastic year of learning, sports and adventures.

All of the children who have completed statutory tests this year, worked hard and achieved their best.

Throughout the year, our children have had many new opportunities: guitar lessons; drama club; nature club; archery club; a two night adventurous residential; building Anderson shelters; African dancing and much more.

They have also risen to the challenges we have delivered: achieving their best academically; improving their swimming including lifesaving skills for our oldest children; progressing through Tackling Tables (a times table challenge for KS2); writing stories, letters, instructions, explanations texts and information reports.

We have created new roles for School Council with two children from each of our School Families representing the views of their family at a meeting to hear what the children think, enjoy and want from school.

At Hilgay, we have new Worship Ambassadors and these children have a key role in developing the Christian Distinctiveness of the academy as it is a Church School. We have performed to an audience at Christmas; with drama club and at the end of the school year.

Our children have completed in sporting events: football; tri-golf; swimming; curling; archery; ultimate Frisbee and more!

We have said goodbye to staff and pupils at both schools, and look forward to welcoming new faces in September.

Riverside Federation: small schools providing opportunity; delivering challenge; building respect.

We currently have spaces in most year groups. If you would like to visit our schools with a view to a place, please do not hesitate to get in touch: 01366 387685/377310

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## Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy

*Nothing to Report*

## Friends of Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy

### Summer Fete

The fete went well and thank you to all who came and helped make it what it was and all who came out to support us. Even running it and clashing with Denver and Whetting we were able to raise £226.84 for the school



### Ball Race

The Ball Race after the children's sports day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July was very well supported and we sold over 160 balls, Jill Cox came first and the Callaghan's came second well done.

We are looking forward to next year's events.

There is nothing in August but we will let you know about our next events in the next Riverside News.

Thank you for all your support this year it is very much appreciated



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## All Saints Church, Hilgay



All Saints Church Services are every Sunday at 9:15am

### Pastoral Care and Worship

Father James Mather ssc - 01366 382187

Father Alan Davies – 01553 810675

### Access to All Saints Church

Because of the recent theft and vandalism, we regret that this village's church is now kept locked when unattended

**Key Holder** (not 24hr) – 01366 387 988

### Hilgay Vintage & Country Show - In aid of Hilgay Church and other local charities

*Hilgay Vintage*  
**& COUNTRY SHOW**

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August

ADMISSION £5 • UNDER 12'S FREE  
WEEKEND PASSES AVAILABLE £7.50

Down Hall, Hilgay, Nr Downham Market, PE38 0HZ

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## Hilgay Methodist Church

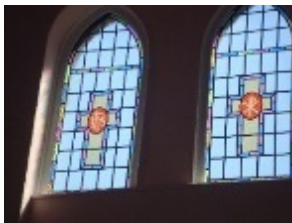


### Hilgay Carpet Bowls Club

Now we have our club on a Thursday evening 7:00pm – 9:00pm.  
We always welcome new members.

*Val Gooding*

### HILGAY METHODIST CHURCH “Serving God and Serving the Community”



#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP IN AUGUST**

A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us

**4<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am – Service led by Revd Alan Bennett**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am – Service led by Brian Bannister**

**18<sup>th</sup> August 11:00am – United Service at Hilgay**  
(Hilgay, Southery, Marham, Stow Bridge, Feltwell & Wimbotsham)

**25<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am – Service led by Hazel Miles**

**Details of the services in September will be displayed on the noticeboard outside the chapel**

#### **CONTACTS:**

Revd Maurice Stafford 01366 388766 (Including enquiries about baptisms, marriages, bereavements or funerals)  
Mrs Pauline Driver – Church Steward 387317 (Bookings and details of Guild Meetings)  
Mrs Lesley Dent – Church Council Secretary 387337 (Enquiries about church events and Shell Club)

#### **NEWS:**

Many thanks to Kirstie English, who made a lovely cake in celebration of our chapel anniversary and Pentecost. Thanks too to those who joined us for our celebrations. We were pleased that Deacon Janet was able to lead our Songs of Praise Service despite having suffered from labyrinthitis for several weeks.

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By the time you read this, we will have held a coffee morning in aid of The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. So thank you in anticipation to those who support this event.

September is the start of the Methodist Church year. At the end of July, we will be saying farewell to Andrew Maguire our current superintendent minister for the West Norfolk Circuit and also to Reverend Catherine Dixon and Deacon Irene. Andrew is retiring from full time ministry. Catherine and Irene are moving on to Ely and Crawley respectively. We wish them all well in their new ventures. Revd Robert Llewellyn Roberts will be coming from Norwich to become the new superintendent minister and will be based in King's Lynn.

## **FUTURE EVENTS:**

We are going to take advantage of our summer break this year to plan some new ventures of our own so look out for the details of these in the next addition of Riverside News and on our church noticeboards.

In the meantime, here are two events that are already planned for early October.  
HARVEST FESTIVAL 10:00am on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October Preacher: Revd Arthur Windridge  
Followed by a harvest lunch.

**GUILD MEETINGS START AGAIN** 2:30 pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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## St Mark's Church, Ten Mile Bank



### St Mark's Events and Service Times

Services are held at 11:00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Well the rain held off for the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July and we attended Southery Carnival and Ten Mile Bank Fete with our cake stall. All the cakes were sold and both events were enjoyed by those of us who attended them.

Hilgay Vintage & Country Show is the next fixture on the Summer agenda and we will be there on both days selling our home made cakes and brand new bric a brac – all items for £5 or less. Come and buy some early stocking fillers. If you enjoyed a cake that you purchased at Southery or Ten Mile Bank, then it is very likely that you will be able to buy another at Hilgay. But if you want one of Diane's Lemon Drizzle cakes, then you will have to be first in the queue!

These events involve a massive amount of work by the organisers and they are arranged for the enjoyment of the whole community. Our thanks to all those who make such a big effort each year and who allow St Mark's to attend – particularly Jess, Claire and Peter.

St Mark's will be holding the popular "Harvest and Pet Blessing" Service at 11:00am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Father Alan will be blessing all the pets who attend, the children can enjoy the larger craft table area and the Harvest produce will be auctioned off at the end. We might even be able to persuade Diane to make a Lemon Drizzle or two to sell off to the highest bidder...

*"The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you...The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands." Deuteronomy Chap 28*

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## Hilgay Good Companions



### Good Companions Forthcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup> August - is the UKULELES Live Music.

15<sup>th</sup> August – Quiz Night (Teams of 4 or 5)

17<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday Coffee Morning - 9:30am to 11:30 am (Doors open at 9:00am)

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Trip to Hunstanton to take in a show at the Princess Theatre at 2:30pm

Nigel (Boy) Sayer and Ollie Day. Members £10, Non-members £15,

Trip only £5. Please book ASAP. Contact Peter or Kathy on 10366

385578 for more details

12<sup>th</sup> September – Dad's Army DVD

Tuesday evenings is Cash Bingo Night at the Good Companions, doors open at 6.00 pm  
Eyes Down at 7.30pm. We also have a Members Only Jackpot, which you pay into each  
week 25p per Jackpot. If you are away or miss a week you double up next time,  
maximum 50 people. Under 18's cannot play but may attend

We are still looking for new members, over 55's. We meet every 2 weeks on a  
Thursday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm so if anybody is interested, why not give us a visit and see  
for yourself, if you like what you see and hear, and you can become a member. We  
have 15 spaces, its open to all, the club is not just for Hilgay people. We are located  
opposite the Hilgay War Memorial

The cleaner's job has now been filled.

One other item I would like to say is a tribute to Eileen Gronland's family, who has  
passed away, Eileen who passed away recently was a great person and friend to many  
people at the Good Companions Club, god bless you Eileen you will be remembered  
always xx

### **CONTACT NOS.**

Roger P Collins, Chairman of the Good Companions Club, Ely Road, Hilgay.

If you have any enquires please call me on 01366 500 088. If I'm not in, please leave a  
message and I'll call you back. Or, email me at [roger.p.collins@gmail.com](mailto:roger.p.collins@gmail.com)

*Roger Collins*

P.S. One other thing, if anybody wants to hold a Bingo Night to raise funds for  
charities, I am available. I have a P.A system with Mics, Bingo Machines, and can supply  
5 or 10 game books, also singles/flyers at cost. Not Tuesdays or Fridays as they are  
booked.



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## Hilgay Silver Band



Hilgay Silver Band has had a busy month with engagements, including the Walks in King's Lynn twice and our regular event at the Dads Army museum.

We also played in the lavender scented garden of Ashville House in Downham Market for the residents.

In August we have our last summer engagement at the bandstand in March, which we always enjoy. This is on Sunday 11th August.

In September we will hopefully be restarting tuition, with Maria as the main teacher. This will be on a Thursday afternoon. Anyone who is interested in having a go at playing brass is welcome. Please contact Maria on the number below.

Our regular practice session is on Thursday evenings in the Hilgay Band Room at 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Players always welcomed.

Any enquiries please contact Maria on 07961 087559

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## Rose & Crown Pub Events



### Opening Hours

Monday – Closed

Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Thursday & Fridays – 4:00pm to 12:00 midnight

Saturdays – 12:00noon to 12:00 midnight

Sundays – 12:00noon to 10:30pm

Sunday Roast – 1:00pm to 3:00pm



### Quiz Nights

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 8:00pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 8:00pm



### Karaoke Nights

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 8:00pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 8:00pm

### Live Shows

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August - Georgie – 8:00pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Neal Durose – 8:0pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 4 Geezers Band – 8:0pm

### Other Events

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Charity Fishing Match – Dents Farm Fishery £15.00 per person

Draw 9:00am – Fishing 10:00 to 3:00pm

(Proceeds go to The Medical Assessment Unit, Kings Lynn)

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## Parish Past and Present

### A Look at Local History

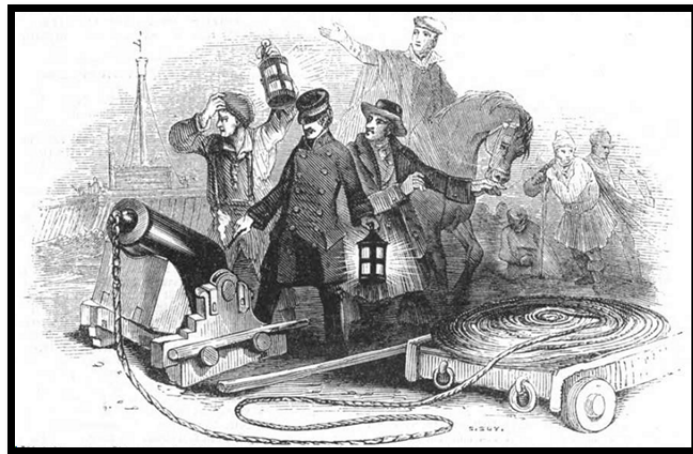
#### CAPTAIN MANBY – LOCAL HERO

##### Part 2 – The Inventor

After his disastrous first marriage, bankruptcy and loss of Wood Hall, Captain Manby's fortunes turned. In 1803 he was appointed as Barrack Master at Great Yarmouth after impressing the Secretary for War, Charles Yorke with a pamphlet he wrote expressing his views on Napoleon's ambitions for invasion.

While serving in this position, he witnessed a succession of shipwrecks off Yarmouth beach including, in 1807, the wreck of the gun-brig *Snipe* with the loss of 67 lives. The ship foundered on a sandbank only 60 yards from the shore as Manby spent the night watching rescuers trying unsuccessfully to get a line to the ship in the teeth of an onshore gale.

He immediately started experimenting using a small canon which after a series of trials developed into the "Manby mortar" which allowed a rope to be successfully and consistently fired from the shore across a stranded vessel. It was officially adopted in 1814 and a series of mortar stations were established around the coast. It has been estimated that by the time of his death nearly 1000 persons had been rescued from stranded ships by means of his invention.



**The Manby Mortar**

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In the same year he married Sophia Gooch, the daughter of a wealthy squire, hoping to improve his financial position. Unfortunately, this was not to be due to the efforts of the heir to the Gooch estate, Thomas Sherlock Gooch, who regarded Manby as *"a mountebank and penniless adventurer"*.

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At around the same time, Manby went on to invent a portable, pressurised fire extinguisher which he called the *Extincteur*. Unfortunately, he did not realise the enormous commercial potential of this idea which could have made his fortune. In addition, he was the first person to advocate a national fire brigade.



**The Manby "Extincteur"**

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His other inventions included an early breeches buoy and a system, using a ladder and wicker boat, intended to save people who had fallen through ice.



**Manby Ice Rescue Apparatus**

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In order to once more escape his creditors, in 1821 he sailed for Greenland in the whaling ship *Baffin* with William Scoresby, in order to test a new type of harpoon for whaling which was based on similar principles to his mortar. However, his device was sabotaged by the whalers. He published his account as *Journal of a Voyage to Greenland*. After a lifetime of disappointments his efforts were only partially recognised. The King of Denmark awarded him a gold medal in appreciation of his "*arduous exertions in saving the crews of shipwrecked vessels*". In 1824 he was one of more than 30 eminent gentlemen who put their names to the establishment of the RNLI at its inaugural public meeting and in 1831 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in recognition of his many accomplishments. His much hoped for knighthood never transpired and he had to make do with a gold Coronation Medal from Queen Victoria.

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**Manby's Queen Victoria Gold Medal**

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After the death of his wife in 1843 he devoted all his time to his obsession with Admiral Lord Nelson by turning his small home in Great Yarmouth into a museum dedicated to the great seafarer which sadly, was hardly ever visited.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 1854 he died as a “tiny, shrivelled and disappointed old man” \* of 88. He was buried in Hilgay churchyard and is commemorated inside the church.

There are 134 items relating to Manby in the Norfolk Museums Collections, most of which can be viewed online at: [www.norfolk-museums-collections.org](http://www.norfolk-museums-collections.org). It includes a rare example of the Manby Mortar in King's Lynn Museum.

## **Captain George William Manby - Hero of Hilgay**

### **Bibliography:**

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

\*From Rock and Tempest by Kenneth Walthew, 1971

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## Other General Matters

### **Lyncroft Care Home,** **Wisbech**



From cafes to pubs, shops to spas this may not be what you'd expect from a care home. Lyncroft Care Home in Wisbech is receiving a luxury make-over and extension. The long-established Care Home on Clarkson Avenue will have an additional 14 en-suite bedrooms with walk-in wet room, refurbished lounge and dining areas, bistro café and even its own pub.

#### **Personalised care in a luxury setting**

The original features of the 19th century rectory have been thoughtfully retained whilst incorporating state of the art design and functionality, allowing staff to deliver the highest standards of personalised care in a luxury setting. There will be a beautifully landscaped courtyard garden, providing a secure area for residents to enjoy fresh air and outdoor activities. The care home will be able to care for up to 53 older people, offering long-term and respite residential and dementia care.

#### **Daily Meaningful Activities**

Life in the care home is as busy or relaxing as each resident wants it to be, with a range of meaningful activities available for residents to enjoy every day, either in a group as a sociable activity or on a one-to-one basis. From reminiscing and games to light exercise, crafts, gardening or singing, there is always something going on. The homes' new dementia friendly areas will be used to facilitate the activities, with games and quizzes taking place in the pub and creative activities and socialising in the café.

Staff offer individualised care in a compassionate way, taking time to ask residents how they want to spend their time. Lyncroft Care Home has an excellent CQC report, rating them 'Good' in all areas. The report highlighted; 'We observed people were treated with kindness and were positive about the staff's caring attitude. We received feedback from people and relatives which supported this. One person told us, "The staff are magnificent; they treat us very well". A relative said, "I think they're excellent". Each person had their life history recorded which staff used to get to know people and to build positive relationships with them.'

If you would like more information about Lyncroft Care Home please contact our dedicated Customer Relations Manager, Laura Mills, on 01945 475 229 or 07725 799217 or [laura.mills@countrycourtcare.com](mailto:laura.mills@countrycourtcare.com)

She is happy to help with any questions you may have and the home welcomes visitors at any time so feel free to pop in.



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## HILGAY UNITED CHARITIES

### **Further Education and Apprenticeship Grants**

Hilgay United Charities (The Feoffees) offer Further Education and Apprenticeship Grants to persons living in the Parish of Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank

The grants are available for the purchase of tools, books, equipment or uniform required for Starting Work, Apprenticeships, Training Schemes or Higher Education

If you wish to be considered for a grant, please write for an application form to the Clerk to the Charity

**Mr AJ Hall, Windrush, Church Road, Ten Mile Bank  
Downham Market PE38 0EJ**

Or send an email to

[hilgay.feoffees@aol.com](mailto:hilgay.feoffees@aol.com)

The Trustees meet three times a year and will consider applications at their next meeting

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#### **Conditions of Application**

Grants are available to all persons aged 16 or over

Applicants must live in the Parish of Hilgay, including Ten Mile Bank

Applicants must have been on a course or in training for a period of at least three months

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that their training or course is being accomplished in a satisfactory manner

Previous applicants can apply to continue their courses or training

Grants cannot be used for accommodation, tuition fees or travel costs

Hilgay United Charities are registered with the Charity Commission – No. 208898

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## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### **HILGAY**

Hilgay Riverside Academy	Office	01366 387 685
Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy	Hayley Burton	07748 164536
Hilgay Village Hall Bookings	Val Barrington	01366 388 909 www.hilgayvillagehall.co.uk valanddaveb@btinternet.com
St John's Ambulance	Peter Taylor	01366 324 558
Parents & Toddlers	Cheryl Nadin-Hurley	07305 314 886
Hilgay Village Hall Film Night	Val Barrington	Val 01366 388 909
Hilgay Silver Band (free tuition & instruments available)	Shona Lidgey	07885 712636
Hilgay Good Companions Club (over 55s Club)	Roger Collins	01366 500 088
Hilgay Methodist Church	Pauline & David Driver Lesley Dent	01366 387 317 01366 387 337
Hilgay Carpet Bowls	Val Gooding	01366 385 806
All Saints' PCC	Peter Bates	01366 387 988
All Saints' Church	Priest in Charge – Fr James Mather	01366 382 187
Hilgay Playing Field/River Field	Colin Wills	01366 377 743

### **TEN MILE BANK**

Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy	Office	01366 377 310
Friends of Ten Mile Bank Academy	Jessica Rolph	01366 377 774
Ten Mile Bank Village Hall Bookings	Jill Field	01366 377 640
St Mark's Church Ten Mile Bank	Father Alan Davies	01553 810 675

### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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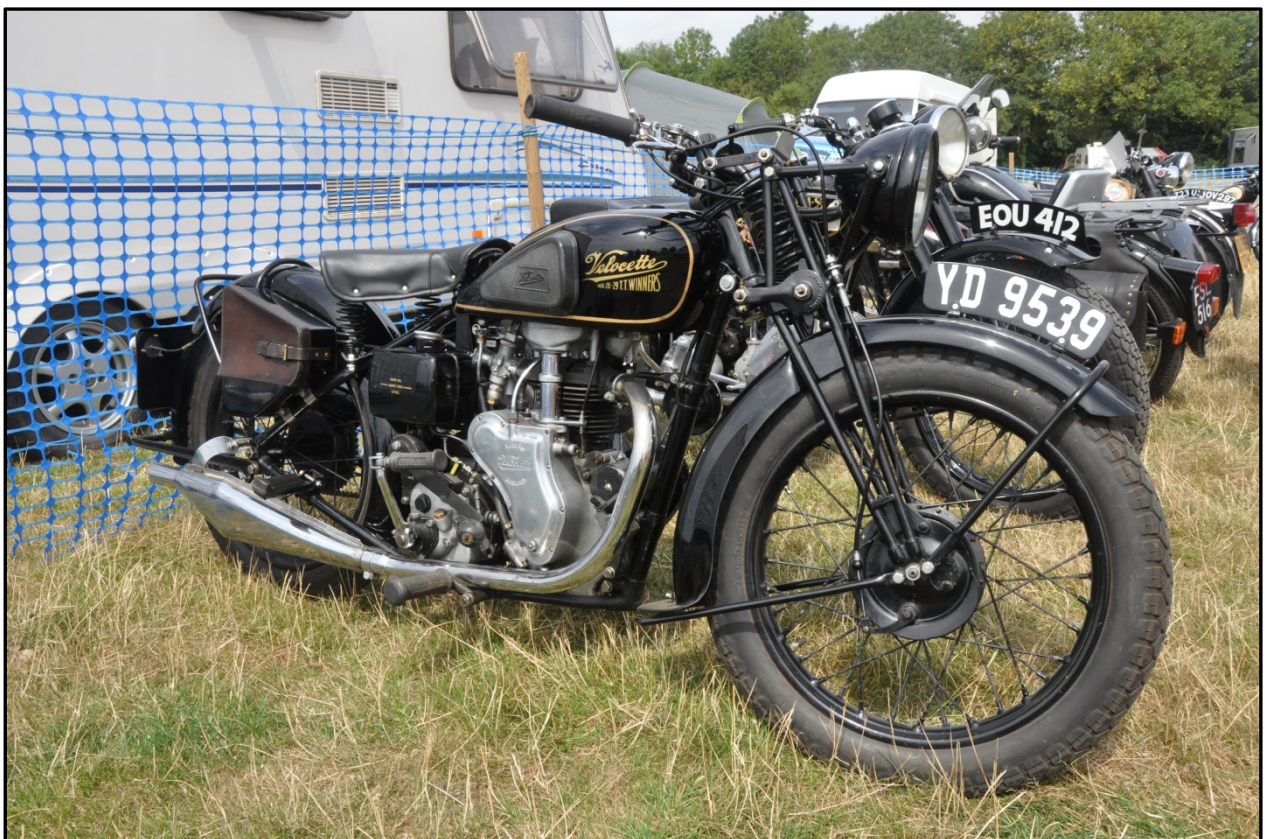
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