

Riverside News



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Hilgay Village Hall

Working for the Community



UP AND COMING EVENTS IN HILGAY VILLAGE HALL

2019

February

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 (6th & 13th this month)

Youth Club - now Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 (13th only this month)

Other Events

Friends of the School Fish & Chip Quiz Night – Friday 1st 7:00pm

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 7th 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Film Night – The Seagulls (12A) – Friday 22nd

Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th - 10:30am – 12:00pm

March

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

Youth Club – Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 (6th & 20th this month)

Other Events

Film Night – Mama Mia! Here we go again - Friday 15th

A Charity Concert & Dance – Saturday 16th March – 8:00pm

Friends of the School Easter Bingo – Friday 22nd 6:30pm

Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th - 10:30am – 12:00pm

Film Night – Widows (15) - Friday 29th

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 either Kevin on 01366 387555 or 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 Forthcoming Films for Febuary & March 2019



Friday February 22nd

The Seagulls (12A)

Chekhov's play brought to the screen by Michael Mayer. The action takes place in a country house in Russia at the start of the 20th century. The house belongs to Irina (Annette Bening), a famous but ageing actress. Her son, Konstantin (Billy Howle), a struggling young writer, envies his mother's lover, the famous writer Boris Trigorin (Corey Stoll). Konstantin's fame-obsessed girlfriend Nina (Saoirse Ronan) is enraptured by Trigorin's success, and tries to seduce him. Masha (Elisabeth Moss) is in love with Konstantin, and is loved by the silly schoolmaster Mikhail (Michael Segen). In truth, some audience members may want to blow their brains out after 30 minutes of all this sniping and scurrying about. However, Mayer's energetic shooting style and the sharp performances provide enough kick to keep this out of the period-picture doldrums.



Friday March 15th

Mamma Mia! Here we go again (PG)

Get ready to sing and dance, laugh and love all over again! Past and present intertwine as a pregnant Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is busy re-launching her mother's taverna while husband Sky is away in New York. Flashbacks transport us back in time to learn how the Dynamos came into being and how Donna (Lily James) met Sophie's three putative fathers. It's down to cannily cast diva Cher, playing Sophie's maternal grandmother Ruby Sheridan, to really raise the roof as she does singing Fernando in duet with her lost love (played by Andy Garcia). The moment white-wigged Cher steps out of her helicopter on the jetty in that sparkling, sun-drenched bay, she owns the movie hook, line and sinker and virtually nothing else exists. Or at least until Meryl Streep appears singing My Love, My Life in that famous cliff-top church and instantly reduces the audience to floods of tears. In a replica of The Winner Takes It All showstopper in *Mamma Mia!*, it's a stunningly bravura moment that will live long in the memory. To sum it up in one easy sentence: if you loved the first film, you'll certainly adore this one.



Friday March 29th

Widows (15)

Widows is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities. Set in contemporary Chicago, amid a time of turmoil, tensions build when Veronica (Viola Davis), Alice (Elizabeth Debicki), Linda (Michelle Rodriguez) and Belle (Cynthia Erivo) take their fate into their own hands and conspire to forge a future on their own terms. An accessible, slick, unashamedly commercial offering, which delivers unexpected food for thought without neglecting genre-savvy twists, reveals and mounting suspense. All eyes, however, are on Viola Davis, whose determined intensity powers the whole movie, giving visceral thrust where it's needed, and radiating a soulful humanity that's the stuff of screen acting at its zenith. Intelligent, engrossing and fiercely emotional (without resort to sentimentality), *Widows* is a sinewy treat that seamlessly intertwines close-up character studies, big-picture politics and audaciously reimagined heist-movie riffs





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**Our next three Coffee Mornings
will be held on the**

**28th February, 28th March & 25th April
All starting at 10:30**

**Come 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.

They will also include Parish Council Surgeries



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 and subscribe.



A Charity Concert and Dance



**with Singer & Comedian
in aid of the
Guillain Barre Syndrome Society**

Hilgay Village Hall

on

Saturday 16th March

Doors open at 7:00pm

**There will also be a
Charity Raffle**

**Concert starts at
8:00pm**



Tickets £10.00each

**To book your seat please ring
Nigel Congdon on 07798 700561
or you can get tickets from the Village Shop**

There will be a Licenced Bar available on the night

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Hilgay Riverside Academy



LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PRAISED AT HILGAY RIVERSIDE

An inspector has praised the 'decisive and effective' leadership of the Head Teacher of Hilgay Riverside Academy. She said the school near Downham Market – part of the Riverside Federation – was on a 'clear upward trajectory' as a result of Sarah Turner's leadership and management.

"The Head Teacher has focused well on improving the quality of teaching in the school. She has an excellent understanding of what constitutes good teaching and learning. Her expectations of herself, her staff and her pupils are very high. Although she has only been in post for a little over a year, there is already demonstrable impact of the actions she has taken," said the inspector's report.

She also highlighted the support given to the school by the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT) – which runs the school – and praised the behaviour and welfare of pupils, but concluded overall that the academy required improvement.

"The multi-academy trust supports the school very well. It provides effective support and challenge that is helping to move the school forward rapidly.

A lead officer from the trust visits the school every term to ensure that the school is moving in the right direction. There is clear evidence that these actions are having a positive impact on the school's development," said the inspector.

She also noted that although the governing body had been through a 'very challenging time' a good mix of skills and experience had now enabled them to be fully effective. DEMAT had found and appointed an experienced and successful chair to lead the governing body, she added.

The report said pupils' behaviour was good and that they liked coming to school.

"Pupils are polite, respectful and well mannered. Where the quality of teaching is better, pupils' behaviour is exemplary, and they show excellent attitudes to learning," it added.

The inspector found the quality of teaching was improving, and that relationships between staff and pupils were strong. "Teaching staff know pupils well and are now better able to meet pupils' individual needs. This is starting to have a positive impact on the progress pupils make," she said.

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Hilgay Riverside Academy continued



The school's early year's provision was assessed as requiring improvement, but the report said that relationships between adults and children were positive.

"The children behave well in the early years. They persevere with activities, maintaining their concentration, for extended periods of time. The children learn the school's rules quickly and follow them well," it added.

The school was encouraged to improve the quality of teaching, further develop the curriculum and ensure all early years' staff have the knowledge and understanding necessary to teach early reading and writing skills effectively.

Head Teacher Sarah Turner said: "I am pleased that Ofsted have recognised our journey of improvement and praised the good leadership, as well as the pupils' behaviour and welfare. Although the report is in agreement with the school's self-evaluation, we recognise that further work is needed to raise pupil outcomes, and we are committed to achieving good judgements in all areas in the next inspection."

DEMAT Chief Executive Andrew Read added: "This report on Hilgay underlines the importance of a whole community approach to system leadership – in this case through the Riverside Federation and the wonderful leaders, staff, children, parents and volunteers who work in our much valued rural and Fenland schools. Given that DEMAT is so personally and professionally committed to such communities, I am delighted that our contribution has also been recognised. Together we now need to strive to deliver a 'good' overall, thus meeting our own – and the governments – ever-rising expectations of our hugely important small schools."

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Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy



**To be held in
Hilgay Village Hall
on**

Friday 22nd March

Free admission

Doors open at 6:30

Eyes down at 7:00

**There will be prizes for
1 line, 2 lines and a full house
Bingo dabbers and refreshments
will be for sale.**



There will also be a Raffle.

Donations of Raffle Prizes will be gratefully accepted.
Please contact either Stacey on 07825 875628 or Kirstie on 07780 382359
All proceeds will purchase vital equipment for the village school.

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Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy continued

Christmas Fair – December 2nd

So, after an amazing Christmas Fair run by Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy they managed to raise approximately £700 for the school.



This was put towards the new Trim Trial that was installed on the grass area at the back of the school.

The Friends would like to thank all the villagers of Hilgay and surrounding villages for their support of this event.

Stacey Beecham

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Hilgay Good Companions



Good Companions Club, Ely Road

Happy New Year to all the Good Companion Club Members

Firstly the good companions club are still looking for new members to join our once every fortnightly afternoon Club Meetings held on a Thursdays 2:00pm – 4:00pm. It's not just for Hilgay its open to all surrounding villages there is live music, talks, DVD/Film shows, 5 games of prize Bingo all 2 part games, also we play a card game called Hoy which again is played in 2 parts.

Membership is £20 + £1 for admin fee's, refreshments and biscuits or cakes, also at the club we have once a month Coffee Morning's.

Every Tuesday evening is a Cash Bingo. We have a Members Only Jackpots x(2) which is 25p per week if you miss one week then you pay double 50p or more which entitles members to play for the Jackpots. Refreshments are 25p which includes 2 biscuits and sometimes a cake. Sometimes we have an extra flyer prizes four part game.

On another subject the Good Companions Club are looking for one or maybe two Trustees as one of our Trustee has passed away. If anybody wishes to become a Trustee of the Good Companions Club then contact me or Peter Hudson the Treasurer on 01366 385578, please leave name and contact number to be considered.

The Good Companions would like to pass on their deepest sympathy to the family of Molly Doy who just recently passed away. She was a long term Trustee of the Good Companions and will be sadly missed.

One other item I would like to mention is the piece about the RAF Air crash on Hilgays War Memorial. Two of the aircrew are in fact buried in Marham Holy Trinity Churchyard, Pilot Officer Brian Edward Lymbery and a Canadian, Sgt W F Webber they are buried side by side in the church yard if anyone is interested.

One final thing is there anyone in Hilgay who is willing to sweep and clean the Good Companions Hall once every two weeks. If there is please contact Peter Hudson on 01366 385578 for details

Regards Roger P Collins, - Chairman, Bingo Organizer, and Fund Raiser.
P.S. Don't forget Membership fees are now due.

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Hilgay Good Companions continued



UP AND COMING EVENTS IN THE GOOD COMPANION'S HALL

Club Meetings – Thursdays, February 14th & 28th and March 14th & 28th 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Bingo every Tuesday – Doors open 6:30 Eyes down 7:30 pm
Coffee Mornings – Saturdays February 2nd and March 31st or April 13th 9:30am – 11:30am

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

Roger Collins

Hilgay Silver Band



Hilgay Silver Band

Training Band

We are still looking for people to join the Training Band. You don't have to be a young person to learn to play as we have adults in the band who learnt to play in their adult years.

We will loan you an instrument to play and teach you to read music if you need it **ALL FREE OF CHARGE.**

If anyone is interested please phone Brian Doy on 01366 387630.

Brian Doy

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All Saints Church, Hilgay



We need your support please.

We have been notified by the diocese that the Church is on the "At Risk List Register". If the church was to close it would be a great loss to the village with no more Funerals, Weddings or Baptisms. We must try and do all we can to stop them closing such a big part of Hilgay history.

If anyone could help in any way with either joining us for a Sunday service or help in the running of the Church it would be very much appreciated.

Also, if anyone is spotted acting suspiciously around the toilets or boiler house up at the Church could you please ring Peter Bates on 01366 387988 as there has been a spate of vandalism recently.

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 Holders (not 24hr) – 01366 387 988

Peter Bates

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Hilgay Methodist Church



Hilgay Carpet Bowls Club

We have started the New Year with some league matches booked up.

We are third in the Fen Regis League at present, having had a break and we are now ready to progress further.

We would welcome more players to join us, its good fun.

Val Gooding

NEWS FROM HILGAY METHODIST CHURCH

“Serving God and Serving the Community”

Those passing the church will have noticed the lovely new notice boards on the front of the church. Many thanks to Arijs Rudzitis for all the hard work, which he put into making them. We are also very thankful for the banner made for us by the banner making group from Downham Market Methodist Church and the stained glass cross given to us by an anonymous donor.

We have been very pleased by the support given to events at the chapel in the past three months. Various groups from the village and beyond came together to put on a very appropriate and enjoyable concert in November and it was good to see every seat taken.

The Remembrance Day Service was also well attended and we are grateful to Reverend Chris Bishop for making it so appropriate to Hilgay. It was nice to be able to go the village hall after the service to have refreshments and see the exhibition there.

Our minister, Reverend Maurice Stafford returned after a three months sabbatical at the beginning of December. On 18th December representatives from various village organisations came to each decorate a window sill in the chapel with the theme “Joy to the World”. Afterwards we shared tea and cakes and sang carols chosen by those taking part. Fun was had by all, including the children who made angels for the Toddlers’ Group window during the afternoon.

The church looked lovely on Christmas Eve, when many from the village and beyond joined the regular congregation for our traditional carol service. Hot drinks, mince pies etc were served after the service.

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Hilgay Methodist Church Continued

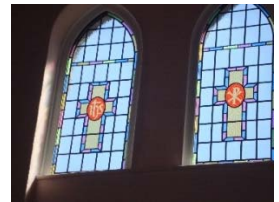


It is the tradition in the Methodist Church to hold a service of rededication known as the Covenant Service in January and we held ours on January, 13th. We hold this service in the afternoon as we stay on and share a tea together after the service. The day before was the annual Shell Club party.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP

GUILD : February 5th Devotional lead by Revd Maurice Stafford
February 19th Speaker- Mrs Mary Cumbers
March 5th Shrove Tuesday
March 19th Speaker – Mr Dudley Pickston
Meetings begin at 2.30p.m. All welcome



SHELL CLUB (for children of school age.)

Monthly on a Saturday morning between 10a.m and 11.30a.m

February 16th this will involve cooking and gift making.

March 9th the theme will be caring and we hope to welcome a four-legged visitor to this session.

SPECIAL EVENTS



5th March - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party 3:30pm till about 4:30pm
We will be serving pancakes, so why not drop into the chapel for this popular annual event?



Celebration of Mothers

Wednesday, 27th March 3.00 till 4.30pm

Tea, cake, activities for children, opportunities for remembrance and more. A warm welcome to all ages

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)

ALSO REMEMBER TO LOOK AT OUR NOTICE BOARDS FOR REMINDERS, UPDATES AND FURTHER DETAILS

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Rose & Crown Pub Events



Quiz Nights

Saturday February 26th
Saturday March 16th
Saturday April 20th



Karaoke Nights

Friday February 22nd
Friday March 29th
Friday April 26th

Live Show

Friday February 15th – Stone Pony
Saturday March 9th – Cockney Jock
Saturday April 13th – 4 Geezers

Hilgay General Matters

Cronin's Canine Companions

A new Dog care centre has just opened in Hilgay.
Day care and boarding 7:30am – 5:30pm

All day - £12.00, £10.00 for each additional dog
Half day - £6.00
All day and evening - £15.00

Receive 20% off after 10 stays with our Loyalty Card

Please contact Hanna on 07977 486393 or by email hana_hc@hotmail.co.uk for full details.

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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.

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Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy



CELEBRATIONS AT TEN MILE BANK AS ACADEMY IS RATED GOOD ACROSS THE BOARD

Staff and pupils are celebrating after Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy was rated 'good' in all areas by Ofsted.

The inspector praised leadership and management, the quality of teaching, the behaviour of pupils, outcomes and the early years provision.

He also highlighted the 'significant contribution' of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT), which runs the school near Downham Market.

He said Head Teacher Sarah Turner had worked swiftly and effectively to make substantial improvements since she was appointed in September 2017.

"The Head Teacher's determined and effective leadership, supported by governors, has promoted rapid and significant improvement. All staff share her high expectations and work hard to constantly refine and improve their classroom practice. The school community is as happy as it is productive," said the inspector's report.

He said that DEMAT was making a significant contribution to ongoing improvements at the school. "Advisers make regular monitoring visits and checks, including of the school's safeguarding work. Leaders and teachers benefit from the training that the trust provides, and the support provided by subject specialists," he added.

The report also said that the early year's provision at the school was well led, behaviour was good and children enjoyed working within a safe, well-resourced environment. Parents were overwhelmingly supportive of the school's work and 'exceptionally positive' about it in a Parent View questionnaire.

The inspector found significant improvements in the effectiveness of teaching, learning and assessment, rating it 'good' overall. "Teaching enables pupils to make good progress. Pupils are keen to meet the very high expectations set by their teachers. Typically, activities are highly engaging. Teachers have strong subject knowledge and a deep understanding of how pupils learn, remember things and develop new skills," said the report.

Pupils in turn were highlighted for their good behaviour and attitudes to work. The inspector said they were unfailingly polite and articulate, welcoming to visitors and keen to talk about their learning.

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Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy continued



“Pupils take an evident pleasure in their learning and enjoy coming to school. They behave well and support each other’s learning because relationships are positive. Pupils get down working quickly. They tackle the tasks that they are set with a highly positive attitude,” said the report.

Although rated ‘good’ in all areas, the school was encouraged to strengthen pupils’ personal development, and raise achievement throughout the school.

Head Teacher Sarah Turner said: I am delighted with the outcomes at Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy. Although the school is small, the staff work hard to provide a good education and school experience for all the children and it is pleasing that this has been recognised by Ofsted.

If you are interested in a place for your child, in any year group, please call the office to make an appointment to view the school: 01366 377310

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Friends of Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy

The money raised in 2018 was greatly appreciated by the children. Hoodies were purchased for the year six to wear and they are loving being in them for the whole last year.

Several coach trips were part funded, including a trip to the Pantomime and a WW2 day at Sheringham, which made the history the children had learnt come to life .

The money raised also allowed us to purchase materials for making real wooden models of Anderson shelters and made it easier to get some much need extras for the school.



Please add yourself to our Facebook page for Meeting and Event dates and keep your eyes open for poster of the up and coming events

Thank you again for all the support in 2018 and we hope you will enjoy the events in planning for 2019 .

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Ten-Mile-Bank-Riverside-Academy-802705766507570/>

Jessica Rolph

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St Mark's Church, Ten Mile Bank



St Mark's held a well-attended Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11th November. The congregation met by the War Memorial in order to hear Peter Long play the Last Post on his cornet and to hear Michael Starling, descendent of one of the fallen, together with former servicemen Paul and Terry, read out the names of all those from the village who died in service.

The annual Christingle Service was held on Christmas Eve and once more proved to be an atmospheric and moving service. We sang carols which included Silent Night, Away in a Manger and We Three Kings, Father Alan blessed the Crib and the Christingle candles were lit. Immediately after the service, Father Christmas, his Elf and "Reindog" turned up in order to give presents to all the children. Once we had seen Santa on his way, mulled wine, orange juice, Christmas cake, Christmas biscuits and mince pies were enjoyed by the congregation. Part of the collection was donated to The Children's Society, with the remainder going to help with the ongoing costs of running the Church.

A few days after Christmas, the funeral of John Coates, our oldest villager, took place in Hilgay Church. The funeral was followed by a lovely Wake in our Village Hall. This was a celebration of the life of John, who was loved by many and who will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family at this time.



Father Christmas and his
little helper



Our lovely Church with
the Altar beautifully
decorated once again by
Annette



Santa's "Reindog"

As we now move forward into the New Year, more fund- raising events will be planned in order to raise funds for the Church. Our basic running costs exceed £2000 each year and we do need the support of the whole village to keep this beautiful, small Church open for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and regular services.

Rebecca Blakeway-Long

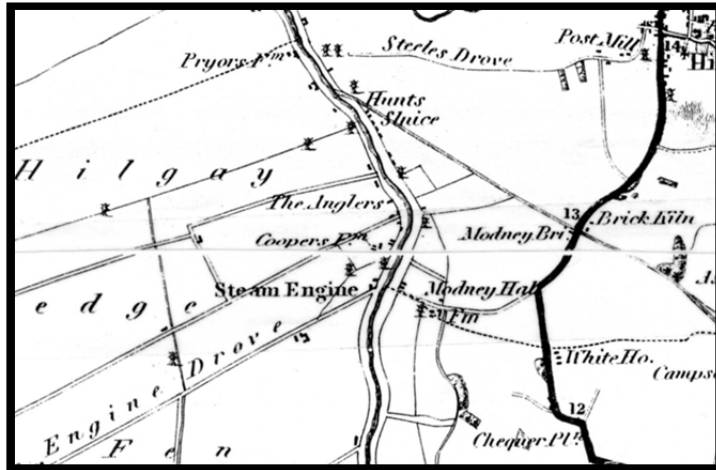
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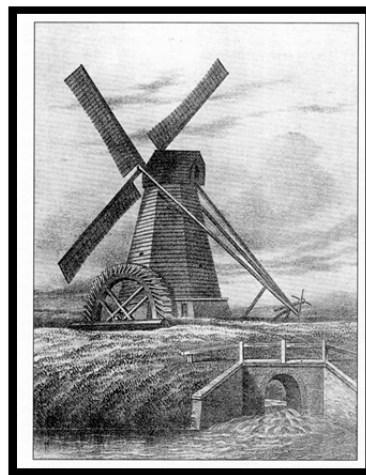
A Look at Local History

DRAINING THE FENS AT TEN MILE BANK by Tony Hall

Part 1 – West of the river



On this map of 1826 you can count up to eleven wind pumps in and around Ten Mile Bank. There are no images on record of the actual pumps but they would have looked much like this smock mill in the fens of South Lincolnshire.



By the early 19th Century, there were no fewer 80 wind pumps in the Littleport and Downham district. They worked on the same principles as a windmill used for grinding corn except that the power from the sails drove a scoop wheel which lifted water from the drains and dykes into the river.

As technology moved on, plans were drawn up to replace them by two steam powered plants, seven miles apart. One was to be situated on the east bank of the Hundred Foot at Oxloode and the other on the west bank of the Great Ouse at Ten Mile Bank. In 1818, the Drainage Commissioners erected a steam engine to serve the northern part of the district at Ten Mile Bank, by which name it was known, although some early sources refer to it as Modney Court.

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In 1821 a small cottage with a blacksmith's forge was built alongside. This pump drained over 10,000 acres and was one of the few fen engines to have a pair of scoop wheels as depicted in the original engineers' drawings, now in the Boulton and Watt Collection.

Four pumps have stood on this site. The first, a Hague and Topham 30 horsepower (hp) beam engine, was in operation by 1820. It cost £1800. This proved inadequate for the job, so in 1842 the whole plant was demolished, the engine sold and a new 80 hp Butterley beam engine, costing £7,100 was installed in a new building.

In 1912, the entire plant was replaced with two sets of 200 hp Allen condensing engines, powered by three Lancashire boilers costing £6,000. In 1935 and 1947 steam power was replaced by 340 and 360hp diesel engines respectively. Similar to this unit further south and on the other side of the river.



In 1980 it was replaced with an electric pump and moved some one and a half miles south. Housed in a boring, utilitarian building which does not have the same architectural merit of the building it replaced.

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In 1995 the machinery was removed and it was converted to a house whilst retaining much of its original character. The diesel engines can be seen today at Prickwillow Drainage Museum.



The history of this building can still be found in a series of stone plaques on the front of the house as seen in this picture taken before restoration.



Part two of this article will deal with Hunt's Sluice and Sam's Cut Drain which drained the land to the east of the Great Ouse.

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Parish Council Matters

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) and the Ten Mile Bank village website (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

Thursday 7th February – Hilgay Village Hall – 7:00pm

Thursday 7th March – Ten Mile Bank Village Hall – 7:00pm

Thursday 11th April – Hilgay Village Hall – 7:00pm

Are you considering standing as a parish councillor this May?

There are elections on 2 May for parish councils and the Borough Council (BCKLWN).

The nomination period opens on Monday 18 March and ends at 4pm on Wednesday 3 April, by which time nomination papers must be with Electoral Services at BCKLWN offices in King's Lynn. Information on standing as a candidate in parish council elections in England is on the Electoral Commission website (www.electoralcommission.org.uk). When the nomination papers are finalised and available, you can obtain them direct from that website, or contact me.

If you would like any information on parish councils, how they operate, and what the duties and responsibilities of a councillor are, again please get in touch or else search for "Good Councillors' Guide" on the web. You will find this guide under the 'council transparency portal' and it is an excellent, and comprehensive, summary.

This year, the number of councillors for each ward has changed following a Boundary Commission review last year. There will be four councillors for the Ten Mile Bank Ward, and nine for the Hilgay Ward. If there are more nominations for a ward than places, then an election will be held.

Judith Taylor,

Clerk to Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank, and Gooderstone Parish Councils.

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One further point, the Parish Council now has a Facebook page which is at:
<https://www.facebook.com/HilgayParish/>

Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Parish Council

Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Parish Council are holding a series of “Surgeries” at which you can ask the Councillors any questions you like about the Parish.

These Surgeries are to be held at the Hilgay Village Hall Coffee Mornings, 10:30am – 12:00pm on the following dates:

**January 31st - February 28th - March 28th
April 25th & May 30th**

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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

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

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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

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