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Send your news, views, dates and events to Dave on 01366 388909 or 07826 216285 or to valanddaveb@btinternet.com or you can leave notes in Hilgay Village shop for me to collect.

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# **Hilgay Village Hall**



#### **Working for the Community**

# UP AND COMING EVENTS IN HILGAY VILLAGE HALL Notes for your 2018 Diary

#### May

Slimming World – Every Monday 5:30 & 7:30pm
St John's Ambulance - Every Tuesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Mothers and Toddlers – Every Wednesday 9:30am – 11:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)
Youth Club – Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30pm (10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Other Events**

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Friends of the School Fish & Chip Quiz Night – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm
Book Sale – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 4:00pm
Film Night – Paddington 2 (PG) – Friday 25<sup>th</sup>
Coffee Morning – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:30am – 12:00pm

#### June

Slimming World – Every Monday 5:30 & 7:30pm St John's Ambulance - Every Tuesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm Mothers and Toddlers – Every Wednesday 9:30am – 11:00am Youth Club – Thursdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### **Other Events**

Friends of the School – Ladies Indulgent Night – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – 10pm Blackheart Orchestra Concert – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm

(Doors open at 7:00pm)

Coffee Morning – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – 12:00pm Film Night –Finding Your Feet (12A) – Friday 29<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 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, St. Johns Ambulance: Peter Taylor - 01366 324558, Mothers & Toddlers: Cheryl Nadin-Hurley – 07500 833671, Youth Club: Stacey Beecham 07825 875628

**Film Night:** - Kevin 01366 387555 or Val 01366 388909 **General Enquires:** 01366 388909 or 07826 216285



# **Hilgay Village Hall**



**Working for the Community** 

# Forthcoming Films for May and June 2018

# Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

# **PADDINGTON 2 (PG)**

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. This is exactly what a sequel should be, respectful, goose bumpy and



warm hearted . . To find a sequel that embraces the best from its predecessor and then improves upon it is as rare as Tinker's bell. Magical. Like its predecessor, this Paddington redux touches on societal themes in subtle-smart fashion. While *Paddington* gently grappled with the very real-world fear of immigrants to British shores, this film addresses the currently lacking imperatives of civility, and the small kindnesses that are the bulwark against our baser natures. Mainly, though, *Paddington 2* is a comic triumph chock-full of slapstick, heart, and hope. Well done, Mr. Paddington Brown, well done.

# Friday 29<sup>TH</sup> June

## **FINDING YOUR FEET (12A)**

On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob (Imelda Staunton) discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend. "Stunned, and needing somewhere to figure things out, she finds refuge with her estranged, bohemian older sister Bif (Celia Imrie),



a woman who couldn't be more different from Sandra if she tried. But could the change in scenery and dynamic be just what Sandra needs? Especially when she joins a community dance class and potential new romance with Charlie (Timothy Spall)? In this heart-warming modern comedy, a colourful group of defiant and energetic 'baby boomers' show Sandra that retirement is only the beginning, and that divorce might just give her a whole new lease of life - and love. Also starring Joanna Lumley.

## www.creativeartseast.co.uk/village screen





#### 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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Would you like to be on the committee to help run our very successful Village Hall, if you would please contact any of the current Committee Members.

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 216 287.

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.



# Hilgay Village Hall

**Working for the Community** 



# **Charity Book Sale**



# & Yard Sale (Yard Sale Pitches £5.00)

In aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society



MS Multiple Sciences Society

To be held in Hilgay Village Hall
& Hilgay
on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 10:00pm till 4:00pm

For more details please contact Ali Dent on either 01366 387686 or 07979 370781

# **Hilgay Village Yard Sale**

It's that time of year again when you can sort out your cupboards and get some money in return

> Sunday May 20th 9:00am to 2:00pm Yard Sale Fee £5:00



If you would like to be put on the map please contact either Cheryl Nadin-Hurley 07305 314886

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Stacey Beecham 07825 875628

Maps will be available at the Hilgay shop and the Village Hall on the day

(A charge of £1 is being made and this will go to the MS Charity)

Also note that refreshments will be available in the Hall

All profits will go to Hilgay Riverside Academy

Hilgay Parents & Toddlers Group



Hilgay Village Hall



Hilgay Village Treasure Hunt - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July Starting at the Village Hall at 11:00 am



There will be 3 prizes given out to the winning teams.

The Treasure Hunt will be followed by a free BBQ
Tea, Coffee and Soft drinks provided
You can bring you own drinks if you like

Please ring 01366 388909 or 07826 216285 to register your interest (for catering purposes)



#### Best British Duo' award-winning band head for Hilgay

Described by Rock Society magazine as "One of the most extraordinary female voices singing anywhere" and by Genesis Legend Steve Hackett as "Beautiful, powerful and inspiring" award-winning British songwriters, composers and multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington are The Blackheart Orchestra.

After 10 years of concert touring across the world, four acclaimed albums, appearances on Good Morning TV, Radio 2 and awards ranging from Best British Duo to 4<sup>th</sup> Best New Band of 2018 in PROG magazine's recent readers' poll, the unique Blackheart Orchestra have chosen to do an intimate concert in **Hilgay Village Hall on Saturday June 16th**.

#### Doors open at 7.00 and tickets are £10. Call 01366 388909 or text 07826 216285.

Fusing acoustic fragility and electronica, The Blackheart Orchestra bring together acoustic instruments with 80's synthesisers and classical influences. Often mistaken for an 8-piece band on first listen, their stage has been described as a 'musical spaceship' where they are to be found continuously changing from electric and acoustic guitars, bowed guitar, piano, organ, bass and electronic percussion to vintage synthesisers, omnichord and melodica in a complex choreographed weave of musical moods and textures often with each of them playing two instruments at the same time. One moment their sound is minimal and molecular, the next a mountain-like wall of sound with vast symphonic climaxes.

Expect the mesmerising multi-instrumental show that has won them obsessive worldwide fans, over 15,000 Facebook followers, plaudits from musical giants and placements on TV commercials and films all in the unique up-close and personal space of a village hall. This is a show not to be missed.

www.theblackheartorchestra.com



# Hilgay Riverside Academy



#### **School Governors**

Have you ever considered becoming a school governor and supporting the staff and pupils at our village schools?

We have vacancies and the Academy Trust would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in making an application.

Further details are available from; Jacqueline McCamphill Governance, 26 St. Thomas Place, Cambridgeshire Business Park, Ely, CB7 4EX. www.demat.org.uk.

Tel. 01353 644062 or email governance@demat.org.uk

#### **Heads Report**

At the end of the Spring Term, Key Stage 1 pupils from both schools came together at Hilgay school to celebrate the Christian festival of Easter. They made Easter gardens, Easter crowns and did some Easter baking. In the afternoon, Fensong visited and led drama workshops telling the Easter story followed by a craft session making Easter cards to take home. It was a great day of learning



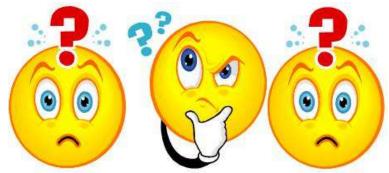
We are delighted that the building project has come to an end at Hilgay Riverside Academy. There is still some cosmetic work to be done but the school is once again fully functional. The children in Key Stage 2 have participated in volleyball, netball and football festivals in the Spring Term, representing the Riverside federation with their friends from Ten Mile Bank. The children enjoy taking part and make us proud with their positive attitudes, team spirit and super behaviour!

# Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy

Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy welcomes your support at our

# FISH & CHIP QUIZ NIGHT





# Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Hilgay Village Hall

Adult Meal & Quiz £8.00 Quiz only £4.00 Childs Meal £3.00

Please see Stacey to book or see our Facebook Event online Telephone bookings welcome contact Stacey on 07825 875628

Doors open at 6:30pm for 7.00pm start

Soft Drinks, Snacks and Raffle Tickets available to purchase.

Bring a bottle welcome

# **Hilgay Silver Band**



#### **Hilgay Silver Band**

The Silver Band is now preparing its programme ready for the summer engagements.

We will be performing at:

The Dad's Army Museum, Thetford

Sandringham Visitors Centre and

The March Bandstand

We are also considering playing one or two impromptu concerts (outdoors) in the village, but this is still in the planning stage.

The Training Band will be playing for the Residents of Ashville House, Downham Market in June

#### **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.

The Senior Band would welcome a drummer.

# **Hilgay Good Companions**



#### **Good Companions Club, Ely Road**

We meet every two weeks from 2:00pm till 4:00pm

We have live music, various entertainments which include film shows, talks, plus five games of Bingo or Hoy which is a card game and both are played for prizes.

So if you are over 55 why not come along and see what we are all about. It cost £1.00 which includes Tea/Coffee with biscuits or cake.

The club is well over 60 years old and we need new members so just come along and see what we are all about and if you like what you see then you can join the Good Companions Club and be a member.

It's not just for Hilgay, other Villages in the area will be most welcome.

#### UP AND COMING EVENTS IN THE GOOD COMPANION'S HALL

#### May

Club Meetings every other Thursday 2:00pm – 4:00pm (This month 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>) Bingo Every Tuesday – 7:30pm

#### June

Club Meetings every other Thursday 2:00pm – 4:00pm (This month 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) Bingo Every Tuesday – 7:30pm

#### July

Club Meetings every other Thursday 2:00pm – 4:00pm (This month 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>) Bingo Every Tuesday – 7:30pm

#### CONTACT NOS.

June Fleming 01366 388 158,

# All Saints Church, Hilgay



All Saints Church Services are every Sunday at 9:30am

#### **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 and 01366 387 630

Hilgay Vintage Show - August 4th & 5th

Come and have a great day out for £5.00, Children Free Enquires for Stall Holders please ring Peter Bates on 01366 387988

# **Hilgay Methodist Church**



#### **News and Future Events**

Since the last issue of Riverside News, we have held three family events.

The pancake party proved even more popular this year with approximately 45 people ranging in age from 1+ to 90+ attending.

Thank you to all those who made donations to Water Aid, we raised £50.

At our Celebration of Mothers, everybody had the opportunity to colour and make a box, eat cake and share a short time of worship.

At our Messy Easter there were seven activities available to help those taking part to explore the Easter story. These included a bit of science, art, making an Easter wreath, a quiz and a treasure hunt.

The day before, on Good Friday, we had a reflective service lead by Downham Market Methodist Church Choir, built around choral music and readings. After the service hot drinks and hot cross buns were served to the congregation.

Shell Club for children 5 years old and over is still taking place on the second Saturday of each month except August.

However the current session of Guild meetings has ended. Guild will begin again 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Look out for details nearer the time.

Don't forget that all are welcome to attend our regular Sunday morning service, which begins at 10a.m. and is followed by time for tea/ coffee and a chat.

#### **Diary Dates**

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12:30pm - Chapel Anniversary Service led by Revd David Simpson On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July - You are warmly invited to join us for a buffet lunch and paper pencil quiz to celebrate NORFOLK DAY, more details available nearer the time. We are proposing to hold a concert on November 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of the village commemorations of the centenary of the end of the First World War. Please contact Deacon Janet Stafford (388766) or Lesley Dent (387337) if you would like to take part.

Lesley Dent (Church Council Secretary)

# **Hilgay Carpet Bowls Club**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> May we will be having club evenings from 7:00pm till 9:00pm on Tuesdays at the Methodist Chapel. We are still playing in the "Active League" home and away matches.

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

Val Gooding

# **Rose & Crown Pub Events**



#### **Karaoke Nights**

7<sup>th</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> May 29<sup>th</sup> June

# **Hilgay General Matters**



The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now up and running in the lower part of Hilgay Village. We are now looking for volunteers to cover the other parts of the village.

For more information please contact Nigel Congdon on 07798 700561 or email him at <a href="mailto:nco.uk">ncongdon@hotmail.co.uk</a>



## **Polite Notice**

This bin is specifically for Dog Poo so will the person who keeps stuffing carrier bags filled with rubbish in and around this dog bin on the green in front of the playing field please stop doing this. Thank you

# Advance Notice - the 2018 Hilgay Raft Race is to be held on the 8th July



For more details please contact Ali Dent on: 01366 387686 or 07979 370781

# 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 0136	366 377 640
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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.

Training sessions were held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April



# Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy



#### **Heads Report**

At the end of the Spring Term, Key Stage 2 pupils from both Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay Riverside academies, enjoyed a Federation Learning Day at Ten Mile Bank. The day began with a visiting group of storytellers who shared the Easter story. After that, Fensong led workshops and drama activities about pilgrims. The children learnt about why people become pilgrims, what a



pilgrimage is and wrote prayers. After lunch, we were delighted to welcome the Ely Leg of the Student Cross Pilgrimage into school. The pilgrims stayed for about an hour and chatted with pupils about modern day pilgrims and their journey to Walsingham. The children also had a chance to lift the 7 foot wooden cross that they pilgrims carry on their journey. It was a fantastic experience for the children and they learnt about the diversity of modern day pilgrims as well as information about the pilgrimage from Ely to Walsingham. As the Hilgay pupils boarded the bus to return to Hilgay, Ten Mile Bank pupils were invited to take part in the pilgrimage and walked with the group, helping to carry the cross from school to the church where the children thanked the pilgrims for their visit and gave them the prayers that were written earlier in the day which the pilgrims took with them to Walsingham.

# Friends of Ten Mile Bank Riverside Academy

We had an amazing turn out for the Bingo that helped raise £180 plus for the school great prizes. We had to hold some back there were so many we will put them out at the June Event.

The hall was full thank you to all who supported us and came out. We will be running anouther in June so please come a long to that one.

We have had a couple of really good bittles of drink donated to us and would like to offer everyone the chance to purchase a Raffle Ticket for each of the bottles.

It is three tickets for £1.00 so please place a pound in an envelope with your name and mark the envelope "Bottle and Ten Mile Friends" and post it in the school letter box please.

Thank you

# St Mark's Church, Ten Mile Bank



#### **Easter Service**

Our Easter Service saw a fantastic turnout of families young and old. As always, Father Alan delivered a lovely service followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt, in true St Marks style we lost two eggs. However, much fun was had by all children hunting the other 22 out and eating them! Thanks to everyone who came, donated and volunteered, if you didn't make it, look out for next years date!

# **Royal Wedding High Tea**

On 19th May we will be holding a "Royal" high tea in celebration of Prince Harry's wedding to Ms Markle. More details to follow, watch this space!

# Riverside News Parish Past and Present A Look at Local History

#### <u>Ten Mile Bank Bridge – Spanning 138 Years – by Tony Hall</u>

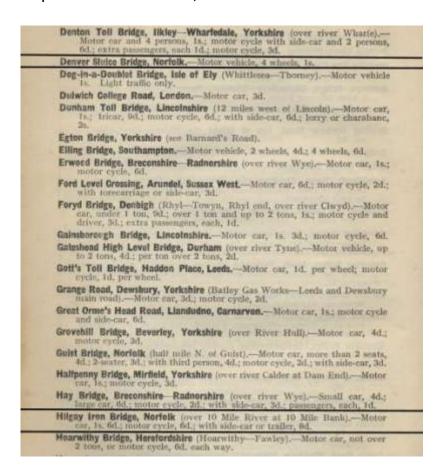
A major factor in the development of the community of Ten Mile Bank was the construction of bridges. The original bridge, sited slightly to the north of the existing one, was built by the Hilgay Bridge Company in return for collecting tolls. The official opening was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1880 and performed by the lord of the manor, Major Stocks of Wood Hall. It was a big occasion with a procession from Hilgay to the bridge and followed by luncheon in the school rooms (now the Village Hall) provided for the princely sum of three shillings a head; about fifteen pounds in today's money.



This map shows it a few years after opening, not as it is now, directly opposite station road but further to the north. You can also see the ferry it eventually replaced. Note that it is called Hilgay Bridge and not, as many people insist on calling it, Modney Bridge. This is a common mistake, as it is on Modney Bridge Road and actually refers to the bridge on the A10 which used to cross Sam's Cut Drain. On this map you can see the original name which is Budd's Drove.



This is the earliest picture I have found, taken in 1908 from the west bank.



An RAC guide from 1928 describes it as Hilgay Iron Bridge with a toll of one shilling and sixpence for a motor car (around £3.70 today). Note that for sixpence less, you could cross the river at Denver for a shilling.

End of Part 1 (Part 2 to Follow)

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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 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 at hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you, Judith Taylor

The next meetings are as follows

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Hilgay Village Hall – 7:00pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Ten Mile Bank – 7:00pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Hilgay Village Hall – 7:00pm

#### **Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Allotments**

The Parish Council provides allotments in the centre of Hilgay, available to all residents of the combined parish. Vacancies arise at unpredictable intervals, so if any resident is interested in going on the waiting list, please contact either:

Councillor Peter Bates on 01366 387988 or the Parish Clerk Judith Taylor on 01366 500722, hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

## **Reporting of Potholes**

Following the severe weather over the winter, it is likely that residents will notice potholes throughout the parish. Norfolk County Council has a web-form via which you can report potholes. I have used it recently, and the service seems to be swifter than reporting it by phone or email to Highways. Go to <a href="www.norfolk.gov.uk">www.norfolk.gov.uk</a>, and then choose "Report a Highways Problem". There follows an option for "potholes". Residents are more than welcome to report them to me of course and I will follow up, but it may well be quicker and easier for you to notify NCC direct via this web-form.

Many thanks.

Judith Taylor, Clerk
<a href="mailto:hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk">hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk</a>
01366 500722

#### **Community Meeting with our Member of Parliament**

Elizabeth Truss, our local MP, came to Hilgay Village Hall on Friday 9 March for a meeting with members of our community – her constituents.

This was an open public meeting and over thirty people attended; which I thought was a good turnout.

Ms Truss, who lives locally in Downham Market, gave us an overview of the local issues she was pursuing and a summary of several important national ones. Ms Truss then answered questions from the audience. These covered a range of issues including transport and roads, which took up a large part of the time. She also answered questions about schooling and health. She undertook to write to Freebridge about the future of Willow Lodge, which has been left empty for some years and keep us up to date with transport issues she and other local MPs are working on.

Overall the hour went quickly. My own impression was that people felt that it had been worthwhile and I certainly did.

Alan Holmes, Chair Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council

#### **Hilgay Sensory Garden Project**

Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank Parish Council is embarking on a project to revitalise the piece of land next to Hilgay Cemetery, where the football hut used to be. It has been suggested that a Sensory Garden be created, accessible to all, to provide a peaceful environment for residents, and visitors, to enjoy. Two councillors are taking the lead on this, Vic Martin and Gillian Harris, along with Dave Barrington of Hilgay Village Hall, while two further councillors, Elaine Hall and Annabel Charlesworth, will be providing input on appropriate planting.

All residents are very welcome to put forward their views and thoughts on how this new Garden should be developed, and if there are any volunteers for when the works starts, that would be even more welcome! Do get in touch......

#### **Hilgay & Ten Mile Bank Parish Councillors**

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#### **Committees**

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, Tony Hall, Elaine Hall Footpaths Gillian Harris, Tony Hall, Elaine Hall

Records Alan Holmes, Vic Martin

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# **Hilgay Feoffee Charity**

#### APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS

Hilgay Feoffee Charity offers 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 from the Clerk to the Charity

#### Mr A J Hall, Windrush, Church Road, Ten Mile Bank Downham Market PE38 0EJ

Or send an email to

hilgay.feoffees@aol.com

The Trustees meet every four months

Applications will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting

## **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 tuition fees or travel costs

Hilgay Feoffee Charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners No. 208898

## **Features**

# Do you have a Hearing Loss?

West Norfolk Deaf Association is a small local sharity supporting Deaf and hard of hearing soluts and children in West Norfolk. Our mission is to improve their lives and facilitate independent living and reduce isolation.

We provide an advocacy service in British Sign Language, facilitate social and learning opportunities for BS, users, deliver holiday provision for Deaf children and ensure Deaf and hard of hearing adults and children have equal poportunity and access to services. We promote Deaf Awareness and provide BSL and Deaf awareness and provide BSL and Deaf

The Hearing Support service is our largest service and we strive to offer a location most convenient to NHS bearing aid overs.

#### Visit our Hearing Support Centre

If you wear an NHS Hearing aid from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital we can clean, service, re-tube, give advice, carry out minor repairs and issue batteries from our Downham Market Hearing Support Centre located at

No8 The Old Bookshop

8 High Street

Downham Market

01366 387874

Open Monday to Saturday 9-30am to Apm We also have a monthly Assistive Equipment clinic

#### Come along to our monthly Hard of Hearing Club

Downham Market Town Hall

2-4pm

Wednesday 25th April—Scam Awareness talk

Wednesday 30th May—Card making and Games

Wednesday 27th June — Living with a Hearing Loss talk

Hope to see you there!

of and Hard of Hearing people

# Can you spare a few hours per

We need volunteers in our Bookshop and Charity Shop., and also for our Hearing support Service

Please contact us if you can help

Sarah@wnda.org.uk

01366 387874 or 01553 773399

Conations for both shops gratefully received





#### What on earth?

The item in the last issue was used to lay pipes into a trench in the ground.

Peter has a new picture for us in this issue. Can you guess what it was used for? Send your answers to:

'What on earth', Cornerways, West End, Hilgay, PE38 OHZ.

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