

# Riverside News



**Issue 29 – Autumn Edition 2021**

Welcome from the editor!

Hi everyone,

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Autumn Edition of the Riverside News.

It is wonderful to report on some very special celebrations across the Parish, please enjoy the fantastic photos!

As always, this is our community newsletter so please send in any ideas, information and articles you would like to see featured.

You can email me at **[hilgayparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:hilgayparishnews@gmail.com)**

Happy reading!

*Developing a more sustainable community*

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Thanks to all of our contributors to this issue, especially Hilgay Parish Council for their support.

# **Your Parish Matters**

## **CHAIR REPORT**

'Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.'

The quote above was exemplified on the 11th September 2021 at the rededication ceremony of Hilgay War Memorial, which has been restored to its former glory with additional improvements.

This event was made possible through a strong community spirit, and I'd like to thank all those people, past and present, who have contributed in many different ways to fulfilling this project.

During the final phase of this project, I'd like to give special thanks to:  
Parish Councillors (Communications Team): Norman Highnam and Zara Hipsey for their fantastic organisational skills in bringing this project to fruition.

Funding: the project was supported by the Parish Council with a major contribution from our United Charities - Feeoffees

Also special thanks to:

Hilgay Silver Band

Hilgay All Saints Church

Royal British Legion

RAF Marham

USAF Lakenheath

Riverside Academy

TMO Highways

Police

Baytrees and parishioners for flowers

## **Parish Council News**

We have been through a bumpy two years, but hopefully the road will become smoother.

I'd like to welcome David Williams our new Parish Clerk to his new role.

Also a special thanks to Colin Wills our parish hero for his unwavering commitment as Maintenance Officer, and his incredible dedication to our parish. In addition to all our Parish Councillors for their contribution to maintaining our place where we all live.

Please can all parishioners check that the boundary of the property (fences, hedgerows) they live in, keep clear of footpaths and public highways, as obligated by law.

In addition can all dog owners please ensure they clear up after their dogs and use the dog bins provided.

A wise person once said, " The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

**Graham Carter, Parish Council Chairman**





## **Parish Council Meetings**

We are pleased to announce that Parish Council meetings can now take place in person, at Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Village Halls on alternate months.

Please continue to check your Village Hall websites and noticeboards for updates.

All meetings are due to start at 7.00pm

07-10-21

04-11-21

02-12-21

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Clerk: [hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Getting to Know... Claire Goose



For this issue, our intrepid reporter spoke with Claire Goose, British drama superstar – you may recognise her from *Casualty*, *Waking the Dead* or *The Coroner*!

*Why did you become an actor?*

The first time I realised that acting could be a job, was when I watched Helen Mirren in *Prime Suspect*. I was blown away by her and her character. It was like nothing I had watched before. After seeing that I asked my mum and dad if I could go to acting classes. They found a drama group in King's Lynn that was run by Jenny Duda (still a very close friend of mine.) She was so inspiring and creative. She made me feel confident in my ability and I always remember how much laughter there was. Endless laughter!

*What do you like best about Norfolk?*

Oh wow, where do I start? I've definitely come to appreciate it more since having children. It has so much to offer for families. But for me, it's the big Norfolk Skies and the coast. Living in London, everywhere is so built up and every time we come home to Norfolk and hit the fens, the skies just open up. I can feel all the tension just melt away. We always head to the beach come rain or shine. Holkham, Blakeney, Wells, Brancaster, Snettisham - it's all gorgeous!

*Can you share your most memorable moment as an actor?*

I felt very lucky to work on *Exile* with John Simm, Jim Broadbent and Olivia Colman (another Norfolk girl!) It was a beautifully written script by Daniel Brocklehurst and created by Paul Abbott. Absolute legends. It was a really fun job despite the subject matter being harsh and I just learn so much from working with them all.



*If you could go back in time, where would you go to?*

I'm not sure I would want to go back. Women's lives were hugely restricted and hard! I feel very blessed to be where I am and hope we continue to progress forward in equality for all.

*What is your favourite film?*

Silence of the Lambs

*What's your favourite food?*

Any type of spicy food. We cook a lot of Thai food at home.

**Interview by Norman**

# **From Councillor Alan Holmes**

## **Borough Councillor for the Hilgay Ward of Hilgay Parish**

### **Borough Council Matters**

Autumn is upon us, and your Borough Council (West Norfolk and King's Lynn) has plenty of work to do. The most important is creating the budget for the next financial year starting April 2022. It's a big task in any year but in the current uncertain times there will be a lot of questions with no obvious answers.

All Committees and the Full Council are back to face-to face meetings for councillors and the main support staff. We have retained real-time streaming of these meetings, so everyone can watch meetings in real-time or look back on them the Borough Council's you tube channel. The Council has at last declared a climate emergency.

I am part of the group of independent councillors (the largest opposition group to the Conservative majority) and we have been advocating for this for over two years. I am very pleased that the pressure the Independent Group applied has now born fruit. The Council also has a Climate Change/Environmental Policy in place and is in the last stages of producing a strategy to push these very important long-term issues forward in a more cohesive way.

The Council has recently agreed that all councillors will be given access to £1000 annually to fund grants to community groups within their wards. So, I will soon have access to £1000 for grants for community groups in the Denver Ward (which does not include the Ten Mile Bank ward of Hilgay Parish).

There are several conditions, and I can provide a copy of the overall policy document to any group who are interested in making an application. That document sets out, in broad terms, how the scheme should work and who or what might qualify. There has not been a formal announcement yet because the full details of how the scheme will work are still being tied down. But I expect this to be finalised soon and appear on the council website with guidance and the application form. Until then I am happy to talk to any group who might want to think about applying.

Anglian Water (AW) have submitted a planning application (21/0158/FM) to lay a new water main between the Bexwell reservoir and Bury St Edmunds. It's part of a very large scheme to provide East Anglia with better access to fresh water. The AW website has full details as does the BC's planning portal on our website.

I understand that the application is to be decided elsewhere because the project covers several jurisdictions. The BC's involvement is to consult Parish Councils and the wider community and pass those comments on the decision-making body. It will be underground and pass along the Eastern edge of Hilgay Ward. Personally, I am very much in favour to this as it will help to safe guard our fresh water supplies in the future.

Next stop Christmas.

**Alan Holmes**

September 2021



## General Matters



### **Hilgay comes together for the rededication of war memorial**



**On Saturday 11th September 2021, residents of Hilgay came together at the rededication of the war memorial to remember those lost at war.**

Parish Council Chairman, Graham Carter, opened the ceremony. In attendance, was Father James Mather whom lead the prayers at the ceremony; as well as representatives from the Royal British Legion, USAF Lakenheath, RAF Marham and Norfolk Constabulary.

Hilgay war memorial holds 46 names of men from the village that were lost during the first and second world war, as well as six of the eight names of the crew members of an American B17 bomber that crashed near to Hilgay in 1945; in which the president from the Royal British Legion read out.

Representatives then laid wreathes in respect of the men lost at war.

Towards the end of the ceremony, students from Hilgay Riverside Academy sang some songs which brought a wonderful atmosphere to the ceremony.



*Picture by Ian Burt of Your Local Newspaper*

After the service came to an end, many ceremony attendees visited Hilgay All Saints Church to enjoy a variation of tunes played by Hilgay Silver Band, and to enjoy refreshments provided by the church.

All Saints Church also displayed various memorabilia from the war and Hilgay Riverside Academy created art work and written pieces that were also displayed in the church.

Hilgay Parish Council would like to thank Hilgay United Charities for the support with the funding for the restoration of the war memorial.



Hilgay Parish Council would also like to thank the following for their much appreciated support with the restoration and the rededication of the war memorial:

Father James Mather, Royal British Legion, the Bugler, Hilgay Silver Band, RAF Marham, USAF Lakenheath, Hilgay Riverside Academy, Hilgay All Saints Church, Baytree, Fairhaven Stone, Alan Wright Engineering, American Battle Monuments Commission, David Nicholls and TMO Highways.



## American Battle Monuments Commission

### Cambridge American Cemetery

Title: Gone, But Not Forgotten

Author: Matthew P. Brown, Superintendent, Cambridge American Cemetery

# Gone, But Not Forgotten

On March 30, 1945 an American B-17 crashed near Poplar Farm in Hilgay, killing six American Airmen and wounding another two. This was the fourth, and thankfully final, aircraft crash in the Parish of Hilgay during World War II, and today the victims of these four crashes – including these six Americans – are recorded on the newly renovated Hilgay War Memorial. They died while fighting to liberate Europe from the fascist Nazi regime, so they clearly earned a place of honor on our war memorials. But otherwise who were these Americans, and what were they doing in the air above Hilgay that morning, over 76 years ago?

First, and most importantly, these were young men with their whole lives ahead of them. The oldest crew member was 26, and the youngest was just 20. The first listed on the Hilgay War Memorial is 2Lt Willis C. DuMond from New York, who, at 25 years old, was the pilot that morning – the aircraft commander. As Captain of the ship, Willis was responsible for both flying the B-17 and also for the welfare of the crew. Although an experienced military officer, he had only begun aviation duty in June 1944 – just 10 months before the crash. He left behind a wife, Betty, and son, Chester.

The other married man in the crew, listed last on the memorial, was Sergeant Daniel Cursons, who was also from New York. At 26 years old, Daniel was the “old man” on the team, and he served as the Flight Engineer and Top Turret Gunner. Daniel’s only child, Daniel Jr., was born to his wife Ann after he deployed to combat, depriving his namesake of ever meeting his father in person.

The rest of the crew was unmarried, but they undoubtedly had only postponed their personal lives because of the war. Flight Officer Carl C. Jones was the Co-Pilot from Texas. At 20 years old he was the youngest member of the flight crew, and as it turns out he was also the youngest of eight siblings in the Jones household. Carl’s only brother, William, was also a pilot in the US Army Air Forces, but he too was tragically killed in action in the Pacific theater in May 1944. Dying only 10 months apart, the Jones family paid an exceptionally high price for the war, and in the end they were left without any male heirs.

20-year-old Sergeant Carl Hartman from Oklahoma was the radio operator, and 24-year-old Sergeant Roy Frost from Kansas was the Ball Turret Gunner. 2Lt Ernest Matthews from Connecticut was the Bombardier, and today, he is the only crewmember still buried at Cambridge American Cemetery, as the others were all repatriated to the US after the war, at the request of their families.

These young men were members of what Americans call the “Greatest Generation.” This term, coined by one of our most respected and patriotic journalists, Tom Brokaw, describes the generation that fought World War II and lived through what was perhaps the toughest period in American history – the Great Depression. The global economic slump that struck in 1929 had an exaggerated effect on American society because of our fragile, and still industrializing, economy. The men of this crew were all born in the 1920s, and since none of them came from families of great means they unquestionably suffered from the extreme privations of the depression. None of them attended university or had professional jobs before the war. Whether they volunteered or were conscripted, it is likely that military service was for them – as it was for so many other Americans of the Greatest Generation – a salvation from poverty and desperation.

Each of them volunteered for aviation service and attended technical training in the US in autumn 1944. The US military sent them to England as “replacements” and assigned them to the 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group located at RAF Deopham Green. It was only at this point that the individuals met each other for the first time, and they needed to quickly forge a bond so that they could work together and rely on each other as an efficient fighting team.

The mission on 30 March 1945 was to strike the port facility in Hamburg, Germany. This might seem like an odd target so late in the war, but U-boats of the Nazi Navy (the *Kriegsmarine*) were still inflicting serious losses on Allied shipping in the North Atlantic, North Sea, and English Channel. In total, 1,250 aircraft took off that morning for the daylight attack, but they had little to fear from the Nazi Air Force (the *Luftwaffe*) because Allied Air Forces had established air superiority over Western Europe a year earlier. For this reason, DuMond’s B-17 flew without Waist Gunners; reducing the crew to 8, instead of the normal 10.

The greater risk came from the other aircraft flying in tight formation. When the formation was large, as it was on 30 March, it could take up to two hours to get everyone in position, and mid-air collisions were a real possibility. On that fateful morning, DuMond maneuvered his B-17 through the hundreds of other aircraft to find his place, and while over Hilgay Parish he narrowly missed a collision with another Flying Fortress. Unfortunately, flying through the prop-wash of the other aircraft caused DuMond to lose control of his B-17, resulting in the catastrophic crash that took his life, along with the lives of 5 others on board. All six were buried in the temporary American Military Cemetery at Madingley.

Amazingly, two crew members – not yet mentioned, and not listed on the Hilgay War Memorial – lived through the ordeal. 2Lt Dan O’Conner (Navigator) and Sergeant John Stewart (Tail Gunner) recovered from their physical wounds at Ely Air Force Hospital, but their mental wounds, like those of the Greatest Generation, never fully healed. O’Conner and Stewart returned to duty with the 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group in time to join their comrades for the trip home. Their war was over.

Despite the loss of DuMond’s B-17, the mission on 30 March, like the strategic bombing campaign itself, was a tremendous success! In addition to demolishing port logistics and facilities, the bombers sank seven U-boats, which unquestioningly saved the lives of many Allied sailors and merchant marines. With this final victory in hand, the role of the US Army Air Forces in Europe was quickly coming to an end. 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group only flew in combat 17 more times before their last mission on 21 April 1945. After VE Day the unit quickly packed up and returned to the US.

For those listed on the Hilgay War Memorial, however, repatriation would have to wait until 1949, and closure for their families would never come at all. These young men, who represent thousands of others just like them, would never enjoy the very freedom that they helped win for us. We must never forget them.

Photos:

1. Willis C. Dumond (newspaper clipping).

Father, husband, and pilot; 2Lt Willis C. Dumond of New York commanded the American B-17 on 30 March 1945.

2. Ernest Matthews (newspaper clipping).

2Lt Ernest A. Matthews of Connecticut is commemorated at Cambridge American Cemetery. These young men had their full lives ahead of them.

3. Aircraft Photo (B-17G 44-6816 flying in formation).

Boeing B-17G 44-6816, pictured here with "Square L" tail marking clearly visible, was assembled in Seattle, Washington in November 1944. It moved to Europe and entered combat in December 1944. The "G" model was the final version of the bomber, which incorporated all of the technological upgrades from previous models.





**Willis C. DuMond**

Second Lieutenant Willis C DuMond, was killed in a bomber crash in England Mar 30 1945 He was 25 Originally with Co F of Walton, he was commissioned a lieutenant in infantry in November, 1942 Transferring to the air forces he received his pilots wings in June 1944

#### Appointed Flying Officer

Ernest A. Matthews (shown here) was recently graduated from the Big Spring bombardier school, Big Spring, Tex., and received his appointment as a flying officer in the army air forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon



Matthews, 40 North Champlain st., and was graduated from Burlington high school. Before entering the service, F/O Matthews was employed by Bullard Machine Tool company, Bridgeport, Conn.



## **Hilgay Silver Band**

Hilgay Silver Band have gathered again and we are fortunate to have some additional members. We had one engagement this summer, and we're recently very honoured to be involved with the celebration of the restored war memorial.

We still meet on Thursdays in the Band Room in Hilgay, 730 to 930, and are very welcoming to any players, new or from our past!

Speaking of which, the band celebrates 125 years this year, and we are planning an event for this next year.

Maria is hoping to start a Training Band for children aged 8 and up. This will be held in the Band Room from 415pm to 5pm each Thursday, starting on 7th October 2021. No previous experience- this will be free tuition for beginners.

Maria's number is: 07961 087559. Please call ahead if your child/ren are planning on attending.

**Have you got some news or a story you'd like to share with your neighbours?**

**We want to hear from you!**

Email [hilgayparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:hilgayparishnews@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## DOWNHAM MARKET SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



Downham Market and Hilgay with Denver



[www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

September 2021

WE ARE YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

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YOUR LOCAL BEAT MANAGER



PC 682 Tracey James

### UPDATE FROM YOUR ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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I can't believe that we are already well into September and as I write this we are starting to see the nights draw in, along with some very changeable weather!

As the nights have started to draw in I thought now would be a good time to remind everyone to adopt the 9pm Routine. This simple initiative, and some might say common sense approach to crime prevention was started in the USA. The 9pm Routine revolves around people getting into a habit of checking cars are locked, secure and valuables removed, any outbuildings/sheds are locked up and secured, and all windows and doors are locked and secured before settling in for the night. It is normally the simple things that work so why not adopt the 9pm Routine today and don't give opportunist thieves an easy target.

*Paula*

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA

It has been a very busy summer period for your local Beat Manager and the wider Local Policing Team. As well attending community engagements including the RAF Marham Open Day, Stradsett Heros Fun Day and the re-dedication of the War Memorial at Hilgay the team have also hosted street surgeries and carried out our #ParkWalkTalk foot patrols in and around the Downham Market and wider parish areas. The officers have also carried out proactive patrols which have included rural crime patrols tackling hare coursing and a recent trend of GPS Thefts.

Please do remember to make a note in your diary for our next SNAP meeting, which will be the first "hybrid" meeting; being held face to face at Nordelph Village Hall and also online via Microsoft Teams for those who can not make the physical meeting. This meeting will take place on 25th October at 7pm and is an opportunity for you to speak with a member of the local policing team and hear updates on our current priorities.

### CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- ASB Watlington / Magdalen
- ASB Bridge St Downham Market
- Rural Crime

### DATE OF NEXT SNAP

**Monday 25th October at 7pm** to be held online and in person at the Nordelph Village Hall.

For details on how to join online please email [Paula.Gilluley@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Paula.Gilluley@norfolk.police.uk)



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TALK TO YOUR LOCAL  
BEAT MANAGER



# **Hilgay Village Hall**

## **Working for the Community**



### **Hilgay Village Hall is OPEN!**

Please contact **Kim** on **01366-385234** for any booking enquiries.

### **TEA, COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**

Our popular Tea, Coffee & Cake mornings are back: Thursday 28th October - Time: 1030am

All cakes made and donated by local volunteer bakers !

This event is planned to run on the last Thursday of each month.

### **CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday 4th December 2021 - 1030am - 3pm

12 Tables of local crafts plus food, drink and raffle - All Welcome !!

### **REGULARS**

#### **Yoga**

Every Wednesday from 7pm - Contact: Garry Younge - 07952591466 or [garry262@btinternet.com](mailto:garry262@btinternet.com)

(Very popular and now limited spaces so book early !)

*Hilgay Village Hall is owned and maintained by Hilgay United Charities (The Feoffees) and run by a volunteer management committee on a non-profit basis for the benefit of the community.*



# **Hilgay Methodist Church**

**Serving God and Serving the Community**



## **CONTACTS**

Revd Paul Critchley 01366 388766 (For 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)

## **Hilgay chapel celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Methodist Chapel was opened on 7th October 1871 so we held an open day on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and a service of thanksgiving followed by an afternoon tea on Sunday, 3rd. Both events were well attended. As part of the open day, we had a variety of crafts for children and adults to try as we are planning to start having occasional “arty crafty café” sessions for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult).

A group of children happily spent most of the morning doing the church trail and working their way through the crafts on offer. Then a family of children arrived late morning and also enjoyed the crafts. Various adults had a go too. Special thanks go to Sue Wilkinson, who provided all the craft activities. We plan to hold our first “Arty Crafty Café” in Mid-November so look out for posters etc.

Thirty-three people attended the service and tea. Kirstie English kindly made a lovely celebration cake, which was cut by two former ministers - Reverend Arthur Windridge, who had led the service and Reverend Chris Bishop, who was minister when the church was modernised in the early 1990s.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OR HELPED ON BOTH DAYS.** We raised £642.55 over the course of the weekend through many generous donations and the proceeds of a raffle.

Some of the decorations in the chapel and a photograph taken after the Sunday Service



## WORSHIP

Currently we are holding services fortnightly at Hilgay and going to Southery Chapel on alternate weeks to worship with them.

Services at Hilgay begin at 10am and those at Southery at 11am.

We still wear masks during services but hymn singing is now aloud! For further details of services, please look at our noticeboard or contact me Lesley Dent on 01366 385986.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

On All Souls Day- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the chapel will be open from 10.30am until 2.00pm for anyone wanting to remember someone, who has died, especially anyone who has died when full funerals were not possible. You are invited to light a candle, say a pray or add one to our prayer tree or simply sit quietly and remember. There will be a very short reflective service at 12 noon for those wishing to attend.

## OTHER EVENTS

GUILD - Our fortnightly Guild meetings start again on Tuesday, 12th October when our speaker is Deacon Lynne Tonge, pastoral lead for the West Norfolk Methodist Circuit. The meetings begin at 2.30pm and are held from October through to Easter. We have a mixture of speakers, demonstrations, quizzes and other activities. A warm welcome awaits you, if you would like to join us regularly or occasionally. Meetings always end with time for a cuppa and a chat.



On Remembrance Sunday (14.11.2021) at 10.45, there will be a service at Hilgay Chapel led by Pauline Driver. Those who are able to will then go to the war memorial at about 11.30 for a short act of remembrance there. You are welcome to join us for the service and/or the ceremony at the war memorial.



### CAROL SERVICE @ HILGAY METHODIST CHURCH

6.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve led by our minister, Revd Paul Critchley  
All welcome! Refreshments served after the service.

# **Hilgay All Saints Church**

## **Serving God and Serving the Community**

It was a great day to be able to open the church as part of the event for the War Memorial rededication and to provide the community with refreshments and lots of lovely home cooked cakes and wondrous sausage rolls.

It was also a great tribute to the people of Hilgay for donating money towards the refreshments and we raised a staggering £120, which will be used to support the church funds.

A big thank you to all the village chefs that contributed and to all the people that helped to make the tea, set out the chairs and then clean up. A great team effort.

Outside the church we had the Hilgay Silver Band perfectly positioned entertaining all with show tunes and film tunes and looking splendid in their full band uniforms.

Inside the church the Riverside Academy set up a great display of stories and pictures and we also had a selections of old military items for people to see and touch.



**A well supported and great community day**

## St Mark's, Ten Mile Bank



Plans are in place to create a new Benefice. This Benefice will be called the Ouse Valley Benefice and will comprise of a group of 7 churches. The other churches will be Denver, Bexwell, Hilgay, Southery, Ryston and Crimplesham. This will allow the church congregations to support each other and to share resources, for example, the time of a Priest. Currently, the plans are awaiting approval by the Church of England, but we are already feeling the benefit of this support.

During the late Winter and Spring of 2021, villager Ray Houghton, parishioner Robert from Barroway Drove and Prince Philip, husband to Her Majesty the Queen, died. A memorial service to celebrate the lives of these 3 men was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021. It was attended by Robert's daughter and a number of villagers. The pictures below were placed on the memorial shelf.





Emma and children brought an orphaned lamb to the same service to be blessed by Fr Alan.



## Upcoming Services

This year's Remembrance Sunday service will start at 10.55 hours on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November and the Ten Mile Bank Roll of Honour will be read.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 28<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating both Advent and St Mark's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Carols, Cakes and Craft service. It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible to help us celebrate 175 years of St Mark's serving the community. Crafts will be sold after the service, most of which will cost no more than a few pounds and teas, coffees and birthday cake will be provided. Have you seen our birthday flag flying?



We are planning to hold our ever popular Carols by Candlelight service again at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Join us to experience this atmospheric event.

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans chapter 8, verses 38-39*

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

## Hilgay Book Sale

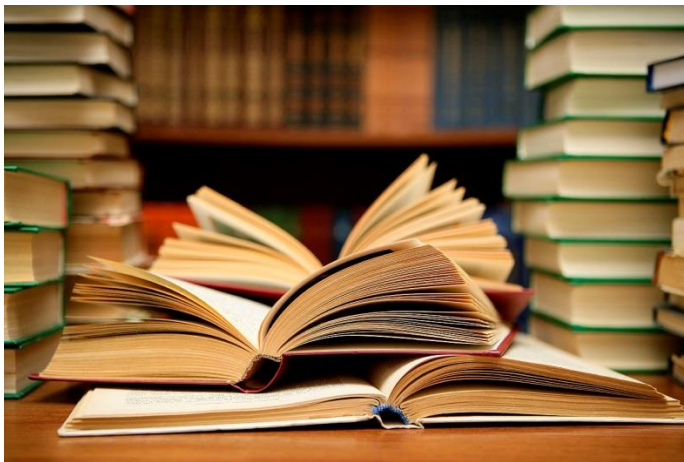
### Charity Event

Thank you to all that helped and contributed to this important fund raising event on behalf of -

Multiple sclerosis



**£2,600.00 raised on the day**



# The Rose and Crown Hilgay

Carol and Jim welcome all to their autumn events all starting at 8.00pm.

## October

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Quiz Night
- 30<sup>TH</sup> Halloween Party

## November

- 5<sup>th</sup> Karaoke
- 20<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night

## December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke
- 18<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night



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## **An update from Magpie Centre**

### **MAGPIE CENTRE CARDS AND CALENDARS AVAILABLE SOON**

Now's the time to start planning your Christmas shopping, so make sure to order the Magpie Centre Calendar, 2022, to keep your friends and family well-organized, plus let them know lots of ways to help this very worthy cause.

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, based at Wallington Hall, near Downham Market, provides around 100 riding and carriage driving lessons a week, to people of all ages, living with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities.

The calendars, which feature our lovely horses, ponies, staff and riders, and our Christmas cards, will be available from Chalk and Cheese at Shouldham, and West Winch Post Office, so pop in when you're passing and pick some up.

Or they can be obtained via our new website [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk) from November 9. Despite some hiccups caused by Covid restrictions, our Tea With a Pony sessions have become increasingly popular, and at the time of writing, nine participants had booked to attend the last one of the season, scheduled for Wednesday October 13.

Looking towards next year, the first of these events will take place on April 20 and continue until the autumn. Although initially aimed at people living with dementia and their carers, the events have opened up to welcome all participants who have age-related reduced mobility.

Tea With a Pony sessions, every Wednesday, 2 pm – 3 pm, enable visitors to meet and socialize over a cup of tea/coffee and cakes, and get up close and personal with a couple of our gentle ponies, if they so wish.

The newly constructed Sensory Garden, opened by HRH the Princess Royal in July, is wheelchair-friendly and offers a range of features to delight and entertain. Cost is £10 per participant, including carer, and £5 for other family members or friends.

To book, or for more information about riding/driving lessons, call 01553 810202, email [magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk) or visit our website: [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk)

## **A gift from Delia**

Our intrepid reporter (Norman) has been trying hard over the last few months to get an interview with the wonderful Delia Smith for our Getting to know... series.

However, now Norwich City FC are back in the Premier League, Delia is far too busy!

She has, instead, gifted us a special recipe now the evenings draw nearer and the cold of winter is upon us. We hope you enjoy it!

### **SHEPHERD'S PIE WITH CHEESE-CRUSTED LEEKS**

This recipe can be made with either fresh minced lamb (shepherd's pie), fresh minced beef (cottage pie) or minced leftover beef or lamb from a cooked joint (in which case, cut the initial cooking time to 15 minutes).

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 lb (450 g) minced lamb	10 fl oz (275 ml) fresh lamb stock
1 level tablespoon tomato purée	salt and freshly milled black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil	2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
3 oz (75 g) carrot, peeled and chopped	1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
3 oz (75 g) swede, peeled and chopped	½ level teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley	1 level tablespoon plain flour

#### **For the topping:**

- 2 oz (50 g) mature Cheddar, coarsely grated
- 2 medium leeks, cleaned and cut into ½ inch (1 cm) slices
- 2 lb (900 g) Desirée or King Edward potatoes
- salt and freshly milled black pepper

## METHOD

Begin by taking the frying pan or saucepan and, over a medium flame, gently heat the olive oil.

Now fry the onions in the hot oil until they are tinged brown at the edges – about 5 minutes. You can also watch how to peel and chop onions in our Cookery School Video on the right. Add the chopped carrot and swede and cook for 5 minutes or so, then remove the vegetables and put them to one side. Now turn the heat up and brown the meat in batches, tossing it around to get it all nicely browned. You may find a wooden fork helpful here, as it helps to break up the mince. After that, give the meat a good seasoning of salt and pepper, then add the cooked vegetables, cinnamon, thyme and parsley.

Next, stir in the flour, which will soak up the juice, then gradually add the stock to the meat mixture until it is all incorporated. Finally, stir in the tomato purée. Now turn the heat right down, put the lid on the pan and let it cook gently for about 30 minutes.

While the meat is cooking you can make the topping. Peel the potatoes, cut them into even-sized pieces and place in a steamer fitted over a large pan of boiling water, sprinkle with some salt, put a lid on and steam until they're completely tender – about 25 minutes. While this is happening, pre-heat the oven to gas mark 6, 400°F (200°C).

When the potatoes are done, drain off the water, return them to the saucepan, cover with a clean tea cloth to absorb the steam and leave them for about 5 minutes. Next, add the butter and mash them to a purée – the best way to do this is with an electric hand whisk. Don't be tempted to add any milk here, because the mashed potato on top of the pie needs to be firm.

Taste and add more salt and pepper if necessary. When the meat is ready, spoon it into the baking dish and level it out with the back of the spoon. After that, spread the mashed potato evenly all over. Now sprinkle the leeks on top of the potato, scatter the cheese over the leeks and bake the whole thing on a high shelf of the oven for about 25 minutes, or until the top is crusty and golden.

For the Delia Online Cookery School video lessons, techniques and more Delia recipes, please go to <https://www.deliaonline.com>

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