

# Riverside News



Issue 26 – December 2020

This is your Newsletter so please let me have any information or articles you would like to see in it.

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[www.hilgaypc.wixsite.com/hilgaypc](http://www.hilgaypc.wixsite.com/hilgaypc)

& [www.tenmilebank.com](http://www.tenmilebank.com)

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## Your Parish Matters

The Parish Council would like to thank Baytree of Hilgay for giving us the Christmas Trees and Lighthouse of Downham Market for the tree lights.

### Covid 19 and US

**C** – Your **C**ouncil has been actively seeking ways to protect the parish where possible with risk assessments, sanitizers and signage near the shops and being on hand to support when needed.

**O** – The best approach has been **O**btainable, wearing masks – keeping your distance – cleaning your hands. All best efforts to stop the spread of Covid.

**V** – **V**isitor restrictions have been needed to stop the spread in the villages and towns. But in Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank the visiting boat people who have become friends of many in the villages are still being welcomed as part of and contributing to the communities.

**I** – **I**ndividuals who have been going the extra mile and have put themselves in the front line in the fight to control the spread of Covid in the communities. From NHS workers to just checking on your neighbours or ringing a bell on Thursday nights – We thank you all for bringing that fighting spirit back to the communities and for keeping us all safe.

**D** – **D**ecember is a time of hope and joy and happiness for many families, students return home and houses are decorated ready for Xmas day. This year it might be different as we reign back on some of the usual family meetings. But don't let that damper any celebrations its marks the end of 2020 as we look forward to a brighter and safer 2021.

**19** – **2019** is the actual time the Covid virus first emerged in China, and if you follow Adele then 21 is the next album – which has a whole load of new songs --- “ I took the jab and I feel fine” – “I can see the virus leaving” – “Goodbye” – “I am feeling good” - “Were all going on a summer holiday” (I am sure people can add more)

*Norman Highnam*

# Riverside News



## **Parish Council Meetings**

Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank are your villages, we want to hear your thoughts and opinions! You can submit any ideas or comments to : [Hilgayparishclek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Hilgayparishclek@hotmail.co.uk)  
You can also join the council meetings on the first Thursday of the month to have your say in the public participation section (max 3 minutes per person).  
All meetings are currently being conducted remotely (via zoom) and when safe to do so, will revert back to physical meetings alternating between Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Village Hall.

Agenda's for all Parish Council Meetings and zoom contact details, are published on the village notices boards in both Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay at least 3 clear working days before the meeting takes place

These are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month starting at 7:00pm as follows

January 7<sup>th</sup> Ten Mile Bank

February 4<sup>th</sup> Hilgay

March 4<sup>th</sup> Ten Mile Bank

April 1<sup>st</sup> Hilgay

May 6<sup>th</sup> Ten Mile Bank (Subject to Local Elections)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Hilgay

They are all subject to Covid restrictions at the time.

If the meetings cannot be held in the Village Hall they will be broadcast via Zoom.

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## Hilgay & Ten Mile Bank Parish Councillors

Name	Telephone	email
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### **Parish Council Staff**

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### **Committees**

Data Protection	Graham Carter, Ryan Coogan
Finance & Resources.	Ryan Coogan
Planning Policy	Elaine Hall, Graham Carter, Jane Heatrick

### **Working Groups**

Allotments	Peter Bates, Elaine Hall, Gillian Harris
Footpaths	Gillian Harris, Annabel Charlesworth, Elaine Hall, Susan Annan
Land Holdings	Graham Carter
Records	
Meadow Garden, Hilgay	Annabel Charlesworth, Gillian Harris
War Memorial Refurbishment	Peter Bates, Ray Houghton, Graham Carter, Norman Highnam

## **Your County & Borough Councillors**

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Borough Councillor – Alan Holmes Cllr.alan.holmes@west-norfolk.gov.uk	01366 380 606 & 07885 258418

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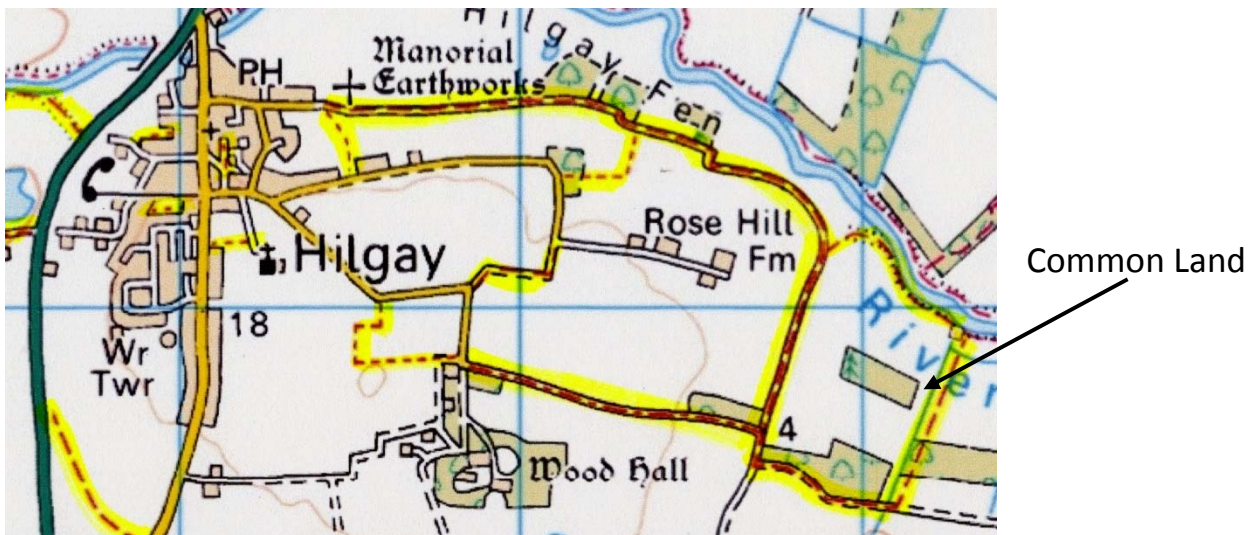
## Hilgay General Matters

### OUR PARISH COMMON LAND

#### WE MAY NEED TO FIGHT TO KEEP IT!

Turn left at Woodhall Gates. Head East down Sandy Lane, carry on passed Gipsy Wood to the T junction, turn right heading South – you are now walking on an ANCIENT DROVE. Follow the drove to the entrance to the Bird Reserve. Turn left on to the roadway leading to the Old Pump House towards the River Wissey, keeping on the left-hand side of the drain.

The narrow strip of land on your left is Common Land



Our Parish Council believe with evidence we have and the living knowledge of our village elders, that this land has always belonged to us all. It has always continuously been walked, ran, played on and enjoyed by parishioners and their families and friends.

It seems that the land was wrongly included in a land agent survey of Woodhall Estate many years ago (a boundary line drawn in the wrong place). Different Parish Councilors have attempted over many years to get it sorted out by negotiations without success. This was probably compounded in the 60s, when all Common Lands were registered in the UK.

The government after many years of wrangling decided that the paperwork and process during the 60s was not fit for purpose. The Home Secretary then made a statement that all people with an interest in those pieces of Common Land, work together and discuss the best use for all.

We may need to spend taxpayer's money to continue the fight.

We would welcome your thoughts and support. Please email [hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Hilgay War Memorial

The war memorial in the village stands as a reminder of all the people who lived through and actively took part in the dark times that clouded the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it also proudly pays tribute to the local aircrews that lost their lives in the Hilgay Parish.

The two wars took so many lives and affected so many lives that almost all communities in this United Kingdom have found solace by creating these memorials. The local Hilgay memorial is heading for its first 100yrs anniversary and is starting to show its age.

The Parish Council has started to take steps to address these issues and to ensure that the memorial stands proud and straight for the future generations so that they can learn about the effect that wars have on communities even when they are fought thousands of miles away.

We are looking to finalise plans subject to final agreement to completely overhaul the existing structure and to replace the weather worn posts and kerbs around the memorial with new stone.

We are engaging with a local Stonemason company that is currently working at Ely Cathedral and has a good local reputation based in Bottisham near Cambridge. This alongside also engaging with the War Memorial Trust to seek advice and assistance.

All going to plan we should see activity in the area from April 2021 onwards, allowing plenty of time before the next Armistice Remembrance Day.

Something to consider for when the project is complete is, do we need to recommission the memorial, with a local event that we can engage the community with?

The Parish Council is also seeking funds, from resident's and organisations to help with the restoration.

The link below takes you to the official War Memorial site with plenty of photos of the memorial as it stands today.

<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/255929/>

*Norman Highnam*



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



### **Hilgay Village Hall – (Not available until further notice)**

All hire charge rates include heating, lighting, Wi-Fi and catering facilities  
To book the hall, please ring 01366 388909

### **Village Hall Management Committee**

David Barrington	Home: 01366 388 909 Mobile: 07826 216 285		
Graham Carter	Home: 01366 385 063 Mobile: 07841 715 464	Suzanne Carter	Home: 01366 385 063 Mobile: 07841 715 465
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Dave Nicholls	Home: 01366 385234 Mobile: 07876 744548	Kim Nicholls	Home: 01366 385234

Val Barrington has resigned as Secretary from the Village Hall Management Committee so if anyone would like to take this on please contact Dave Barrington.

We would like to thank Val for all the hard work she has done over the last 8+ years

**The Village Hall Newsletter is not being produced at the moment but if you want to receive a copy in the future by email please go onto the Village hall website at [www.hilgayvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hilgayvillagehall.co.uk) and subscribe.**

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.

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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 Keep Fit, Dance Class 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 and Wi-Fi

### Defibrillator



I'm pleased 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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## Riverside Federation Hilgay School

### Friends of Hilgay Riverside Academy

A huge thank you to the village for supporting our clothing bag collection, we raised £270, which was brilliant.

Hayley Burton

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## Hilgay Methodist Church

Serving God and Serving the Community



**CONTACTS:** Revd Paul Critchley 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)

**CHAPEL NEWS** Firstly you may have noticed that we have a new minister, Revd Paul Critchley. Reverend Maurice Stafford has retired, and he and Deacon Janet are now living in the Sheffield area. We managed to hold a picnic style afternoon tea to say thank you and farewell to Maurice and Janet in July. Revd Paul took up his new post on 1st September. He is also married to a deacon, Jo who is a RAF chaplain. They have three sons, who are living with them in the Downham Manse.

Of course, Covid 19 has brought many changes within the Methodist Church. For example, Downham now has a weekly Zoom service normally at 6p.m on Sunday evening. People from all over the West Norfolk join in and we have also had people joining in from Zimbabwe and South Africa.

At Hilgay, we have been open for worship and had three Guild meetings when Covid regulations allow. Many thanks to Tony Hall for giving us a fascinating talk on Wood Hall and to Christine Whitehead for her very enjoyable flower arranging demonstration. We have rearranged the chapel to help prevent the spread of infection. We bought new small folding tables, so the seating is now arranged in café style seating bubbles for 1 to 4 people. All the usual rules of masks, hand sanitising and social distancing apply.

**WORSHIP:** Currently we only hold two services a month when we are able to open for worship. For times and dates of services, please look at the church notice board or ring me, Lesley Dent on 01366 387337. Unfortunately, we now have to ask people to book a seating bubble if they wish to come to a service or other event. If you interested in joining in Zoom worship, I can give you contact details. Sadly, as one of the things we really miss doing is singing, we won't be able to hold a Christmas Eve Carol service this year. We will be having a Holy Communion Service at 10p.m on 20<sup>th</sup> December and the West Norfolk Methodist is holding an "Advent Zoom" at 5p.m on the same day.



May our lives and our prayers be like lights shining in dark places.  
And may the Blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – fill our hearts and homes with light this Christmas and in the year to come.  
Amen

*Lesley Dent on behalf of Hilgay Methodist Church*

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## HILGAY UNITED CHARITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Or send an email to  
[hilgay.feoffees@aol.com](mailto:hilgay.feoffees@aol.com)

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

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#### Conditions of Application

Grants are available to all persons aged 16 or over

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

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

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

Previous applicants can apply to continue their courses or training

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

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

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## Hilgay United Charities (The Feoffees) - Annual Report 2019

Hilgay Feoffee Charity was founded by the will of the Reverend Nicholas Spencer in 1701 and was regulated by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners in 1871.

Originally operating as two separate charities, it is now run as one consolidated entity – Hilgay United Charities (No. 208898). Its annual returns can be found online at: [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)

The income of the Charity is derived from land rents, the hire of moorings on the River Wissey and funds invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund. No external fundraising is carried out. The Charity is tasked with the following:

- The maintenance and insurance of all Charity land and property in good order
- The provision of grants to both village schools to purchase additional items such as books, computers and play equipment
- The provision of Apprenticeship Grants to local young people to purchase books or equipment for further education and training
- Providing assistance to local residents with fuel costs in the winter months
- The provision and maintenance of Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Village Halls
- Providing occasional grants for projects that benefit the local community

Since 2014, The Charity has made grants totalling over £60,000. In 2019, substantial grants were made to both village schools for books and equipment.

Grants were provided to young people in apprenticeships and further education and a number of residents received help with winter fuel costs. Grants were made to local organisations and Ten Mile Bank Village Hall had a major refurbishment.

The Trustees wish to thank the volunteers and management committee who give freely of their time to manage both village halls for the benefit of the community.

The Charity operates solely within the Parish of Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank. Its work is overseen by a body of ten Trustees, who meet three times a year. There are currently six Trustees from Hilgay and four from Ten Mile Bank. Four of the Trustees are also Parish Councillors. The Charity is administered by the Clerk - Mr Anthony Hall. The current Chairman is Mr Brian Charlesworth of Wood Hall, Hilgay and the Vice-Chairman is Mr Colin Wills of Ten Mile Bank.

AJ Hall, Clerk to The Charity 1st March 2020

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## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### **HILGAY**

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

### **TEN MILE BANK**

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

### **OTHER CONTACTS**

Hilgay Parish Council Clerk	Diane Farrow	07706 345156 hilgayparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk
Hilgay United Charities	Tony Hall	hilgay.feoffees@aol.com 07900 518153
Neighbourhood Watch (Hilgay)	Nigel Congdon	07798 700561 ncongdon@hotmail.co.uk
Neighbourhood Watch (Ten Mile Bank)	Colin Wells	07760 390848 c.wills669@btinternet.com
Riverside News Contact	Dave Barrington	01366 388 909 or 07826 216285 valanddaveb@btinternet.com

Can this be added to the section about looking after each other

# Riverside News

**If you think a child or vulnerable adult is at risk of County Lines, criminal or sexual exploitation in Norfolk:**

- Call 0344 800 8020 and speak to someone at Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)
- Ring 101 to speak to Norfolk Police - Operation Gravity.
- **In an emergency always dial 999.**
- Ring 0800 555 111 for Crime stoppers or contact them via the Crime stoppers website

The ROSE Campaign (Reaching Out on Sexual Exploitation) is a registered charity that can also help



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Let's have some fun this Christmas. To win a Baytree Voucher, email your answers to Suzanne Carter tgraysus@aol.com or post them to Suzanne Carter, Riverside, Holts Lane, Hilgay, PE38 0LB, by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Christmas Riddles

Be The First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer.

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. ____ What do you get if you cross Santa with a Detective?   | A. Claus-trophobics         |
| 2. ____ What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?   | B. Santa Paws               |
| 3. ____ What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  | C. It was feeling crummy.   |
| 4. ____ What do monkeys sing at Christmas?   | D. Merry Xmas, Deer!        |
| 5. ____ What kind of people are afraid of Santa Claus?   | E. Crisp Kringle            |
| 6. ____ What did Santa change his name to after sliding down a chimney where the fire was still burning? | F. Santa walking backwards. |
| 7. ____ What do you call Santa when he has no money?   | G. Saint Nickel-less        |
| 8. ____ Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor?   | H. At Snow-balls            |
| 9. ____ Where do Snow-Women like to dance?   | I. The elf-abet             |
| 10. ____ What is a snowman's favorite lunch?   | J. A cookie sheet           |
| 11. ____ What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?  | K. Low 'elf-esteem          |
| 12. ____ How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?   | L. Silent Night             |
| 13. ____ What did the buck say to the doe on Xmas Day?   | M. Fleece Navidad           |
| 14. ____ Why was Santa's elf depressed?  | N. An ice-burger            |
| 15. ____ What goes Oh! Oh! Oh!   | O. A Christmas quacker      |
| 16. ____ What did Adam say the day before Christmas?   | P. It's Christmas, Eve      |
| 17. ____ What do elves learn in school?  | Q. Santa Clues              |
| 18. ____ Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?  | R. Jungle Bells             |

TOTAL CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Adverts



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## **Riverside News Advertising**

The Parish Council have decided that as from 01 June 2020 if you would like to advertise for the next year the advertising rates for Riverside News will be as Follows:

<b>Quarter page advert</b>	<b>£20 a year for up to 6 issues</b>
<b>Half Page Advert</b>	<b>£30 a year for up to 6 issues</b>
<b>Full Page Advert</b>	<b>£40 a year for up to 6 issues</b>
<b>Charity Event</b>	<b>£5 an advert</b>
<b>New Business</b>	<b>One free advert</b>
<b>Hilgay Cinema</b>	<b>Free full-page advert per issue</b>
<b>Hilgay Village Hall</b>	<b>Free full-page</b>
<b>advert per issue</b>	

**Commercial adverts for activities in Riverside Academy premises will be charged according to the size of the advert.**

**No deductions will be made for pro rata requests**

The Parish Council will start invoicing at the beginning of May 2021 for payment by 30 June 2021. They will remain mindful of payment terms given the current climate on an individual basis. (Due to the current situation this might be revised)