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HILGAY SCHOOL CHAMPION NETBALL TEAM

Looking extremely pleased with themselves and so they should!

See Page 5 for details on their season

and for details on the

Hilgay / Ten Mile Bank Cross Country Event

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WHO TO CONTACT and Regular VILLAGE EVENTS		
Clerk to the Parish Council Shan Tedder 01366 385 449 Email: hilgayparishcouncil@hotmail.com Mobile 07944 943 651 Hilgay Parish Council are meeting on Wed, 12 May 2010 for the purpose of The Annual Residents Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at Hilgay Village Hall.		
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HILGAY YOUTH SHELTER

The solar control panel which operates the solar light and radio has been vandalised. The cost to repair will be £400 plus VAT.

NO REPAIRS WILL BE MADE UNTIL the constant problem with the youth shelter users SMASHING GLASS AROUND THE SHELTER CEASES



CROP CIRCLES? WE HAVE LITTER CIRCLES!

During the school holidays our junior residents have been enjoying relaxing on Hilgay Playing Field. But whilst doing so, litter circles, some 8 feet round have been created on the field. Once a circle is completed, the youngsters have moved to another part of the field, to start a new litter circle. The field is currently dotted with these litter circles.

Parents – please remind your children to pick up their litter and put it in the nearest bin.



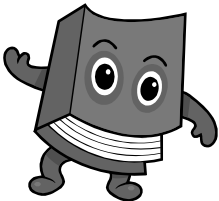
THE LARGE SLIDE AT HILGAY PLAYING FIELD REMAINS CLOSED.
PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON THE SLIDE

HILGAY RECYCLING CENTRE

Sorry! We cannot recycle grass cuttings

Please do not leave them at the Recycling Centre

The Clothing Bank will be installed shortly!



HILGAY BOOK SALE – 16 MAY 2010 10am-4pm

Clear out your cupboards! Ali needs books, DVD's., complete jigsaws, and bric-a-brac for his next book sale, this sale is being held in aid of the Dean Vincent Memorial Fund.

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Ali Dent and the Downham Market Rotary Club are pleased to announce:-
In the Morning there will be a CANOEING EXPERIENCE – come along and have a try!

In the afternoon there will be the RAFT RACING – build your own craft.

Don't forget there is also a FANCY DRESS RAFT category.

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The old favourite - the DUCK RACE will be held.

Wally Webb from BBC Radio Norfolk will be the commentator.

HILGAY VILLAGE VC SCHOOL NEWS

We are currently formulating our Disability Equality Scheme. This requires us to consult with our local community. If you have any concerns about access to the school or your ability to be involved in school activities, could you please pass those concerns on to the School. You could do that by speaking to the Headteacher directly on (01366) 387685, e-mailing office@hilgayvillage.norfolk.sch.uk or by letter.

Hilgay / Ten Mile Bank Cross Country

In order to compete in the area cross-country event Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank schools combined their talent to enter joint teams.

The boy's team did really well, considering they were all young and able to compete again next year. The girl's team, however, had an excellent result finishing **3rd** and receiving bronze medals.

We may be small but together we can beat the giants!

Congratulations to all of the children and we look forward to joining forces again.

Hilgay School Netball

The school netball team has had an outstanding season, where they have progressed to compete at County level. In the Downham Area league they had 5 wins out of 5. Beating teams from much larger schools. Notably a 23 – 2 win against Upwell primary School and a 12 – 5 win against Hillcrest, who have more children in Year 6 than Hilgay have in the whole school! In the Downham Area Netball tournament they were undefeated, not even conceding a single goal.

As champions of the Downham Market area they represented the area at the West Norfolk partnership Finals. There they won 4 out of 5 games, with just one narrow defeat 2 -3 to finish as runners up.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who have represented our small communities so well.

Celebrity Chef visits Hilgay School

By Beth Walpole, Ryan Walker and Kelly Oldfield

On Thursday 18th March 2010, Gamma Class were involved in a once-in-a-lifetime experience, with Galton Blackiston.

The canteen looked so different. When we were seated he introduced himself; I had never heard of him before. I had to cough to make the other children quieter so Galton could speak. We all took part making some delicious dishes including: fish fingers, green mashed potatoes and real strawberry jelly. The making bread was fun. Bethany punched the dough and kneaded it, My personal favourite was making the 'Out of this World biscuits!' I thoroughly enjoyed making them .. and eating them. Also I did like making the fish fingers, because when we picked up the fish it was really cold, it gave me the chills. We made the amazing batter by dipping the plaice in flour, then egg yolk, then in breadcrumbs. When I tasted the Strawberry jelly my whole body was filled with joy; it was irresistible.

We were called the Greatest School that he had cooked for! Galton gave our school a book signed by himself.

I will be trying some of the dishes myself at home.

HILGAY SILVER BAND FORTHCOMING 2010 DATES

- 24 April To mark St Georges Day – at the Town Square, Downham
- 2 May The Hunstanton Bandstand on The Green
- 16 May The Walks Bandstand, King's Lynn
- 30 May The Hunstanton Bandstand on The Green
- 6 June The Green at Beachemwell
- 19 June The Vicarage at Watlington Church
- 24 June Hilgay Methodist Chapel (fundraiser for remedial works)
- 4 July The Walks Bandstand, King's Lynn

HILGAY SILVER BAND UPDATE **from Brian Doy**

Members of Hilgay Silver Band and their families celebrated the achievements of the Band during the recent Annual Awards Night at the Crown Hotel, Downham Market, on Saturday 6th February 2010.

A group of 30 enjoyed a buffet supper, followed by a light hearted quiz, before I, in my capacity as Chairman, presented the prizes.

Winners were:

Joanne Wiltshire - Best Beginner
Susie Wiltshire - Most Improved (Youth Band)
Liam Convery - Most Improved (Youth Band)
Lucy Dean - Best Attendance

The Senior Band is always on the look out for new players, and at the moment are **desperately looking for a new conductor**

Beginners of all ages are most welcome – with free tuition, a free instrument, and free music.

If you are interested in joining us please telephone me on **01366 387 630**.

TEN MILE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

require a CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Honorarium pay to be negotiated with the Governing Body

The Governors are looking to appoint a new Clerk from September 2010.

The post will entail all duties associated with the role for 2 - one hour committee meetings and one full board meeting (2 hours) each half term. Committee meetings start at 4.30pm and are both held on the same evening, usually a Wednesday and the full board meeting starts at 6:00 again on Wednesdays.

If you have the skills and would be interested in this important post at our school please contact the Head Teacher initially through the school.

Tel/Fax: 01366 377310

Email: office@tenmilebank.norfolk.sch.uk

If you wish to visit us - this will be arranged at a mutually convenient time for yourself and the Chair of Governors.

Closing Date 23rd April 2010

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCH ROAD, TEN MILE BANK! John Robinson would like to thank the residents of Church Road, Ten Mile Bank for their donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care. The total he collected was **£69.44**.

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HILGAY SWINGS INTO ACTION FOR NEW PLAY AREA

A team of dedicated parents from Hilgay is campaigning for a £50k County Council 'Playbuilder' grant to fund a new community play area for the village. If successful, the money will be added to funding the group has already secured, including £15k from the Borough Council and £5k from Hilgay Parish Council.

The idea for updating the area came due to concerns over the ageing and very dated play equipment in the village. Older residents in the village remember when the existing play equipment was installed on the playing field, in the 1960s. None of this equipment really presents the challenges and excitement which children are looking for today. "I think it needs updating because now the big slide is closed we haven't got any interesting play equipment and we get bored!" said Maddie Robinson, aged 10. It is evidently high time for thorough makeover!

So, it was time to call on some play experts – the children of the Parish – to find out what their vision for the future of their play area is. The theme for the proposed play area is 'Water', reflecting the importance of the river Wissey to the village, and its position in the Fenland. Hilgay School has joined in by holding writing and model-making activities to show what the pupils would like, resulting in some great ideas, including pirate ships, desert islands and giant water monsters!

If the funding is received, the children's ideas will be translated by a landscape architect into an area which combines 'natural' play elements such as climbing boulders, tree trunks and grassy mounds, with modern versions of 'traditional' equipment, such as a basket swing and rotating climbing frame.

"We are looking for a park that will inspire the young to be involved in healthy outdoor play, as well as an area all residents of the village can enjoy, and feel proud of. If we are awarded the Playbuilder grant, we will be able to make this plan a reality for the village" comments Anita Stewart, one of the fundraisers.

Natural features such as large boulders, wood and planting will be used to create mazes, trails and games. Around the area will be hardy trees and shrubs to provide shade in summer and colourful interest in winter. A new community seating area with picnic benches will be created, so that everyone can enjoy the new landscaped park. The area will become a much more 'three-dimensional' fun space where people can chat or watch the world go by while children play and exercise safely – and all without having to get into the car. Possible ideas for the future include adding a community garden, orchard, and teenager/adults' exercise equipment.

Hilgay Swings Into Action For New Play Area contd ..

This is Hilgay's opportunity to create a legacy play and community area which can develop over time. The village has really pulled together on this project, which even boasts its own Facebook page – "Hilgay Village Needs a New Community Play Area NOW!!!"



Many people have signed up to donate their time in helping with the landscaping when the project starts.

CGM Ltd, based at West Dereham have designed the landscaping free of charge, creating visuals so that the children and residents can see how their ideas would look if the funding is received.

Hilgay farmer, Robbie Martin, has agreed to relocate a fallen tree-trunk which has been carved into seats.

The local Farm Shop, 'Dent's of Hilgay' has offered to provide some planting at cost, and to help with landscaping.

TO OFFER YOUR SUPPORT OR PRACTICAL HELP, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH THROUGH FACEBOOK OR THE LYNN NEWS.

TEN MILE BANK CP SCHOOL COUNCIL MEET WITH HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Ten Mile Bank CP School Council members - Jessika –Chair, Holly-Secretary, Emily-Year1, Holly-Year 2, Benjamin-Year 3, Oliver-Year 4, and Philip-Year 5 called a formal meeting with Hilgay Parish Council to discuss proposals drawn up from networking with their fellow pupils.



Proposals agreed include:

1. Improved bus shelter- needs to be enclosed, with seating. It was unanimously agreed that the School Council would research costs and types of suitable bus shelters.
2. Village Clock to be located at the Church or Village Sign. Raymond Houghton, Vice Chairman, suggested on top of the bus shelter would be a good location for a village clock, and that a solar powered clock would be ideal. It was unanimously agreed that the School Council would combine research of this proposal with their research on bus shelters.
3. Improved bus service into Downham Market. Clerk to the Parish Council to look into this matter.
4. Additional Play Equipment on Ten Mile Bank Playing Field to include a slide and roundabout. It was unanimously agreed that the School Council research costs and model of equipment.

Ten Mile Bank CP School Council Meeting contd ..

The School Council also outlined their numerous plans for their school.

Those plans involving the help of Hilgay Parish Council included:



1. To make use of the marshy area in the School grounds by turning it into a wildlife area. It was unanimously agreed that the School Council would draw up a plan and costings for the proposed wildlife area for consideration for a donation from Hilgay Parish Council.

2. Outside School:- Proposal that the bus pick up/ drop off location for the High School bus be relocated away from the junction of Station Road and moved to the bus shelter. Cllr Chris Dawe advised that the bus timetable information needs relocating to the bus shelter. Clerk to progress.

Ten Mile Bank Primary School Appeal

Do you have any old dressing up clothes that could do with a new home?.

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