

# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH MAGAZINE

## GILSTON & EASTWICK VILLAGE HALL

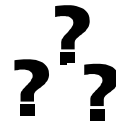
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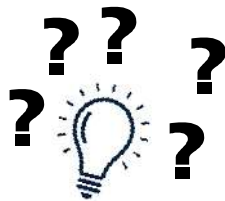
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# FEBRUARY 2026

# GILSTON AND EASTWICK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



See below a calendar of all clubs and classes that take place at our hall.  
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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	Parish Clerk- Christine Law 01279 411646 Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of January, March, May, July, September & November	8.00pm – 10.00pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Puppy Classes</b>	<a href="mailto:Sam@thedogcoach.co.uk">Sam@thedogcoach.co.uk</a>	6.30pm – 7.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Phonics Fox</b>	Amy Abbitt – <a href="mailto:amy@thephonicsfox.com">amy@thephonicsfox.com</a>	9.30am – 11.30am
	<b>Pilates</b>	Adam Benton – 07966683193	6.00pm – 7.00pm
		Hall Cleaning	1.00pm – 3.00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Baby Massage</b>	Elena Luck	9.30am – 2.30pm
	<b>Irish Dancing</b>	Amanda Hennigan – 07713974077	6.30pm – 8.30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Chair Pilates</b>	Sarah-Jane - 07971338980	11.00am – 12noon
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b>			

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**Booking enquiries:** [gevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:gevillagehall@gmail.com) for all booking enquiries or go to the Village Hall new web site:

[hallbookingonline.com/gilstoneastwick](http://hallbookingonline.com/gilstoneastwick) to see if the date you require is free and make a provisional booking.

## GILSTON AND EASTWICK VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### 7.00PM

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

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# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 – 8.00PM

**THIS IS THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ( this is a meeting of the electorate and not a Parish Council meeting) This will be followed by a Full Business Council Meeting**

VILLAGE HALL, PYE CORNER

All residents are most welcome to attend our council meetings.

CHRISTINE LAW - PARISH CLERK  
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**Speed Management Strategy consultation.**

Please see a link to a survey regarding views on Hertfordshire County Council updating our Speed Management Strategy (SMS) (2020), which provides a consistent approach to setting speed limits in the county.

[Speed Management Strategy | Let's Talk Transport for Hertfordshire](#)

The SMS provides the benchmark against which Hertfordshire County Council decide on how new speed limits are set as well as whether physical road calming measures are required and which would be appropriate.

We receive several hundred requests each year from residents and stakeholders to reduce speed limits. Each request is assessed against the SMS to determine whether a reduction is appropriate. It is therefore important to hear from our partners and stakeholders about their views on current speed limits in the county as well as understanding and developing the processes the County Council should follow for setting new speed limits. This survey is intended for key stakeholders, and we would be grateful if you could help share it with relevant contacts, such as residents' groups or local businesses.

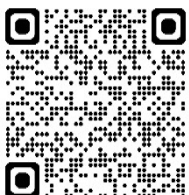
By completing this survey, you will help shape how Hertfordshire County Council sets future speed limits across the county.

### 2023 Aerial Photographs

In 2023 Aerial Photographs were taken of our lovely parish. These photographs can be viewed in the Photo Gallery on the website.

You can access the Photo Gallery by going to <http://www.eastwickandgilston.org.uk/gallery.php?id=24> or by scanning the QR code below.

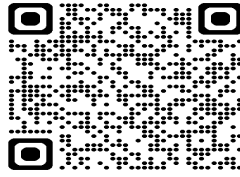
In the Photo Gallery you will see that there are different galleries for different areas of the parish. We are working on a way to enable people to easily download the photographs for personal use and will hopefully have more information to share on this soon.



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### EASTWICK & GILSTON PARISH COMMUNITY WEB SITE:



[eastwickandgilstonparish.org.uk](http://eastwickandgilstonparish.org.uk)

[www.gilston.info](http://www.gilston.info)  
[gilston@meeting-place.uk](mailto:gilston@meeting-place.uk)

**HUNSDON EASTWICK & GILSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP WEBSITE:** [hegnp.org.uk](http://hegnp.org.uk) - For all regular updates and information from the group you can subscribe to the mailing list at this link: <https://tinyletter.com/gilston>.

**EAST HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL:** <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk>. Telephone 01279 655261

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:** <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>. Telephone 030012234040

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Continuing an interesting and very varied programme for everyone this year, Sarah Kerrison from Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies will give us an insight into Researching Your House, how different periods are defined; so interesting to discover the various ways this research is undertaken. This year is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there are plans to publish a photobook of Sawbridgeworth, so please get in touch if you have photos or information which may help as we compile this. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 26th February in the Hailey Centre – doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm. Non-members £5. Members £2. Why not join – membership is £10 individual and £15 joint. [www.sbwhistory.com](http://www.sbwhistory.com)



## Benefice of High Wych and Gilston with Eastwick

Church website: [stjameshighwych.org.uk](http://stjameshighwych.org.uk)

Facebook: Gilston & Eastwick church's

For all recorded church services go to the Facebook page above.

### FEBRUARY SERVICES 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
	Candlemas	9.30am	Breakfast followed at 10.00am by Family Service	St James, High Wych
8 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Gilston
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday next before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		3.00pm	Messy Church	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		11.15am	Family Service	St Botolph's Eastwick
27 <sup>th</sup> February		2.30pm	Rivers Service	Rivers

Benefice churches will be open for private prayer. St James, open every day 9.00am to 4.00pm. An information notice is displayed outside the church. St Mary's open every day 8.00am to 4.00pm and for advice on opening of St. Botolph's for private prayer, please contact Rev. Alison Jackson.

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# February Letter



## Faith, Hope and Love: Being With Our Communities

February is often wrapped in the language of love. Cards, chocolates, flowers and well-meaning slogans remind us that love is something to be celebrated—sometimes loudly, sometimes commercially. But the love we are called to as Christians is deeper, quieter, and far more demanding than sentiment alone.

Since I arrived in the Benefice, we have spent time together looking honestly and prayerfully at who we are, and who we hope God is calling us to be. We have asked not just what our churches do, but how we are present—how we *are with* our communities in the everyday rhythms of life.

Out of these conversations has come a new Benefice Mission Statement:

**“As a Benefice we are dedicated to ‘being with’ our communities to bring faith, hope and love, showing that God’s places belong to all.”**

Those words—*being with*—have mattered deeply to us. They remind us that mission is not something we deliver from a distance, but something we live out alongside our neighbours. Making the opportunity to collect money for our local Winter Night Shelter and The Children’s Society at our Christmas services and food for our Pop Up shop on a regular basis, and being able to support many local charities through the Scarecrow Festival are really important to us. It is about presence before programmes, relationship before results. We ask the question ‘who benefits’ because we are here? It is important to us as a church that we are meeting the needs of our communities, our community dog walks are a way of ‘being with’ those amongst us who like to walk (with or without a dog) and they will be restarting in March this year. We are always open to suggestions for initiatives that will benefit our community. This is why we now have our Jimmy’s Baby and Toddler Group and our monthly Wednesday Welcome.

To help us live into this calling, we have reflected together on the values that might guide us. As mentioned before, four have emerged as especially important: **Openness, Commitment, Kindness and Fun**. These are not abstract ideals, but practical expressions of love, rooted firmly in Scripture—particularly in the words of 1 Corinthians 13.

Paul’s famous passage is often read at weddings, but it was never meant to be confined to romantic love. It is a description of how Christian community is meant to look and feel. Without love, Paul says, even the most impressive faith is empty noise. With love, ordinary acts become holy.

**Openness** calls us to connect with those we have not reached before. Love, Paul reminds us, “is not self-seeking.” It turns us outward. Openness asks us to notice who feels absent, unheard, or unsure whether they belong—and to take the risk of making space. This may mean rethinking familiar patterns, listening more carefully, and allowing ourselves to be changed by the people we meet. We are in the process of looking at all areas of inclusion:- disability; sexuality; mental health; poverty; gender; ethnicity; and this will continue over the next few years. This is one of the reasons we are pursuing creating step-free access for St James, to make it easier for people with wheelchairs, walkers and buggies to access our building, over 2026 we will be revisiting our sound system to make sure that is working well and will help people who are hard of hearing and we also now use a screen at St James to allow us to be more visually creative. These are a few of the things we are doing but we are also looking at both the churches in Eastwick (St Botolph’s) and Gilston (St Mary’s) to bring them more up-to-date with running water, toilets, sound systems and more community areas, getting them ready for the many ‘new people’ who will join our communities in the future as the new housing development begins to be built.

**Commitment** reflects love that “always perseveres.” We are committed to nurturing people of all ages in diverse and appropriate ways, using imagination and courage. In a world that often moves on quickly, commitment says we will stay. In all our communities the church has been ‘open’ and available to everyone for hundreds of years. We will invest time, prayer and energy, trusting that God works patiently, even when growth is slow or unseen. We are investing time in our children to help them to grow well through Messy Church and our Family services, to consider others and learn about Jesus and how Jesus can shape all our lives for the benefit of our communities and ourselves.

**Kindness** sits at the very heart of Paul’s words: “Love is patient, love is kind.” Kindness is not weakness; it is a powerful witness in a fractured world. It means embracing everyone on their journey of life and faith, no matter where they are. No preconditions. No hidden tests. Just the steady assurance that God’s love meets us exactly as we are, and invites us to walk forward together.

And then there is **Fun**—a value that may surprise some, but one we have come to treasure. Joy is not an optional extra in the life of faith. Creating opportunities for people to come together, connect and enjoy themselves reflects a generous God who delights in community, the Bible is full of stories of celebrations. Laughter, shared meals, creativity and celebration can open doors that sermons alone sometimes cannot.

Paul ends his great chapter with words we may know well: “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” Faith sustains us. Hope lifts our eyes beyond the present moment. But love is what the world encounters first when we truly live the Gospel.

As we move forward together as a Benefice, our prayer this February is simple but profound: that we may be known not primarily for our buildings, our traditions, or even our activities, but for our love. A love that is open, committed, kind and joyful. A love that reflects Christ. A love that shows, in quiet and faithful ways, that God’s places truly belong to all.

Your Priest, Alison

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**THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY**

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)



The walk descriptions that can be downloaded from The Hundred Parishes website refer to many interesting buildings along each route. Some of the larger and more ancient homes are described as hall houses, having been constructed as a communal hall with one or two wings at the side. The hall would have been heated by a log fire in the centre of the room, its smoke drifting upwards through vents in the roof.

The hall house design fell out of favour, mainly during the period 1550 to 1650 AD, when it became fashionable to instal a fireplace against a wall, complete with a flue or chimney which took away the smoke and also provided an upward draft to encourage the fire to burn.

Where the flue or chimney breached the roofline, it often continued upwards as a chimney pot. In grander houses, these became fashionable accessories and a good number survive today.

During the 19th century, more and more houses had fires and now they tended to be fuelled by coal. Chimneys became narrower and their pots were less ornate. Fireplaces would be installed in multiple rooms, so houses might have several chimneys.

From mid-20th century, open fires were largely replaced by various forms of central heating and chimney pots are not usually required on new houses. Older pots are sometimes removed before they need maintenance.

You are encouraged to look up at our surviving chimney pots, especially those from long ago. Here are some of the wonderful local examples: Badynghams at Great Waltham; Tudor House in Newport; Cable Cottage in Puckeridge; Brook House at North End, Felsted and Stansted Hall in Stansted Mountfitchet. Not so easy to find, but on various walk routes: Moyns Park in Steeple Bumpstead, Broadoaks in Wimbish, and Dynes Cottage in Finchingfield. Happy spotting!

Ken McDonald, Secretary



**Nature Notes by the late Cynthia Howe, long-time nature lover and resident of Gilston**

Friday, 4 February 2011  
Dunnock Interplay

Today I watched interesting aggressive behaviour between dunnocks. I put the bird food out as usual and a dunnock was first on the scene, as he ate, another dunnock flew at him very fast, stopped and settled just in front of him. He swiftly leaned down so his head was close to the ground and his chest was resting on it. Next he spread his wings slightly and slowly advanced, the first dunnock retreated a few steps before flying away.

The second dunnock gained nothing by his aggressive behaviour because as he picked up his first beakful of seed a robin flew down and chased him away.

I found this show of aggression interesting because this is the first time I have witnessed a territorial display between dunnocks, I have watched them for many years and they have always fed happily together.

Saturday, 5 February 2011  
Robins Nesting

Have noticed recently the moss on the lawn is very disturbed, looking out of the window I saw a robin busy collecting the moss, obviously for his nest. Unfortunately I didn't notice where he took it.

I am sure however that he was one half of the pair who live near the garage, often in the greenhouse, we also have a pair who nest inside the garage, another pair who nest on the bottom lawn area and the fourth pair who nest on the bank. So with spring coming I shall have to put food out in a much wider area to stop territorial fights, caused when they go into or through each others territories to access food.

Sunday, 6 February 2011  
February Flowers

I wrapped up and braved the cold February weather today to walk round the garden and enjoy the many spring flowers.

Everywhere I looked there were snowdrops in varying stages of growth, some were barely poking through the earth, just the very tips of their leaves, while others had already grown, shown themselves at their best and were finished flowering and are now swelling their seedpods. The ones in full flower were so pristine and beautiful, untouched by the extreme cold and prettily nodding in the wind.

Remember, if you have snowdrops in your garden to not let the clumps grow too large without splitting and replanting them in smaller groups or even singly (they will soon clump up), left undivided they may succumb to a virus and you risk losing them all. The best time to plant or split snowdrops is when they have finished flowering and still have a good show of green leaves.

The camellia buds have grown fat during the long, cold winter and I look forward to their pretty flowers. On the bank behind the camellia is a veronica cascading down, it is a mass of buds and already has a few open flowers. These flowers look nothing by themselves but when seen en masse they are breathtaking, and they flower for such a long time.

There are still drifts and clumps of aconites around the garden, like the snowdrops they like the shade. Another shade loving plant is chinodoxia or glory of the snow, a pretty snowdrop-sized flower, very pale blue and with a mid-blue stripe running down the centre of the outside of the petals.

Monday, 7 February 2011  
A10 To Papworth

The crocuses are out in the front garden, I saw them as I was leaving home. It is a beautiful day, only eight degrees, but so bright and sunny.

The deciduous trees are still bare, but the roadsides are lit up by the many catkins hanging from hazels. They vary in colour from greenish yellow to brownish yellow, and they not only make my heart sing but also bring a smile to my face. The sun is shining, spring is coming, the birds are singing, and I feel so blessed to have eyes to see and ears to hear.

It is a pretty ride between my home and Papworth. In places, the fields stretch for many miles until they reach the horizon, they gently undulate and are made up of so many shades of green. Here and there are newly ploughed fields of broken mud, dried to a light brown in the sun. The section of the A10 we travel along is such a pretty road I wish I could capture it and properly share it.

Going through Repton we passed a large detached house with tall chimneys and four or five chimney pots on top, I saw a bird fly in amongst them and then noticed its untidy nest wedged up there, I guess if they burn fires in the house, then that's a warm place to nest.

Wednesday, 9 February 2011  
Sunset and Crescent Moon

A breathtakingly beautiful sunset this evening. I took photographs and turned back to go indoors when I noticed a reflection of the sunset in the kitchen window, it was beautiful and I photographed that as well.

Looking up I saw a crescent moon. It was interesting to look from the moon to the sunset and back again, and fascinating to be caught between such a magnificent sunset and the reflection of it, and then to look up and overhead see the crescent moon in a seemingly plain stretch of sky, with no hints of sunset at all.

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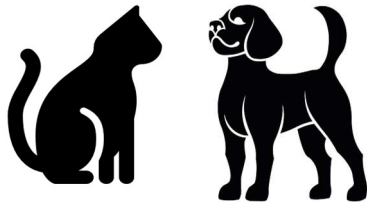


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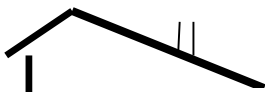
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### NEXT SESSION 15th February

High Wych  
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(3:00pm-5:00pm)

This is a free, all-age, family friendly event focused on having fun and creating time for us to come together and hear the stories of Jesus, plus other bible stories, and growing as a community.

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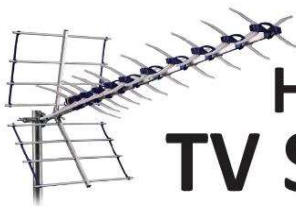
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Can be found on the outside at the front of the building by the notice board.



The Lion Public House, Eastwick – CM20 2QP

Can be found in the covered area to the right of the pub courtyard.

St Mary's Church, Gilston Lane, Gilston – CM20 2RJ

Can be found in the porch as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

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The defibrillator is designed to be very easy to use and talks you through what you need to do step by step.

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Our Parish Council and Community website has been relaunched at a new location <https://eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk/>

We have aimed to provide local information and act as a hub with links to the services that residents will find useful together with, amongst others, our Parish Magazine, Aerial Photos of our parishes to view and download and a link to the Village Hall online booking system where you can check availability and enter a provisional booking for yourself.

Links to services include:

- Planning Applications
- Recycling & Waste Collection – check your next collection day
- East Herts Report an Issue - submit issues to the relevant local authority, such as potholes, missed bin collections and more
- Roadworks and Road Maintenance - The Causeway one.network website informs you of all current and upcoming planned roadwork
- Gilston Area Information Hub - A hub for residents and businesses to see what construction works are due to be undertaken in the development of the Gilston Area as well as providing a means to report any estates management issues.
- Harlow and Gilston Garden Town information
- The Gilston Estate – Places for People’s website detailing the development planning stages
- Location of the 4 defibrillators supplied by your Parish Council

If you have an activity or event you would like to offer to Eastwick and Gilston residents you can email your text to [clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk) to have it published on the News page

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