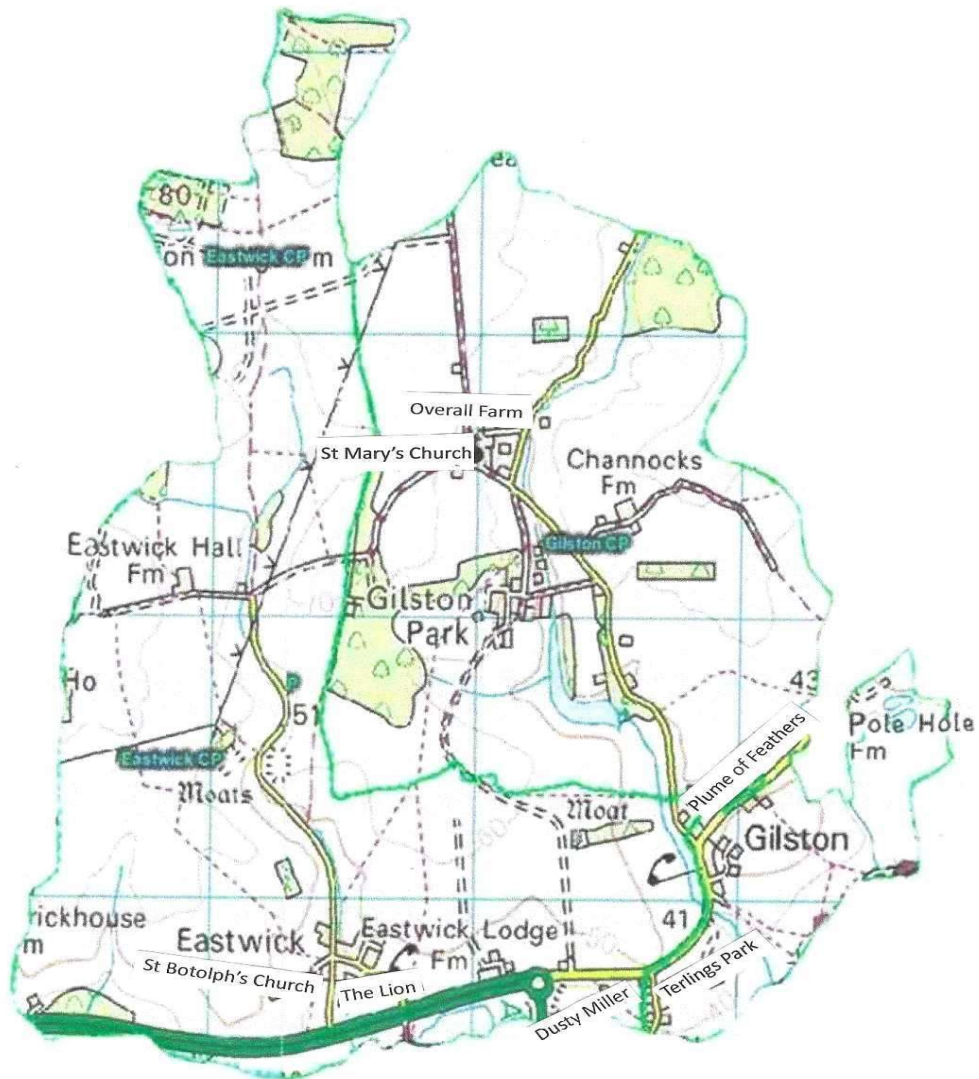


# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH MAGAZINE



MAY 2026

# GILSTON AND EASTWICK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



See below a calendar of all clubs and classes that take place at our hall.  
For more information about booking the hall go to [www.eastwickgilston.org.uk](http://www.eastwickgilston.org.uk)

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Parish Council</b> | Parish Clerk- Christine Law 01279 411646<br>Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of January, March,<br>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>    |                       |  |                  |

**Chair:** Carolyn Laing

**Vice Chair:** Janine Bryant

**Treasurer:** Linda Harvey

**Bookings Officer:** Erin Reilly 07710271611

**Holding Trustee:** Keith Harvey & Mary Jackson

**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.

**VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS for 2026:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Residents are most welcome to join us to see what the Village Hall is doing for the community.

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## ROADWORKS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Information about roadworks and road maintenance. The **Causeway one.network** website informs you of all current and upcoming planned roadworks.

To help us keep Hertfordshire's roads up to scratch we need **YOU** to let them know when things are not right!

So whether it's a pothole, pavement problem, faulty streetlight, icy road or any other Highway fault, report the issue at Hertfordshire County Council.

You can also email the Highways service (they will confirm when they receive your message) or phone 0300 123 4047 (line open from Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm).

# KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

## EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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



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Neighbourhood Planning Group  
Footpaths Officer



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# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 8.00PM

THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. This will be followed by The Parish Council Full Business Meeting

VILLAGE HALL, PYE CORNER

All residents are most welcome to attend our council meetings.

CHRISTINE LAW - PARISH CLERK  
01279 411646                      clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk

### WE STILL HAVE TWO VACANCIES TO BE FILLED FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK OR ONE OF OUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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DRAFT - The Parish Council Business Meeting of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Village Hall, Pye Corner, Gilston 8.00pm

**The Annual Parish Meeting** – This meeting gives the registered electors of the parish an opportunity to come and discuss any matters of importance within the community.

At the start of the meeting no residents were present so we went onto the Parish Council Business Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Cllr’s Beazley, Bryant, Marx, Orson, 1 member of the public (late arrival). Christine Law (Clerk) in attendance.

Cllr Buckmaster and Cllr Dunlop’s – Their reports are attached to these minutes and can also be found on the web site.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) NO residents were present for the section of the meeting.

**75) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- a) Cllr Harvey

**76) RECEIVE COUNCILLOR’S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a) None.

**77) MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- a) The minutes of 12th January 2026 meeting were proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Marx. Signed by Cllr Orson as a true record.

**78) ACCOUNTS**

- a) Clerks report to the Council of accounts summary (appendix 1).
- b) New Gilston Sign & Planter – Cllr Bryant informed the meeting that she had received a quote for this which would be £973.20 plus VAT.
- c) Terlings Park Little Free Library – The Parish council has received a request from Terlings Park for funding this project at a cost of £1,013.00. Proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Beazley.

- d) For information £20,000.00 has been transferred to the CCLA account making a total of 240,000.00 we invested.

Items a-b proposed by Cllr Marx and seconded by Cllr Beazley.

## **79) PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS**

- a) Grassland, Pye Corner, Gilston – 3/23/1110/FUL – Retrospective change of use of buildings A (Class e), B (class B8), c (Class B8), D (Class B8), E (Class B8) and F (Class E). Awaiting decision.
- b) X/25/0215/CND – Discharge condition 6 (Strategic Landscape Masterplan) attached to 3/19/1045/OUT – Land North of the Stort Valley and the A414 Gilston, Herts. Approved.
- c) The Old Rectory, Gilston Lane, Gilston – 3/25/1522/FUL – Conversion of and alterations to existing detached garage to form 1 x 2-bed maisonette to first floor with associated works including creation of residential curtilage and bin/cycle store (retrospective) Application has been refused.
- d) 5no. Interpretation Boards, 2no. Flag Poles and 1no. QR post in Public Open Spaces at Terlings Park – Land east of Terlings Avenue, Southeast and south of Bowlby Hill and south and south-west of Turvin Crescent – 3/25/1620/ADV. Has been granted.
- e) Channoeks Farm House – Amendment \_ Erection of Cartlodge building to accommodate a garage for 2 vehicles, domestic storage and workshop, with the associated construction o a new driveway – 3/25/1815/HH. Awaiting decision.
- f) The Old Rectory, Gilston – 3/25/1522/FUL has been refused but now has gone to appeal. 26/00001/REFUSE. Awaiting decision.
- g) Eastwick Road, Eastwick – 3/26/0260/HH & 3/26/0261/LBC – Single storey rear extension, internal alterations to kitchen, replacement door and removal of non-original doors, repair works to render, roof and timber work. Awaiting decision.

## **80) PARISH PATHS**

Cllr Orson reported

- a) Eastwick Hall Farm has been vacated. PFP advise that It's outside of the planning application area and there are no immediate or long terms plans other than re-letting, hopefully to the local farmer as we don't want it vacant and making the site secure.
- b) Permissive path at E7, where the Estate has opened and marked the permissive path through the wood around Eastwick Hall Farm a bridge is needed across the ditch as on one side there is at least a 1m drop that has created a potential H&S hazard. When walking from Eastwick toward Hunsdon the ground is higher and the ditch is not immediately visible. PFP are awaiting a quote for a bridge which is expect early February
- c) Archaeological Survey work that in places crosses footpaths - activity will continue through February and likely into March as once the archaeologists have finished PFP will be undertaking noise surveys on the south of where Village 6 is and ground investigations across the two villages, so residents will see people out recording the noise and also piling rigs taking borehole surveys. This will all be put on the gilston.info website and in the newsletter.
- d) Waymarks to be reinstated by HCC Rights of Way contractor on FP22 FP8
- e) Footpath Map Boards, Cllr Orson has inspected them and found the one at Eastwick Village War Memorial needs repair to one of the supports. Clerk has been asked to write to supplier to find out costs of new columns

## **81) COMMUNITY FORUM/ NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Cllr Bryant reported:

- a) EHC Gilston Area Community Forum held 18th February 2026. Significant presentation by Places for People providing an overview of proposed road infrastructure works, phasing and possible traffic management (contraflows, etc.) Places for People phasing:
  - i) Hold a community drop in event in March to present proposals in detail

- ii) Enabling works to commence after Easter
  - iii) Main programme starting Summer 2026
  - iv) Community drop-in events will be held once the exact timings and details of the upcoming works have been confirmed
- b) EHC and Places for People presentations are available via the parish website and at the East Herts Gilston Area Community Forum webpage. In addition, there is a brief PPT by Taylor Wimpey which was not presented at the CF due to lack of time.
- i) <https://eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk/> NEWS Section
  - ii) <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/community-forums/gilston-area-community-forum>.
- Previous forum presentations are also available here.
- c) The next Community Forum is expected to be held during May 2026. We urge residents to attend these forums and, if possible, submit questions, via email, at least 10 days before to [community\\_forum@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:community_forum@eastherts.gov.uk). There is also an opportunity to “drop-in” between 6:30 and 7:00pm for informal discussion with EHC councillors, planning officers and developer representatives. You can also ask for specific topics you want to learn more about to be included in future meetings.
- d) Neighbourhood Development. There has been little apparent activity over the winter months other than archaeological and environmental surveys.
- i) Strategic Landscape Masterplan – amended – has now been approved
  - ii) Village 1 – 6 X/25/0215/CND Discharge condition 6 (Strategic Landscape Masterplan) attached to 3/19/1045/OUT, 15th December 2025
  - iii) Village 7 - X/25/0225/CND Full Discharge of Condition 10 (Strategic Landscape Masterplan) and Full Discharge of Condition 11 (Strategic Landscape Design Code) Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 3/19/2124/OUT (Gilston - Village 7), 15th December 2025
- So expect things to start after Easter
- iv) Places for People held a Villages 5 & 6 Masterplanning Community Working Group (CWG), Thursday 5th February. 23 members of the public attended, including NPG members and various representatives / residents of Harlow.
- v) Further CWG sessions will be held later in the year, alongside wider community engagement drop-in sessions. Submission of the Village 5 and 6 Masterplans to East Herts District Council is anticipated later in the year.
- e) The Neighbourhood Planning Group met 17th January and 2nd March. They also met the Director, Paula Hirst, of the HGGT 27th January. Anyone who wishes to get involved, please contact us or go to the [hegnp.org.uk](http://hegnp.org.uk) contact page
- f) Gilston Stakeholder Liaison Group – next meeting Tuesday 24th March. These meetings are between the parish councils of Eastwick & Gilston and Hunsdon, Places for People, PfP, and East Herts Council. The last meeting was held Thursday November 27th 2025. Agenda and discussion points published on the Eastwick & Gilston Community website, under Meetings.
- g) Useful websites:
- i) New Eastwick & Gilston Community website <https://eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk>
- h) Estate Management – Reminder. Places for People’s [gilston.info](http://gilston.info) website demonstrated at the February Community Forum. The website has 3 headings:
- i) Current Works – a map of current and planned works in the Gilston Area.
  - ii) Report an Issue – a map where any issues, eg tree fallen across a RoW, fly tipping, etc., can be reported
  - iii) News – construction works and developments for the Gilston Area.
- i) Roadworks updates.
- i) For information on current and upcoming roadworks go to [Causeway one.network https://one.network/uk/hertfordshire](https://one.network/uk/hertfordshire)

- ii) Places for People Gilstonparkestate website NEWS page. <https://www.gilston-parkestate.com/news/enabling-works-for-gilston-underway/>. Nothing new on roads since 20th December 2024
- j) Village 1 and Strategic Landscape Master Plan. <https://www.gilstonparkestate.com/get-involved/>
- k) Section 106 docs Villages 1 – 6. <https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PRSRKCGL00V00>
- l) Village 7 <https://www.village7.co.uk>
- m) Section 106 docs Villages 7. <https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PZKRYCGL05I00>
- n) East Herts Community Forums <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/community-forums/gilston-area-community-forum>

## 82) HIGHWAYS

Cllr Harvey was not present at this meeting but her written report states:

- a) Gilston Lane has had problems with potholes . These are now being repaired and some repairs have also been made at the top of Eastwick Hall Lane .
- b) The East Herts community forum link now provides details of the planned works beginning mid 2026 . This we are told will result in a closure of one of the carriageways along the A414. This will undoubtedly result in congestion and we await further information on plans for its mitigation.
- c) Pruning work has been undertaken along Roseley cottages Eastwick and the road appears in a better condition.
- d) There is now a locked gate preventing access to Eastwick Hall Farm and the Aerodrome.
- e) There is also a locked gate at the end of Gilston Lane and damage to the track which leads to Eastwick Hall Lane. only way out of Eastwick will be to the A414 which will be a concern in periods of high congestion and undoubted blockage. It will be a dilemma getting children to school and reaching work .
- f) Terlings Park also has only one exit onto the A414 and will probably have to detour around Redricks Lane to avoid congestion -probably only to meet it .
- g) It is important that the council addresses how children can be transported to what are necessarily a number of different schools in the area.
- h) It has been suggested that there will be traffic lights at Eastwick . Hopefully there will be traffic lights at Terlings also .

## 83) NEW HOMES BONUS/ INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

- a) New Gilston Village Sign
  - b) Terlings Park Little Free Library
- Both items were discussed under accounts.

## 84) VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Harvey was not present at this meeting but her written report states:

- a) The village hall held its AGM in February.
- b) A new chair had been appointed-Carolyn Laing -from Terlings . Janine Bryant will remain as vice chair . James Beazley & James Jones are welcomed as new committee members.
- c) Meetings will now be held every two months.
- d) We are pursuing upgrades with S106 funding to the toilet block and considering new flooring for the committee room.
- e) Hall usage & bookings remain satisfactory.

## 85) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Litter Picking – An email has been received from a resident of Pye Corner about the amount of rubbish that has accumulated along this stretch of the road. Cllr Orson contacted East Herts Council Customer Service and a scheduled litter pick has now been completed.
- b) Cllr Eric Buckmaster report is attached to these minutes.
- c) Cllr John Dunlop report is attached to these minutes

These reports are not published in the Parish Magazine but can be found with the minutes on the Parish web site.

- d) Cllr Beazley said that his contact at Mc Mullens who had been providing updates on the shut Dusty Miller had apparently moved on, and that recent requests for updates to their general enquiry address had not been responded to. As the Red Lion in Eastwick is in the same position it was agreed that the next request should refer to both pubs, and any correspondence cc to the Clerk.
- e) Cllr Bryant informed the meeting that one of the Defibrillator accessories will not be available as the design has been changed and possibly by the end of this year we shall have to replace the whole unit.

**86) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

- a) None.

**87) ITEMS COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA.**

- a) None.

**88) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) 11th May – Annual Meeting of the Council – Followed by the Parish Council Business Meeting
- b) 13th July – Parish Council Business Meeting
- c) 14th September – Parish Council Business Meeting
- d) 9th November – Parish Council Business Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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**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 AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PERIOD FOR THE  
EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

**Local Audit And Accountability Act 2014  
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)**

EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL'S annual return needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by the Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts and other documents relating to those records or documents.

These documents for Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council are to be made available on reasonable notice by application between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday – Friday (excluding public holidays).

Commencing on Tuesday 2nd June 2026  
And ending on Monday 13th July 2026

If you wish to view them then please contact the named Council representative:  
Mrs Christine Law, Parish Clerk, 9 Church Cottages, Gilston, Nr Harlow, Herts CM20 2RH  
Telephone: 01279 411646  
e-mail: [clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk)

Local electors and their representatives have rights to question the auditor about the accounts and object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. The auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose.

The small authority's annual return is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015.

The audit of Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council is being carried out by:  
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)  
30 Churchill Place  
London E14 5RE  
([sba@pkf-l.com](mailto:sba@pkf-l.com))

This announcement is made by Christine Law (Parish Clerk) Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council.

## Knife amnesty bins to be installed across the county

Permanent knife amnesty bins are being installed across the county in a bid to tackle knife crime.

Knife bins give communities the chance to dispose of knives anonymously and safely.

Hertfordshire Constabulary has organised the initiative in conjunction with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. It forms part of the Knife Angel's legacy after it was hosted in the borough by the police and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council throughout October 2025.

The visit of the 27 foot national sculpture saw a month-long programme of intensive anti-violence youth engagement events within Welwyn Hatfield and across the county.

All local councils across the county have signed up to install permanent knife bins. The bins are due to be in place by Friday 3 April.

Knife bins will be in the following locations:

- Welwyn Hatfield: Fretherne Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6NS (What3Words: breath.waddle.joined)
- Welwyn Hatfield: Market Place, Hatfield, AL10 0LJ (What3Words: glad.resort.twig)
- Broxbourne: Entrance to Dinant Road underpass from Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon (What3Words: adopt.clever.mugs)
- East Herts: Link Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2ES (What3Words: files.finger.tags)
- North Herts: Arena Parade car park, Letchworth Garden City (What3Words: belong.wool.tour)
- Stevenage: Fire Station, St George's Way, SG1 1HS
- Stevenage: Church Lane South car park, Old Town (What3Words: penny.gear.clown)
- St Albans: Bricket Road car park, AL1 3JT- under ramp (What3Words: walks.tender.critic)
- Dacorum: Queensway car park, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1HR - next to the public toilet building (What3Words: fortunate.value.teach)
- Watford: Footpath between Shaftesbury Road and Beechen Grove, WD17 2NJ (What3Words: such.also.slips)
- Three Rivers: Station Approach rear car park, South Oxhey, WD19 7DT (What3Words: cover.stove.rainy)
- Hertsmere: Civic Officers car park, Borehamwood, WD6 1TJ- the behind IBIS hotel and next to the recycling/clothing banks (What3Words: washed.bend.spite)

Welwyn Hatfield Chief Inspector Pete Frost said: "We are thrilled all councils across the county have signed up to install permanent knife bins. The Knife Angel's visit sparked important conversations across the county about tackling knife crime. We were determined to ensure there would be lasting change, and these knife bins are just one element of this. The knife bins will help remove knives from our streets and keep communities safe. The bins' presence across the county is a strong message that Hertfordshire stands against knife crime and all violence."

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Jonathan Ash-Edwards said: "While Hertfordshire is a safe county, one knife crime incident is one too many, which is why I funded permanent knife amnesty bins across the county. The Knife Angel's visit to Hertfordshire sparked important conversations about the impact of knife crime. It provided an opportunity for reflection, and the knife amnesty bins are an opportunity for action."

"By providing a simple, but effective way for people to make the right choice we are tacking practical ways to reduce harm and protect our communities. Every knife removed from our streets, is one less potential victim and that's what this legacy work is all about."

Councillor Sandreni Bonfante, Deputy Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Executive Member for Environment said: "We were proud to have partnered with Hertfordshire Constabulary to bring the Knife Angel to Welwyn Hatfield and to Hertfordshire for the first time. Through the installation of permanent knife bins Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield and across the county, we are creating a lasting legacy that encourages people to choose lives, not knives."

For more information about the Knife Angel's visit to Hertfordshire, visit [herts.police.uk/knifeangel](https://herts.police.uk/knifeangel)

You can report information about knife crime online at [herts.police.uk/report](https://herts.police.uk/report), speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via our online web chat at [herts.police.uk/contact](https://herts.police.uk/contact) or call the non-emergency number 101.

Alternatively, you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their untraceable online form at [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org).

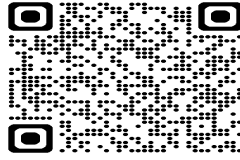
In an emergency, always call 999.

The What3Words app pinpoints exact locations by dividing the world into 3m squares with unique 3-word addresses. Residents are encouraged to download the app as it can assist in getting help to you in an emergency.

You can also find a bin at Harlow Town Station.

# USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

## 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

### FLY TIPPING

Report all Fly Tipping to East Herts Council on 01279 655261 or [enquiries@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastherts.gov.uk), [eastherts.gov.uk/fly tipping](http://eastherts.gov.uk/fly-tipping). In an emergency situation contact the Police on 999.

### HIGH WYCH POST OFFICE

Located at the rear of High Wych Memorial Hall. Open **Mondays** 9.30am – 12.30pm .  
**Wednesdays** 1.00pm – 3.15pm. **Thursdays** 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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Firstly our sincere apologies to those who have been trying to purchase our books through the website. We have only just discovered that there was a problem with the Stripe payment system, of which we had no knowledge until a customer contacted us as they had not received their order. We are pleased to say that the situation has now been rectified so we will be pleased to receive your orders – [www.sbwhistory.com](http://www.sbwhistory.com)

A very detailed history with slides was our talk in March from John Collier on Latton Priory, which was founded as an Augustinian monastic house where travellers would be provided with free food and accommodation. There are remains of the buildings from 1320 which are Grade 2 listed and not now on the “at risk register”

Come and visit our stall at the May Fayre on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, where we will have all our books for sale. We will also be pleased to hear about any local history connections, look at photographs or maps.

Our talk on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May will be from Christina Harrison on the fascinating history of Much Hadham Forge and highlights of its collections.



### Teddy Bears picnic

This very popular event returns this year in our enchanting Rivers Orchard, so come along with your favourite teddy, a blanket and a delicious picnic to enjoy. If you follow the paths you may find some teddies having a snooze on some branches and you can also enjoy blowing some bubbles to float among the trees. This will all be happening in the sunshine on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon – 2pm. We will have Rivers Apple juice on sale. If you need any further information please contact Hazel Mead [hazelmead404@btinternet.com](mailto:hazelmead404@btinternet.com)



## Benefice of High Wych and Gilston with Eastwick

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

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

### MAY SERVICES 2026

|                      |                                  |           |  |                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 8.00am    | BCP Holy Communion                           | St James, High Wych    |
|                      |                                  | 9.30am    | For Breakfast and 10.00am for Family Service | St James, High Wych    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 9.30am    | Holy Communion                               | St James, High Wych    |
|                      |                                  | 11.15am   | Holy Communion                               | St Mary's, Gilston     |
|                      |                                  | 12.00noon | Parochial Church Council – APCM              | St Mary's, Gilston     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 9.30am    | Holy Communion                               | St James, High Wych    |
|                      | Sunday after Ascension Day       | 11.00am   | Parochial Church Council – APCM              | St James, High Wych    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | PENTECOST                        | 9.30am    | Holy Communion                               | St James, High Wych    |
|                      | Whit Sunday                      | 11.15am   | Family Service                               | St Botolph's, Eastwick |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday                        | 10.00am   | Service                                      | Orchard Lea            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday                           | 2.30pm    | Service                                      | Rivers                 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Trinity Sunday                   | 9.30am    | Holy Communion                               | St James, High wych    |
|                      |                                  | 2.30pm    | Dog Walk                                     | Terlings Park          |

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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### A VERY BIG THANK YOU

We would like to send a very Big Thank You to all that helped prepare the Lent Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Wednesday Welcome Group. Thank You for the donations received of £273.35 which has gone to a local charity

The Bereavement Café.



## May Letter

### Finding Hope in Troubled Times – A May Reflection

Dear friends,

As May arrives, we find ourselves once again in that beautiful turning of the year when life seems to burst forth all around us. Gardens begin to bloom, trees stand clothed in fresh green, and the days stretch longer into the evening light. It is a season that speaks, quietly but persistently, of renewal and hope. Paul and I have been away for a week, walking in the Forest of Dean – surrounded by trees unfurling their leaves, sunshine and no mud to wade through!

And yet, if we are honest, it can feel hard to hold onto hope just now as we watch the world around us. We are living in times that often feel uncertain and unsettled. News of conflict and war weighs heavily on our hearts. We see suffering across the world, and perhaps closer to home too—in the struggles of daily life, in anxiety about the future, or in the quiet burdens people carry behind closed doors. It would be easy, in such times, to let discouragement take root.

But the message at the heart of our faith gently calls us in another direction. Hope, in the Christian sense, is not about ignoring reality or pretending everything is fine. It is something deeper and stronger than that. It is the quiet, steady trust that even in the darkest moments, God has not abandoned His world. It is the belief that light is never fully overcome by darkness. We see signs of this hope all around us, if we pause to notice them.

We see it in acts of kindness—small gestures that often go unseen: a neighbour checking in, a helping hand, a word of encouragement at just the right moment. We see it in communities that come together in difficult times. We see it in the resilience of those who keep going, even when life is hard.

And, of course, we see it in the season we have just celebrated—Easter. We have seen it in our many different services, some deeply reflective, some fun and family focussed, all bringing new people to share in this hope at Easter, the joy of being together, in community. The story of Jesus's resurrection is not simply about what happened long ago; it is a promise that new life can emerge even out of loss, that hope can rise even when all seems lost.

May, with its blossoms and brightness, echoes that promise.

Perhaps one way we can respond in these times is by becoming bearers of hope ourselves. During one of our recent church services we encouraged people to do 20 random acts of kindness, not looking for recognition or glory, just being able to make someone's day a little brighter. Is this something you could do? Not in grand or dramatic ways, but in the small, faithful choices of everyday life: choosing kindness over indifference, patience over frustration, generosity over fear.

We may not be able to change the course of global events, but we can shape the spirit of the places we inhabit—our homes, our streets, our villages. And that matters more than we sometimes realise. So this month, I invite you to take a little time to notice the signs of hope around you. Step outside and enjoy the beauty of creation. Reach out to someone who might need a friend. Say a prayer not only for peace in the world, but for peace in our own hearts.

In our church currently you can find prayer tree tags of 'our world' and pens so that you can write a prayer for our world and hang it on our prayer tree. And hold onto this truth: even in troubled times, hope is alive. It may be quiet, it may be fragile, but it is real—and it is ours to share.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13)

With every blessing,

Alison

Your Parish Priest

# Gilston Area Community Forum

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Next Community Forum is on

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

from 6.30-8.30pm

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The Romans introduced wine making to the UK and vines were cultivated to some extent until World War I when land was needed for growing food.

Viticulture (the process of growing grapes) began to revive in the 1970s with warmer summers and the development of grape varieties suited to English conditions. Today, we have several successful vineyards in The Hundred Parishes.

One of the first was Chilford Hall in Linton parish. It was run by the Alper family for 50 years before changing hands in 2024. The new owners continue to manage the 20-acre vineyard alongside their Grillo Outdoor Kitchen business.

In Great Bardfield, Great Lodge produces its own wines from six different grape varieties. The vineyard is open to visitors midweek from May to September and there is also a wedding venue on site. Website: <https://www.greatlodge.co.uk/vineyard/>

In Farnham, Hazel End Farm has been growing grapes for over thirty years. Their sparkling white wine is sold as Three Squirrels. This celebrates the fact that the Gosling family who own the land once had a bank in Fleet Street where a sign above the door read “Ye Three Squirrels”. Website: <https://www.corylet.com/>

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In Stansted Mountfitchet, a new vineyard was planted in 2021 on a south-facing slope. The first grapes were harvested in 2023 and wine from the Gonyah Vineyard is now on sale. Website: <https://www.thegonyahvineyard.com/> . This vineyard can be seen across the valley from Hundred Parishes walk number 137.

Another vineyard has appeared in recent years in Henham – and there may be others. Please email [hundred-parishes@btinternet.com](mailto:hundred-parishes@btinternet.com) if you find any more.



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

Sunday, 9 May 2010  
Spring is Really Here

Down by the river, the brambles are growing thickly and prickly.

Knee-high stinging nettles on either side of the path lean in to “kiss” you with their wickedly toxic tips. Through the woods, sturdy bluebells grow strongly between the delicate-leaved and pretty, lacy flowers of the umbellifers family, including cowslips. They make such a pretty combination with the bluebells.

Spring really is here at last, despite the coldness of some days. On the river, the brown and yellow fluffy balls of ducklings are floating alongside their mother. Everywhere is prettied by wildflowers and fresh new green growth. A huge carpet of ransoms caresses the woodland floor near to where snowdrops and aconites covered it a few short weeks ago. Along the verges, pink campion, blue water forget-me-nots, jack by the hedge – where the orange tip butterflies lay their eggs and white dead nettles grow. You can pull off one of the white flowers and suck the nectar from the end. It is surprisingly sweet, unless the ants and bees have beaten you to it. Elderflowers are now breaking bud. The may blossom lies thickly gracing the top of the hawthorn branches and is reminiscent of the freshly fallen snow of just a few months ago.

Monday, 10 May 2010  
On Route to Chelmsford

We are driving along the winding roads to Chelmsford for my dental appointment. We pass by olive coloured oak trees, weeping willows and apple trees bursting with blossom. We move through banks of yellow cowslips and even yellower fields of rape. There are high hedges and higher trees, roadside edges yellow with buttercups and dandelion, white with dead nettles and plants of the umbellifers family. Here are there are clumps of pink campion. Horse chestnuts proudly holding their flower spikes aloft like candles on a birthday cake. Have you ever looked closely at one of those flowers? They are exquisite.

Reaching the suburbs, ornamental trees and shrubs abound, as do:  
lilacs, berberis, chrysanthemums, laburnum, copper beech, red robin, the floriferous montana, clematis and flowering cherries.

Saturday, 15 May 2010  
Trip to Grantchester

We are traveling along a new stretch of the A10 on the way to Grantchester. Coincidentally this is the furthest back we have gone tracing Mike's family tree, 1720. This is a particularly lovely stretch as for miles one drives through thousands of cowslips.

Cowslips and primroses have always been favourites of mine – as a child I was sent out to collect armfuls of them.

I love these sun-drenched evenings when the sun catches the treetops making them glow golden, while at ground level verges, banks and bushes are in shadow because the sun is so low in the sky.

As you drive through the village of Buckland, there is a cream coloured house with a very eye-catching shrub growing up the side of it.

So many road kills alongside the A10, including foxes, pheasants and badgers.

We saw many rabbits along the verges and in one spot two chasing each other up and down a bank.

Our lovely afternoon in Grantchester included seeing, for the first time, Grantchester Meadows. They are beautiful, bordered on one side by a flat, easily walkable footpath, and on the other by the river Cam, with its clean and relatively fast-flowing water and wonderful reflections of the trees edging it. One or two of the

meadows were home to beautiful cattle that resembled Devon Reds. We had to pass between them. Normally, I am suspicious and untrusting of cattle, but these were so docile. I saw many people walk past them, and noted how even when dogs were near the cattle took no notice. When my turn came I walked through easily and even stopped to take some photographs.

Sunday, 16 May 2010

### Magpies are More than Scavengers

There has been so much I could have written about, but one thing stands out above all others because it was so unexpected. It was around 8.45p.m. when our attention was drawn to the garden through the kitchen window, by the sound of blackbirds in distress. I have already written about the siting of the magpie nest and the grandstand view of the garden, and the wildlife therein from their lofty lookout, but I haven't yet told of how bullying the magpies have become. They spend a great deal of each day chasing and harrying the larger garden birds; blackbirds, jays, crows and pigeons -- for some reason they show no interest in the smaller birds, although I have seen them chasing the squirrel many times.

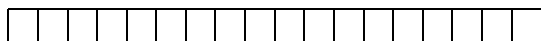
The blackbirds are the worst affected and hardly have a minute's peace, the magpies swoop on them constantly, chasing them, twisting and turning, this way and that and always the poor blackbirds are giving distress calls as they try to dodge their aggressor. This evening it was clear the magpies were at it again, then the unbelievable happened, as we watched, one of the two magpies chasing the blackbirds suddenly caught the female in mid-air, and brought it down to earth, while the other magpie fended off the male blackbird. The grounded blackbird was being held down and attacked by the magpie, it was very distressed and its cries coupled with those of its mate rent the air, causing other blackbirds to gather in the garden. Despite the magpies being mobbed by the gathering blackbirds they held their own, one magpie managed to keep all the blackbirds at bay, while the other one continued to attack its helpless victim.

All of a sudden it was over, the captured blackbird ceased to struggle or call, the other blackbirds flew off and the aerial magpie flew to a lower bough of the cherry tree. Within 10 seconds the attacking magpie ceased and flew off followed by its mate, leaving the dead blackbird laying on the lawn. The only comfort I can feel is in the fact that the blackbird will be nourishment for the fox. Small comfort though. I have read that magpies only eat carrion (dead meat) this I refute. I have watched magpies attack and kill an almost fully grown rat, many small ducklings and now the blackbird. The rat was attacked until it had no fight left in it and was then carried off, the ducklings and blackbird were different, they were not carried off and appeared wanton, callous killings.

Next morning I still found it difficult to believe that I had witnessed two magpies hunt and bring down a female blackbird -- and worst of all kill and leave it there. They clearly were not driven by hunger, so what was the purpose, could it just have been the fun of the chase?

This morning the dead blackbird had disappeared, carried off no doubt by the fox. From the above incidents witnessed with my own eyes, I know for certain that magpies hunt and kill their prey, but is it sometimes for pleasure?

The male blackbird successfully reared the young, I watch them every day and so far they have not been bothered once by the magpies.



This very popular event will again be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall 9am – 12 noon. Your opportunity to come along and enjoy your first meal of the day while supporting Christian Aid. Choose from the menu and then have your breakfast served to you while you also enjoy a beverage and toast – not to be missed. Our local Churches have joined together to form a small committee to organise this important event for which there is no entry fee but a minimum donation of £5 (CASH ONLY) to Christian Aid for such an enjoyable meal. We aim to raise £1000. For further information, or if you would like to help on the day, please contact [hazelmead404@btinternet.com](mailto:hazelmead404@btinternet.com) Details about the work of Christian Aid can be found at [www.caid.org.uk](http://www.caid.org.uk)

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**Your Annual Patient Group Meeting:** will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** in the **Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall** at **19.00**. All patients of Central Surgery are welcome. Our speakers will be:

- Samuel Morgan - the new Practice Manager, who will explain his role and NHS Updates.
- A GP - who will talk about Appointments.
- A PPG Member - Tim Johnson, who will deliver an extract of the key areas from the recent Survey results.
- A Speaker - from the Primary Care Network (PCN).

**May Bank Holiday Closures:** There will be TWO Bank Holidays in May, the first will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and the second will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Please Remember to Order Enough Medication** to last you over the Bank Holiday period. This will take **3 days** from when you submit your prescription request.

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| Date                         | Surgery                         | Bell Pharmacy                | Village Pharmacy             |
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| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May | Closed                          | Normal Opening 09:00 – 13:00 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 17:00 |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Closed                          | Closed                       | Closed                       |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | Closed                          | Closed                       | Closed                       |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May  | Normal Surgery Hours from 08:30 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 |

| Date                          | Surgery                         | Bell Pharmacy                | Village Pharmacy             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Normal Surgery Hours from 08:30 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Closed                          | Normal Opening 09:00 – 13:00 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 17:00 |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | Closed                          | Closed                       | Closed                       |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Closed                          | Closed                       | Closed                       |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May  | Normal Surgery Hours from 08:30 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 | Normal Opening 09:00 – 18:00 |

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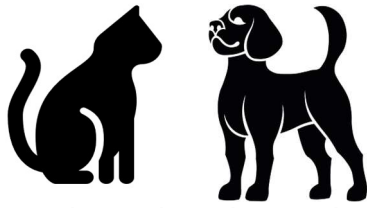
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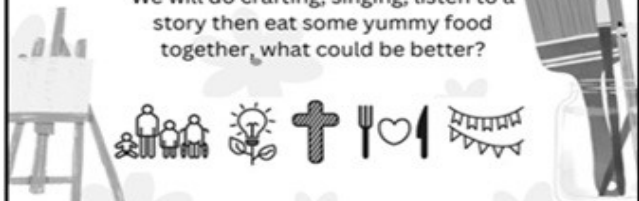
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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – St Mary's, Gilston – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – St James, High Wych – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August – The Queen's Head, Allens Green – pub afterwards

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary, Gilston – refreshments afterwards  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Terlings Park, Gilston – refreshments afterwards

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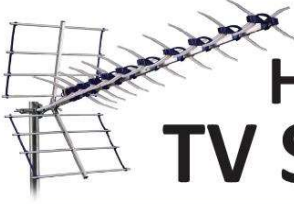
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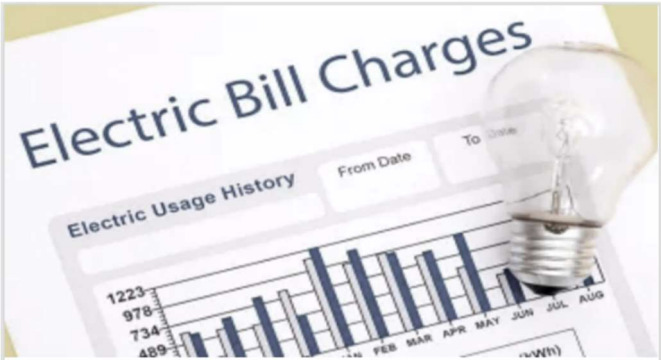
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We have four defibrillators within our two villages and they can be found at:

Gilston & Eastwick Village Hall, Pye Corner – CM20 2RB

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.

Terlings Park, Kirkpatrick Place – CM20 2FX

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## CLOTHES BANK VILLAGE HALL, PYE CORNER, GILSTON

TO ALL RESIDENTS



THE CLOTHES BANK CAN BE FOUND AT THE BACK OF THE VILLAGE HALL IN ITS CAR PARK.

WE NOW HAVE A CLOTHES BANK FOR YOU TO USE.  
IT TAKES ONLY OLD CLOTHES, HANDBAGS, BELTS AND SHOES (PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE IN BAGS).

IT WILL NOT TAKE – SOILED RAGS, CARPET, RUGS, BLANKETS, TOWELS, SHEETS, GLASS, METAL, PAPER OR RUBBISH.  
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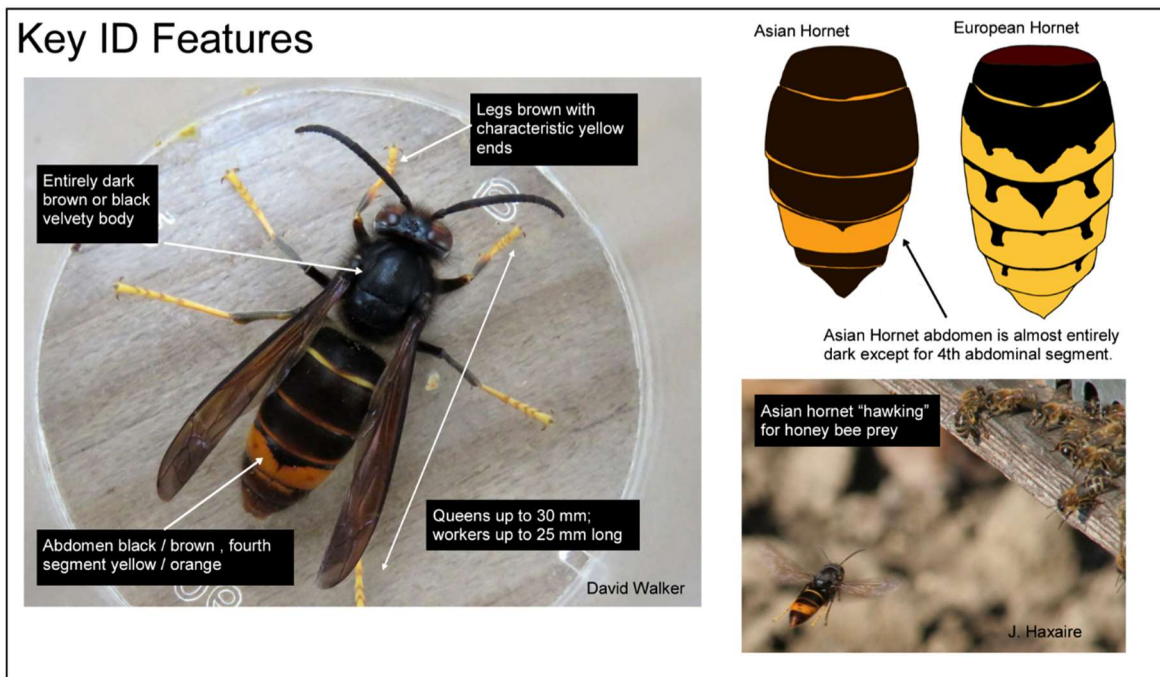
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# LOCAL BEEKEEPERS URGE PUBLIC TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE INVASIVE SPECIES

- Beekeepers across Hertfordshire and Essex are calling on the public to help spot and report Asian Hornet sightings as we head towards spring
- The destructive insect poses the greatest threat to our pollinators, including honey bees, in a generation, when many native species are already threatened
- More UK nests were discovered in 2023 than in the previous six years combined
- The estimated losses to the economy in the UK if the Asian hornet establishes is estimated to be in excess of £30-45 million ever year
- The Non-Native-Species Secretariat estimate that if the UK lost all its pollinators, not just honey bees, it would cost the economy £440 million per year or about 13% of the UK's income from farming.



The public are being urged to stay vigilant, and encouraged to report any suspected sightings on the Asian Hornet Watch app, which is available to download on iOS and Android, using the QR code below.



Reporting a possible sighting of an Asian Hornet is quick, free, and easy and has the potential to make a huge difference in the fight against this invasive species.

Notes to editors:

Members of the Hertfordshire Beekeepers' Association are available for interview: please contact (Simon Rice – 078796 42550)

Further information including how to identify Asian Hornets, and the latest updates, can be found on the British Beekeepers Association [BBKA] and National Bee Unit websites here:

<https://www.bbka.org.uk>

<https://www.nationalbeeunit.com>

News from Intalink about new bus service through Pye Corner.

## Brand new Bishop's Stortford - Hoddesdon Service!

In partnership with the Intalink Enhanced Partnership and Hertfordshire County Council, Central Connect has launched a brand-new route 33, offering a direct link between Hoddesdon and Bishop's Stortford.

Service 33 will operate four return journeys each weekday between Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, High Wych, Stanstead Abbots and Hoddesdon creating new regular bus links for Pye Corner and High Wych. This service reinstates a scheduled bus service for the villages of Gilston and High Wych, as well as an increased number of buses for Stanstead Abbots.

This service will operate two morning and two afternoon journeys in each direction Monday to Friday.

ENCTS cards, Hertfordshire Savercards and Intalink Connect tickets will all be valid on this service.



For bus timetable please go to [Intalink.org.uk](http://Intalink.org.uk) – plan your journey – routes & timetables look for 33 and this will give you your timetables.

**THE FOLLOWING NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM  
HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ABOUT ROAD  
WORKS ALONG OUR ROADS WHICH IT STATES WILL  
COME INTO EFFECT FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026.**

**Please be advised advanced warning boards and residents letters should be distributed closer to the actual works which will detail the exact dates and works description.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES  
ON VARIOUS ROADS IN EASTWICK, STANSTEAD ABBOTTS, HARLOW AND  
GILSTON) ORDER 2026**

NOTICE is given that Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect on the following lengths of roads (“the Roads”) will be:-

1. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from using the following lengths of Roads:-
  - a) that length of Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with the A414 Fifth Avenue roundabout north eastwards to its junction with Terlings Avenue, a distance of approximately 697m.

An alternative route will be via A414 (Fifth Avenue/Edinburgh Way), A1184 (Cambridge Road/Harlow Road), High Wych Road, Pye Corner and Eastwick Road.

- b) that length of A414 Eastwick Road, Stanstead Abbots/Eastwick from its junction with the A10 Amwell Link roundabout south eastwards, north eastwards, eastwards and north eastwards to its junction with the A414 Fifth Avenue roundabout, a distance of approximately 7591m.

An alternative route will be via A10 (Amwell Link Road/unnamed road/Wadesmill Bypass), A120 (Standon Hill/Kents Lane/Stortford Road/Standon Road/Little Hadham Bypass/Hadham Road), A1184 (Bishops Park Way/St James Way/London Road/Cambridge Road/London Road/Bonks Hill/Harlow Road/Cambridge Road) and A414 (Edinburgh Way/Fifth Avenue).

- c) that length of A414 Fifth Avenue, Harlow from its junction with the A414 Eastwick Road roundabout south eastwards for a distance of approximately 109m.

An alternative route will be via A414 Eastwick Road, A10 (Amwell Link Road/unnamed road/Wadesmill Bypass), A120 (Standon Hill/Kents Lane/Stortford Road/Standon Road/Little Hadham Bypass/Hadham Road), A1184 (Bishops Park Way/St James Way/London Road/Cambridge Road/London Road/Bonks Hill/Harlow Road/Cambridge Road) and A414 (Edinburgh Way/Fifth Avenue).

- d) that length of Eastwick Hall Lane, Eastwick from its junction with A414 Eastwick Road north westwards and north eastwards for a distance of approximately 33m.

There is no alternative route available, but access will be maintained wherever possible throughout the duration of the works.

- e) the A414 eastbound slip road leading onto A414 Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with B181 Roydon Road north eastwards to its junction with A414 Eastwick Road, a distance of approximately 742m.

An alternative route will be via B181 (Roydon Road/High Street/Station Road), A10 (Amwell Link Road/unnamed road/Wadesmill Bypass), A120 (Standon Hill/Kents Lane/Stortford Road/Standon Road/Little Hadham Bypass/Hadham Road), A1184 (Bishops Park Way/St James Way/London Road/Cambridge Road/London Road/Bonks Hill/Harlow Road/Cambridge Road) and A414 (Edinburgh Way/Fifth Avenue/Eastwick Road).

- f) that length of Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow from its junction with Eastwick Road south eastwards for a distance of approximately 110m.

There is no alternative route available, but access will be maintained wherever possible throughout the duration of the works.

- g) that length of Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with Eastwick Hall Lane south eastwards to its junction with A414 Eastwick Road, a distance of approximately 372m.

An alternative route will be via Eastwick Hall Lane and A414 Eastwick Road.

2. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from making a right turn manoeuvre from the central reservation gap opposite 'Eastwick Lodge Farm' into the eastbound carriageway of A414 Eastwick Road, Eastwick, when signs are in place.
3. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from making a right turn manoeuvre from the central reservation gap opposite Eastwick Road into the eastbound carriageway of Eastwick Road, Eastwick, when signs are in place.

An alternative route will be via A414 Eastwick Road, the A1170 Pepper Hill/A10 Amwell Link Road roundabout and A414 Eastwick Road.

4. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from making a right turn manoeuvre from A414 Fifth Avenue into Eastwick Road, Harlow, when signs are in place.

An alternative route will be via A414 Eastwick Road, the A1170 Pepper Hill/A10 Amwell Link Road roundabout and A414 Eastwick Road.

5. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from being driven at a speed exceeding 50mph on that length of A414 Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with Church Lane eastwards, south eastwards and north eastwards to its junction with Eastwick Hall Lane, a distance of approximately 1420m, when signs are in place.
6. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from being driven at a speed exceeding 40mph on that length of Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with Burnt Mill Lane north eastwards to its junction with Terlings Avenue, a distance of approximately 261m, when signs are in place.
7. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from being driven at a speed exceeding 30mph on the following lengths of Roads, when signs are in place:-

- a) that length of A414 Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with Eastwick Hall Lane north eastwards to its junction with the A414 Fifth Avenue roundabout, a distance of approximately 800m.
- b) that length of Eastwick Road, Eastwick from its junction with the A414 Fifth Avenue roundabout north eastwards to its junction with Burnt Mill Lane, a distance of approximately 436m.
- c) that length of A414 Fifth Avenue, Harlow from its junction with the A414 Eastwick Road roundabout south eastwards for a distance of approximately 109m.

ADDITIONALLY the existing 7.5 tonnes weight restriction on that length of Eastwick Road, Eastwick/Pye Corner, Gilston from its junction with the A414 Fifth Avenue roundabout north eastwards and north westwards to its junction with Gilston Lane, a distance of approximately 973m, will be temporarily suspended to enable all vehicles to use this length of roads, whilst works are in progress.

The Order is needed because works are proposed to be executed on or near the Roads. The Order will come into effect from 25 May 2026 and will be valid for a period of 18 months. The works are scheduled to take 7 days to complete and will only take effect on the days and times indicated by signs on or near the Roads.

If you have any queries about the proposed Order please contact Andrei Alexa tel. 01252 851 155 at Natta Building.

Farnham House  
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7 May 2026  
Mark Doran  
Executive Director  
Growth and Environment

**Please be advised advanced warning boards and residents letters should be distributed closer to the actual works which will detail the exact dates and works description.**

The maps that accompany this notice can be found on the parish web site: [eastwickandgilston-parish.org.uk](http://eastwickandgilston-parish.org.uk)

**Residents were informed at a recent exhibition at the Village Hall by Places for People that the length of road Eastwick Road (C161) from its junction with Eastwick Lodge Farm Roundabout to the Dusty Miller public house will be totally closed for 7 WEEKS with on access from the end of September 2026. When more information comes available we shall let you know via the community web site or the Whatsap Groups.**