

EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH MAGAZINE

St Mary's, Gilston Summer BBQ

Saturday 20th June 2026

5.30 pm to 10.30 pm



£10.00 per ticket (all bbq food included in that)
£5.00 per Child ticket (14 and under)

Tickets available on the day.
There will be a paying bar.
Children's and adults games available to play
Plant sale.
Come and have some fun.

Please use the above QR code to RSVP

For more information contact Rev Alison Jackson
Email: revajacksonhwge@outlook.com
Tel: 0783 366 7707 or 01279 790145

JUNE 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

MONDAY	Parish Council	Parish Clerk- Christine Law 01279 411646 Meet on the 2 nd Monday of January, March, May, July, September & November	8.00pm – 10.00pm
TUESDAY	Puppy Classes	Sam@thedogcoach.co.uk	6.30pm – 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY	Phonics Fox	Amy Abbitt – amy@thephonicsfox.com	9.30am – 11.30am
	Pilates	Adam Benton – 07966683193	6.00pm – 7.00pm
		Hall Cleaning	1.00pm – 3.00pm
THURSDAY	Baby Massage	Elena Luck	9.30am – 2.30pm
	Irish Dancing	Amanda Hennigan – 07713974077	6.30pm – 8.30pm
FRIDAY	Chair Pilates	Sarah-Jane - 07971338980	11.00am – 12noon
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY			

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 for all booking enquiries or go to the Village Hall new web site:

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 8th, August 10th, October 12th, December 14th.

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

+++++



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



CHAIRMAN

MARK ORSON

Neighbourhood Planning Group

Footpaths Officer



VICE CHAIR

JANINE BRYANT

Neighbourhood Planning Group



LINDA HARVEY

Highways

Village Hall Committee



WERNER MARX



JAMES BEAZLEY



PARISH CLERK

CHRISTINE LAW

01279 411646

clerk@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk



JOHN DUNLOP

EAST HERTS DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR



ERIC BUCKMASTER

HERTFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCILLOR

CONTACT DETAILS - Email Addresses:

MARK ORSON - cllr.m.orson@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk
JANINE BRYANT - cllr.j.bryant@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk
LINDA HARVEY - cllr.l.harvey@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk
WERNER MARX - cllr.w.marx@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk
JAMES BEAZLEY - cllr.j.beazley@eastwickandgilstonparish.gov.uk
ERIC BUCKMASTR - eric.buckmaster@hertfordshire.gov.uk

JOHN DUNLOP - john.dunlop@eastherts.gov.uk

EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
MONDAY 13TH JULY – 8.00PM

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

+++++

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.

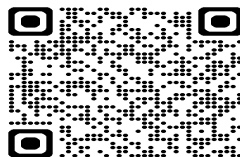
In the Photo Gallery you will see that there are different galleries for different areas of the parish.

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.

+++++

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

EASTWICK & GILSTON PARISH COMMUNITY WEB SITE:



eastwickandgilstonparish.org.uk
www.gilston.info
gilston@meeting-place.uk

HUNSDON EASTWICK & GILSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP WEBSITE: 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, 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.



Benefice of High Wych and Gilston with Eastwick

Church website: stjameshighwych.org.uk

Facebook: Gilston & Eastwick church's

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

JUNE SERVICES 2026

7 th June	1 st Sunday of Trinity	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		9.30am	Breakfast followed at 10.00am Family Service	St James, High Wych
14 th June	2 nd Sunday of Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Gilston
20 th June		5.30pm-10.30pm	SUMMER B-B-Q	St Mary's, Gilston
21 st June	3 rd Sunday of Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		3.00pm-5.00pm	MESSY CHURCH	St James, High Wych
28 th June	4 th Sunday of Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St James, High Wych
		11.15am	Family Service	St Botolph's, Eastwick
		2.30pm	Community Dog Walk	Starting at St Mary's, Gilston

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.

PRIEST IN CHARGE: Rev'd Alison Jackson

revajacksonhwge@outlook.com

1 Dovedale, High Wych, Sawbridgeworth CM21 0DT

01279 790145

07833 667707

READER: Judith Denton, Path Cottage, High Wych Lane, CM21 0JP

01279 723714

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Cath Sharples
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA)

01279 600996

01727 818107

HIGH WYCH PARISH

LAY LEADER OF WORSHIP: Jan Bellingham

01279 724247

CHURCH WARDENS:

Janet Bellingham

01279 724247

Sam Clark

07717542524

GILSTON WITH EASTWICK PARISH

CHURCH WARDENS:

Michael Shaw

01279 726792

Miss Robyn Richards

robynrichards123@hotmail.com

LAY LEADER OF WORSHIP / MISSION ENABLBER:

Rosemary Davis

01279 419763

PCC SECRETARY:

Mrs Christine Law

01279 411646

PCC TREASURER:

Werner Marx

gilston.eastwick.pcc@gmail.com



June Letter

What Does Fun Look Like to You?

Fun looks different for each of us.

For some, it's meeting friends for lunch or heading to the pub together. For others, it's watching a favourite band perform live, enjoying a peaceful afternoon with a long-awaited book, walking the dog, meeting new people, or dancing the night

away.

Fun takes many forms — but at its heart, it connects us.

One of our core values as a Benefice is *Fun*, which we define as:

“Creating opportunities for people to come together in our community, connect, and enjoy themselves, with generosity and joy as our foundation.”

With this in mind, we've been creating opportunities across the Benefice for people of all ages to gather, relax, laugh, and build friendships.

Our monthly Community Dog Walks continue to grow. In May, a wonderful group of us enjoyed a walk together before resting with drinks in the beer garden at The Queen's Head. It was a lovely afternoon filled with conversation, shared adventure, and new friendships — and completely free to attend.

Jimmy's Baby and Toddler Group offers parents, grandparents, and carers the chance to meet weekly, enjoy conversation, and let little ones play with a fantastic range of toys. We simply charge a small amount to help cover hall hire and refreshments.

For those aged 55 and over, Wednesday Welcome offers cake, quizzes, music, games, and plenty of chat. It's become a much-loved space for companionship and community, with just a £1 contribution towards refreshments.

At the end of March, our Benefice Murder Mystery evening at High Wych Memorial Hall sold out six weeks in advance. Thanks to the fantastic cast members from the Harlow Theatre Company and our wonderful catering team, everyone enjoyed a fantastic evening together.

Families continue to gather through Messy Church, Messy Adventures, and our family services at St James' and St Botolph's. As a team, we're always exploring new ways to create enjoyable and meaningful activities for our villages.

There is still plenty to look forward to this year, including quiz nights and our summer BBQ at St Mary's, Gilston on 20 June from 5.30pm. There will be games, excellent food, a bar, and activities for all ages — a real celebration of community life.

Our Scarecrow Festival is also beginning to take shape. This year, the church will become an enchanted woodland, and the village field will be complete with children's games, live music, good food, stalls, and a rest tent for weary parents and toddlers who need a little quiet space between adventures.

As a church, we are here to serve our communities with openness, commitment, kindness — and joy.

I meet so many people while out walking my dog, so please do stop and say hello. We would love to help you find ways to become part of this growing community of faith, friendship, and fun across our villages.

The Bible reminds us again and again of the importance of togetherness and community:

- Psalm 133:1
“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”
- Romans 12:10
“Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.”
- Hebrews 10:24–25
“Do not give up meeting together... encouraging one another.”

At a time when television, social media, and politics can often feel dominated by division and negativity, perhaps one of the most important things we can do is continue building communities where people care for one another, live in harmony, and simply enjoy being together.

Even in difficult times, joy and connection matter.

Every blessing,

Alison

Your Priest

Over the next few weeks at St James, High Wych we are doing work to install a new step free access on the main doorway into the church. There will be disruption for a little while and so our church will still be open but the entrance will be via the West Door which is round the side, near the side entrance into the school playground.

Our hope is that when completed our church will be accessible for all.

Thank you – Rev Alison Jackson

+++++

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk



Although the Society is not a religious organisation, we encourage visits to parish churches as they are often the oldest and most interesting building in any community. Inside, you may find images of angels in some form or another. These winged creatures are considered to be messengers of God. They also represent goodness,

with a promise of heaven if you live a good life.

Angels in churches are depicted in paintings, on stained-glass windows, suspended from ceilings, carved into corbels that support roof timbers or on poppyheads at the end of pews.

Clavering church displays several angels in its medieval glass windows as well as a series of wooden angels suspended from the rafters - they have feathers all over, including on their legs.

It is easy to miss Clavering's angels, but not those at Furneux Pelham. Their bright colours come from a repaint in the 1960s. Some play a lute and others hold a shield with a family crest, presumably of their sponsor. Furneux Pelham also has a series of angels on windows that were painted in the 19th century by renowned artists William Morris and Edward Byrne-Jones.

Radwinter has a series of stained-glass windows with angels featuring prominently. At Elmdon, one peeps out from under the lectern from which the vicar preaches. In Linton, one of the carved poppyheads depicts a scribe resting his book on the wings of an angel.

Some churches have carvings on the corbels that support major roof timbers. Hildersham's chancel has especially colourful decoration, including angels on each of its corbels.

Over the last couple of years, I have given an illustrated talk to many local organisations, taking a peek inside some of our parish churches and including photos of angels in many guises.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



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

Thursday, 9 June 2011
Cyril Squirrel

Cyril is back!

He is whisper thin, he came to the patio doors and didn't just bang with his little fists as usual, instead he threw his whole body against the glass. On hearing the sound I looked and was just in time to see him do it again. Where he has been I don't know, but he seems as glad to see me as I am to see him.

By the time I reached the kitchen window, he was there waiting and it was a pleasure to feed the poor hungry creature. He is so emaciated that at first I didn't recognise him, it was only when he was standing on the top of the bird table, waiting to be fed and as he turned his head I saw his ear and realised it was him.

I should have known it was him, because of the way he sought me out in the lounge, however it didn't alert me because Cyril always banged on the glass with his hands, to draw my attention, but this squirrel had thrown his whole body against the window, so although I thought he was familiar with me, I still didn't make the connection that this was my favourite squirrel.

I am so pleased to see him.

Friday, 10 June 2011
Magpies and Ants

The young magpies are here every day. They are almost the same size as their parents, just fractionally smaller, and a little slimmer. The female magpie looks very much the worse for wear; her brood patch is still bald and her side and back feathers look very dishevelled.

Around her neck she looks almost bare and decidedly scraggy. Gone is the sleek, glossy, well-fed bird of such a short while ago.

After they had cleared the food put out for them this morning, along with the jackdaws and pigeons, the magpies stayed on the lawn, poking about. Eventually all left save one, I can only think he had found an ants nest, he spent several minutes pecking away before he also flew away.

As I moved from the side kitchen window to the end window and looked out I saw another magpie: the tatty looking female. She was at the pond's edge and pecking at the ground by a stone. I watched her for several minutes and I can only assume that like her youngster she was filling up on the ants from an ant's nest.

Suddenly she stopped pecking and started jumping up and down while shaking herself, still doing this she suddenly began frantically flapping her wings and scratching herself, while turning her head from side to side and ruffling her few remaining neck feathers. I can only assume this was the ant's revenge for her dining on their colony!

This afternoon I spotted a young great spotted woodpecker on the bird table. This is the first time I have seen this.

Saturday, 11 June 2011
The Magpie and the Worm

The magpies and their young were on the lawn again this morning, pecking and poking about. Suddenly one of the youngsters pulled up a worm. The magpie tugged and the worm lengthened, as the worm stretched so the magpie lifted his head higher and higher, then as if he could reach up no more he took two steps back, lost his balance, flapped his wings. Letting go of the worm he took a few more steps back before flying off, leaving the worm stretched on the lawn and living to see another day!

Sunday, 12 June 2011
Young Cyrils

Cyril obviously brought us a present when he returned because we are pleased to share the garden with two of the tiniest squirrels we have ever seen. Since their presence coincided with the return of Cyril I can only presume they are his. He is still whisper thin and I feel worried for him. Where he was all that time and what was happening to him I have no idea, but I am pleased to see him back and hope he soon looks better.

It is a rainy day today. The patio looks very bright and pretty though due to the poppies that have seeded themselves between the cracks. They have grown and are now in full bloom and are so beautiful.

Wednesday, 15 June 2011
A10 in Hertfordshire

We are on our way to Grantham for an almost half way meet with our daughter, in order to collect our two granddaughters and bring them home with us to attend a family wedding and christening.

We are travelling along the A10 in Hertfordshire, it is a pretty drive, the rose bay willow herbs are in full bloom, great tall groups of them, eye catching deep pink they look from the car window as we pass, although in reality they are two different shades.

Cow parsley now grown as tall as the hedges with its large almost flat heads of creamy white flowers much beloved of insects. We see a field of brightest red poppies, before us, by us and then in a blurring flash gone. Still an amazing sight.

Thursday, 16 June 2011, my 69th birthday.
Birthday Treat

Biggest treat by far was still being alive today! The average life span of someone with adenocarcinoma is ten and a half months from diagnosis, since I was diagnosed a year ago last May I feel elated. I realise that this figure is an average, but I feel so well and am so very joyful about it. Long may it last.

Anyway, a big treat today was putting out the fox food ---left over cheese and ham sandwiches chopped up small and special fried rice all of which was mixed together and spread across the lawn--- sitting by the patio doors, with a delicious feeling of anticipation and waiting for the fox.

I didn't have long to wait as within minutes a tiny baby fox appeared from the bushes and started tucking into the food, which having been scattered over a large area meant that he had much wandering about to do looking for the food, so I was able to enjoy him for longer than I expected.

Our two young granddaughters watched with us and thoroughly enjoyed it.

+++++



Autumn Allotments and Gardens Show

An opportunity for you to enter the ever popular Sawbridgeworth Autumn Show on Saturday 5th September in Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall. There are a variety of sections to enter – vegetables, fruit, floral, preserves, handicraft plus many more; a section for Novices and a special section for children which is in age categories. If this will be your first time of entering there is a “How to” list so please request a copy of this. This year’s theme for the photography section is Historic Sawbridgeworth to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Sawbridgeworth Local History Society. The special recipe section will be a Savoury Pie for which a £25 voucher will be awarded to the winner. There will also be scrumptious refreshments, an art exhibition plus much more to enjoy. Send for your Show Schedule now - please email Hazel Mead hazelmead404@btinternet.com or Irene Barnard ihbarnard37@gmail.com

Need to CONTACT THE POLICE?

Which one IS BEST FOR YOU?

5 STEPS

1. RIGHT SERVICE?
Is it a police issue or is another service better suited?

2. CHECK ONLINE?
Is the information already on our website? Check online: www.herts.police.uk

3. REPORT ONLINE?
Has a crime already happened and you want to report it? Report online: www.herts.police.uk

4. LIVE CHAT / CALL 101
Do you want to share some information with us or speak to someone specific? Use live chat, otherwise call 101.

5. CALL 999
Is it an emergency? Is a crime happening right now, or is a life or property at risk? Call 999.

HELP US TO HELP YOU
SCAN THIS CODE TO GET ONLINE QUICKLY



HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY
Prevention First



Run by the churches of High Wych & Gilston with Eastwick
On the first Wednesday of every month
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday Welcome

Every 1st Wednesday of the month



Over 55's Welcome for tea, coffee, and cake.
With a variety of optional activities

2-32 Mabeys walk, High Wych
CM21 0HN

For more information contact:
revajacksonhwge@outlook.com
07833667707
or: 01279 790145



MESSY ADVENTURES

TWELVE OUTDOOR SESSIONS FOR MESSY CHURCHES *with lots of science*

21st June 2026
3.00 - 5.00 pm at St James, High Wych

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.

Weather permitting all activities will be outside, You may want to wear older clothes and trainers.

And we will have a giant picnic together outside.

For more information contact Rev Alison Jackson
Email: revajacksonhwge@outlook.com
Tel: 0783 366 7707 or 01279 790145



A big 'Thank You' to all those who attended the Patients' Group's AGM in May. Hopefully you found it informative and interesting. There will be more about the PCN in future Newsletters. If you think that you have something to offer the Patients' Group or would like to join the group, please email: patientgroup4sawbosurgery@gmail.com

New Community Diagnostic Centre:

A new Community Diagnostic Centre at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, has welcomed its first patients. The new centre is part of the Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust's plans to provide quicker and more local access to diagnostic tests and treatment closer to patients' homes.

- There will be extended opening times and more equipment to support the current additional capacity being provided for MRI scans, X-rays and non-obstetric (non-pregnancy) ultrasounds.
- Additionally, as part of the CDC programme, the services provided at Herts and Essex Hospital in Bishop's Stortford include extended hours for ultrasound, X-ray and audiology. Additional capacity for non-obstetric (non-pregnancy) ultrasound and audiology are also being provided, together with additional hours for X-ray.
- CDC services at both St Margaret's Hospital and Herts and Essex Hospital will be available to patients by appointment, not on a walk-in basis.

The spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign: began in April 2026 and will run until the end of June, with eligible individuals able to receive both COVID-19 and RSV vaccines in a single appointment. Eligible groups for the extended, combined programme include:

- adults aged 75+
- pregnant women, to protect newborns.

If you are eligible, you should receive either a text or an email inviting you to go for your vaccination. Please check all of your mailboxes, because the emails don't always arrive in your Inbox.

Central Surgery Patient Survey Results: Thank you to those patients of Central Surgery who filled in the recent Patient Survey. There were over 750 responses and all feedback was analysed and responses noted.

The Partners and management of the Surgery have confirmed that they will use the Survey results, in collaboration with the Patients' Group, to support improvement.

The full survey results will be available on the Central Surgery website in due course.

NHS App Training Session for Patients: Your Patients' Group is hoping to plan a project, together with the Practice Manager, to make bookable slots available for one-to-one sessions in the surgery to 'walk patients through' the use of the NHS app with the aim of enhancing self-management of their healthcare.

At this stage, if you would be interested in attending one of these sessions, please email your Patients' Group on patientgroup4sawbosurgery@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.

In the meantime, remember that you can always book onto the monthly Digital Inclusion sessions, either at Sawbridgeworth Library or at The Memorial Hall, and ask one of the experts there to show you how this amazing app can make the management of your health journey easier.

Do you have Parkinson's Disease? Parkinson's UK offers a lot of support for those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. They recently held their first ever East of England regional conference at the University of Essex in Colchester with key speakers, a large marketplace area, and physical activity sessions, all available free of charge. The talks also covered discussion on the latest research for the treatment and cure for Parkinson's Disease. Parkinson's UK is hoping to host more of these events for people to attend and take advantage of the support of a fantastic charity.

To find out where these events are, go to the website at <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/> and look for Research events:

Many of the events are also online, making it easier for people who are unable to attend in person. If you would like to become involved yourself, Newcastle University is recruiting people to trial, for six months, the impact of an AI system monitoring the self-management of non-motor symptoms in Parkinson's. You can apply by emailing: Depth.ai@newcastle.ac.uk

Requesting a GP Appointment: Central Surgery can offer appointments with a range of health professionals including a GP, nurse, paramedic or clinical pharmacist, depending on your condition. Appointments may be a Same Day Appointment or an Online Consultation. They can be face to face or over the phone.

A Same-Day Appointment: is for: acute infection symptoms; severe or rapidly worsening pain; respiratory issues; infections requiring prompt treatment; sudden mental health concerns; minor injuries or significant deterioration of an existing condition.

For an on the day appointment the phone lines open at 8:00am. Please note when calling the surgery the reception staff will be asking why an on the day appointment is required as these appointments should only be for urgent matters that cannot wait.

An Online Consultation Request: for a routine, non-urgent appointment please, complete the online consultation form on the Surgery website. You do not need to login to complete an online consultation request. This service is available from 8am to 8pm. The clinical triage team will assess your request based on your clinical need and tell you within one working day what will happen next.

If you are experiencing chest pain; Signs of a stroke; Severe breathing difficulty; Heavy bleeding that will not stop; loss of consciousness or sudden confusion, do not wait for a GP appointment; call 999 or go to A&E immediately.

+++++

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:

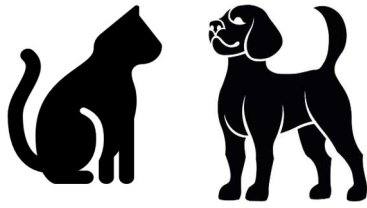
THE PLUME OF FEATHERS TAKE AWAY SUNDAY ROAST



NOW AVAILABLE

PRE ORDER BY CALLING ON 01279 424154

Jane's Small Pet Sitting



Pets are always happier staying at home while you are away.

So, I will be able to stay with them if that is the service you require.

Be assured that your home as well as you pet/s is being looked after.

I also offer dog walking and dog sitting services.

Call me on **07779 587076** or e mail me at jqalp@yahoo.co.uk

to arrange for a free visit to meet you and your pets.

I am fully insured and Pet First Aid Trained.



WHEN USING OUR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY PLEASE BE AWARE

Please make sure your dogs are always under control and if not on leads in your sight.

Always clean up your dog's poo because it can cause illness in people, livestock and wildlife.

NEVER LEAVE BAGS OF DOG POO AROUND, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO PICK THEM UP LATER.

Deodorised bags and containers can make bags of dog poo easier to carry. If you cannot find a public waste bin, you should always take it home and use your own bin.



CAN WE ALSO ASK THAT WHEN USING THE PUBLIC RIGHTS AWAY THROUGH FARMERS CROPS THAT YOU STAY TO THE FOOTPATHS AND KEEP YOUR DOGS ON LEADS. THANK YOU.

Christopher

THE LOCKSMITH

ARE YOUR LOCKS BEHAVING BADLY?


We Value Old Fashioned Customer Service
A Local Trusted Family Business Since 1989

 Specialist in UPVC & Wooden Doors

 No Call Out Charge

 No Fix No Fee

 All Work Fully Guaranteed

 10% Senior Citizen Discount



For More Advice & Help Call Christopher:

07772 111 222

www.christopherthelocksmith.co.uk



*'Small enough to Care,
Large enough to Cope'*

Tel: 01279 792472

Mob: 07946 617060

Web site:

www.hamletbuilders.co.uk

- *New Builds
- *Extensions
- *Loft Conversions
- *Refurbishments
- *Conservatories
- *Brickwork
- *Driveways/Patios
- *Garage Conversions
- *Groundworks

Free Estimates - All work Guaranteed

R H Longman

CARPENTER / GENERAL BUILDER



-
- Sole Trader 40 years – Free Estimates
-
- **Tel. 07884 491436**
- **Email. rhlongman@google.com**

The Sawbridgeworth Trust

Registered Charity 237946

The Sawbridgeworth Trust exists for those who are often finding themselves in financial difficulties by way of perhaps not meeting all bills that come in on a regular basis.

We are often called upon to help with school uniforms or perhaps a small bonus at Christmas.

We are not allowed to pay rents or council Tax.

The charity covers those living in Sawbridgeworth, High wych, Gilston, Eastwick and Allens Green.

You will be required to fill in an application form and total confidentiality is adhered to at all times.

In the first instance please apply to the Clerk.
Mrs Di Kitson
11 The Forbury, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9BD
Or telephone 01279 7232123

Community Dog Walks 2026

Sunday 28th June – St Mary's, Gilston – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 26th July – St James, High Wych – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 16th August – The Queen's Head, Allens Green – pub afterwards

Sunday 6th September – St Mary, Gilston – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 11th October – Terlings Park, Gilston – refreshments afterwards

Sunday 1st November – St James, High Wych – refreshments afterwards

For more information contact:

revajacksonhwge@outlook.com

07833667707 or 01279 790145



£12⁵⁰ PER BAG

LOGS & KINDLING WOOD

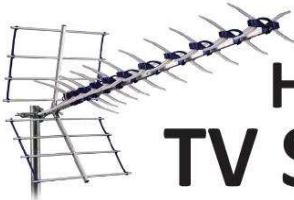
**PERFECT FOR FIRE PITS,
CHIMINEA AND BBQ**

BARN STORED SEASON HARD WOOD

COLLECTION OR DELIVERY

THE WOOD YARD, 44 PYE CORNER
GILSTON, HARLOW CM202RB

 **07 831 185 952**



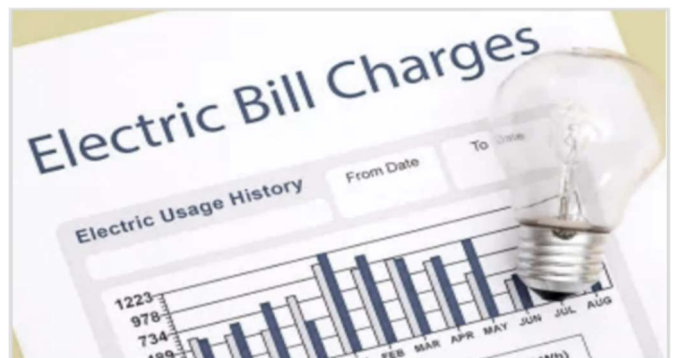
HERTFORD TV SERVICE

Please call: 01992 552955

- AERIALS & SATELLITE INSTALLATIONS/REPAIRS
- TV REPAIRS (OLED, LCD, LED)
- TV WALL MOUNTING & SOUNDBARS
- WIFI SYSTEMS & DATA NETWORKING
- CCTV & WIRELESS BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS
- STARLINK INSTALLATIONS 

www.hertfordtvservice.co.uk

Unit 1B, Foxholes Avenue, Hertford SG13 7JG
LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS EST 1979
ALL WORK FULLY GUARANTEED



Are you struggling with your energy bills?

If you live in Sawbridgeworth, High Wych, Gilston, Eastwick or Spellbrook and your financial situation meets the criteria, you may be eligible for assistance from **The Sawbridgeworth Charitable Trust**.

For more information, please contact our clerk:
Di Kitson on 01279 723212 or email: diana.kitson@btinternet.com



JIMMY'S

Baby & Toddler Group

Every Thursday morning
From 9.30am to 11.30am
at High Wych Memorial Hall
(term time only)

Healthy snacks will be provided

£2 per session, per family
For childminders: £2 per child



Scan the code above to pay securely online



**Dog Walking In
Eastwick + Gilston
Group Walks, 1-2-1 Walks,
Home Holiday Visits, Small
Animal Care, Cat Visits
First Aid Trained, Fully Insured**

Tel: 07747606818



ADVERTISING

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING YOUR
LOCAL BUSINESS IN
‘THE EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH
MAGAZINE’?

YOUR ADVERT WILL REACH 370 LOCAL
HOMES EVERY MONTH.

CHECK OUT OUR HIGHLY COMPETITIVE
RATES BELOW AND CONTACT US TODAY.

**ALL EDITIONS OF THE MAGAZINE ARE
PRINTED IN A4 AND IN BLACK AND WHITE.**

¼ page £90.00 per year - per month £30.00

½ page £110.00 per year – per month £40.00

Full page £220.00 per year – per month £50.00

DO YOU HAVE A SMALL ITEM THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SALE?

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE YOU THINK MAY
BE OF INTEREST TO THE
READERS

AN ACTIVITY THAT HAPPENS WITHIN OUR
TWO VILLAGES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE
ADVERTISED OR SOME INFORMATION THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO ONTO THE
EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH
COMMUNITY WEB SITE?

CALL OR E-MAIL THE EDITOR:

CHRISTINE LAW

01279 411646

DANIEL ROBINSON & SONS

**Independent
Family Funeral Directors
Monumental Masons**

Est. 1892

**A personal caring service, day or night
Fully trained & qualified staff
Purpose built premises & Chapels of Rest
Pre-paid Funeral Planning**

**Arrangements may be made in the comfort
of your own home**

3 Bullfields

Sawbridgeworth

Tel: (01279) 722476

Wych Elm

Harlow

Tel: (01279) 426990

Station Road

Old Harlow

(01279) 626238



www.drobinson.co.uk

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

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

Can be found outside of the entrance gates beside the intercom.

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

If you are in the unfortunate position of needing to use it you simply

Phone 999

You will be given the code to open the cabinet and then supported by the
Emergency Services



111 is the NHS non-emergency number. It's fast, easy and free. Call 111 and speak to a highly trained adviser, supported by healthcare professionals. They will ask you a series of questions to assess your symptoms and immediately direct you to the best medical care for you.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobiles.

+++++

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.
THIS WILL BE EMPTIED ONCE A WEEK FOR US.

+++++

THE EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH MAGAZINE MONTHLY DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 16TH OF EACH MONTH – TO BE SENT TO IN A WORD DOCUMENT:
christine.law2@btinternet.com

The Parish Magazine is printed for us by: Shogun Print, Shogun House, Unit 2 Wilems Works, Forest Road, Hainault, Essex IG6 3HJ 07956 301 169 –
[e.mail: neale@shogunprint.com](mailto:e.mail:neale@shogunprint.com) – [web site www.shogun-print.com](http://www.shogun-print.com)

St Mary's, Gilston

Summer BBQ

Saturday 20th June 2026

5.30 pm to 10.30 pm



£10.00 per ticket (all bbq food included in that)

£5.00 per Child ticket (14 and under)

Tickets available on the day.

There will be a paying bar.

Children's and adults games available to play

Plant sale.

Come and have some fun.

Please use the above QR code to RSVP

For more information contact Rev Alison Jackson

Email: revajacksonhwge@outlook.com

Tel: 0783 366 7707 or 01279 790145