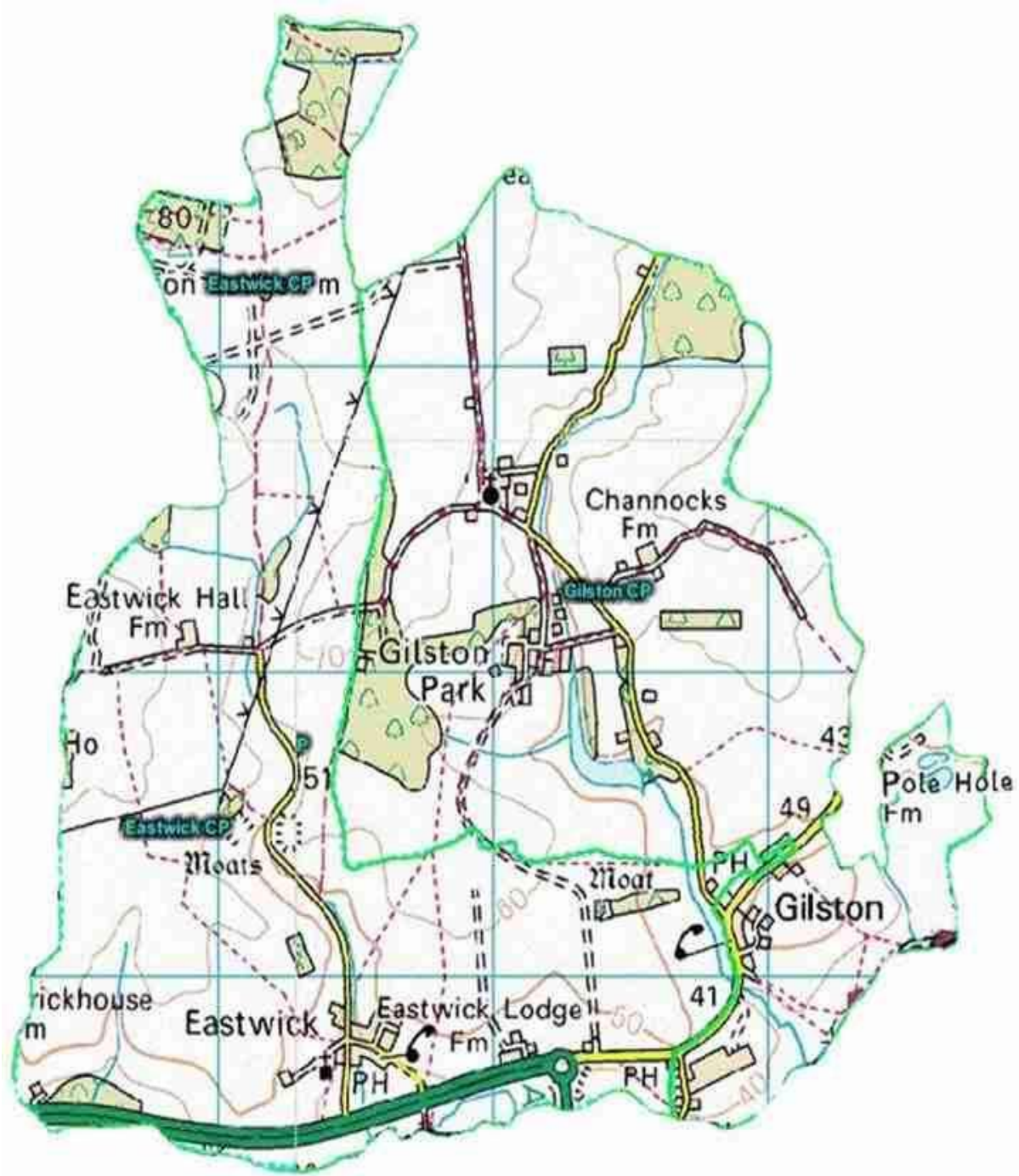


# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH MAGAZINE



**OCTOBER 2015**

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# EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
8.00PM  
VILLAGE HALL, PYE CORNER  
GILSTON**

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BUSINESS MEETING WE WILL HAVE A 10-15 MINUTE SLOT WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL ON COUNCIL MATTERS.

AFTER THIS, THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BE SILENT SO THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN HOLD THEIR MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT DURING OUR MEETING BUT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

AGENDA FOR ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND ON ONE OF OUR VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS OR ON THE PARISH WEB SITE – IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REPORTS THAT ARE NOT WITH THE AGENDAS (DUE TO LACK OF SPACE) PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK.

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## **EASTWICK PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

At the elections on June of this we had only three candidates stood for election (we need 6) and at our meeting in July we co-opted two other councillors so we still have a vacancy on the Eastwick Parish Council.

Parish Councillor's and the Parish council have the responsibility of representing the views of local residents on matters such as planning applications, management of local services and the local environment. In addition to the routine, there are a range of subjects that we are currently working on including:

**Terlings Park** – There will soon be 240 dwellings in our parish doubling the size of our community. We are working with the developers on this.

**Harlow North** – East Herts Council's draft District Plan Development Strategy 2011-2031 included land in the Gilston Area, as some of the Broad Locations for Development, subject to testing and examination. Eastwick and Gilston parish Council is an active member of the STOP Harlow North campaign group that prepared a detailed response to the preferred options consultation. We are now awaiting the outcome of the preferred options consultation to assess what still needs to be done to continue our fight to kill the idea of Harlow North.

**Developing our Neighbourhood Plan** – We have in place a Parish Plan our are now in the process of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan with Hunsdon Parish Council that will address the future use of development of land within our parish's.

**Conservation and Wildlife** – The Parish council supports conservation of the rural economy, landscape enhancement and the introduction of more leisure uses. There is a continuing work to support these activities including our links with other groups such as the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

IF you have a view on some of the big issues that face us today then put yourself forward for co-opt a resident for the vacant Eastwick Parish Council seat and if you are interested in finding out about the role of Parish Councillor please contact: Christine Law, Parish Clerk, on 411646 or e-mail: [Christine.law2@btinternet.com](mailto:Christine.law2@btinternet.com) for an informal discussion.

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### **ALAN JENKINS**

Alan, who sadly died on August 8th, had made his home in High Gilston, the old schoolhouse, with his wife Clare and sons Sam and Tom. Last year the family moved to Harrogate to be near Alan's job in Leeds.

He was a valued member of the community and served as councillor on the Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council for a number of years.

Alan was an energetic, larger-than-life person, full of enthusiasm, a rugby fan and former player. Accepting a challenge with relish, he trained with his office team for a successful challenge on the Three Peaks Race.

Many of us will remember Alan cheerfully walking around Gilston and Eastwick, with the family's three spinone dogs in all weathers.

Alan and Clare were great gardeners and enjoyed keeping ducks and hens, dodging the local foxes, and were always most welcoming to friends and neighbours.

He is much missed.

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## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

In September, twenty members of the Hundred Parishes Society were led by chairman Douglas Kent and secretary Ken McDonald on a guided walk from Newport to Wendens Ambo. Douglas and Ken shared some fascinating details about the history of the older listed buildings, pointing out the skills of past builders and carpenters and the challenges placed upon successive owners who have occupied and cherished these buildings over many centuries. The walkers enjoyed the views from the footpath between Newport and Wendens Ambo, across the Cam valley towards Shortgrove and the distant spire of Saffron Walden's parish church. The group was ready for lunch at the Fighting Cocks.

Getting out and about provides us with the opportunity to appreciate the variety of autumnal colours in gardens, parks and the wider countryside as the deciduous trees prepare to shed their leaves. Do try one or more of the recommended walks described on our website: [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk).

At this time of the year gardens too offer seasonal charms. Our website's What's On page shows the final day for visiting the Gardens of Easton Lodge is October 18 from 11:30am to 5pm, whilst a walk around your own local area can reveal surprisingly colourful plantings too! As winter approaches, there are fewer outdoor activities, but our What's On lists a good variety of events around the area including walks, talks and evening concerts in great venues and for good causes.

Should the weather be unsuitable for outdoor excursions then there are a couple of exhibitions worth viewing in Saffron Walden. The Fry Art Gallery features "The Art of Acquisition - the Great Bardfield artists' houses" until 25<sup>th</sup> October, whilst Saffron Walden Museum has: "Uttlesford: a Community of Collectors". Our What's On page has links to their websites.

Tricia Moxey  
Trustee

## BENEFICE OF HIGH WYCH AND GILSTON WITH EASTWICK SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2015

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Trinity 18	8.00am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist (BCP)	Readings – Genesis2: 18-24, Hebrews1: 1-4,2:5- 12, Mark 10: 2-16
		9.30am	St James, High Wych	Family Service	
		3.00pm	Gilston Village Hall	Family Service	
		6.30pm	St Mary's, Gilston	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>	Readings – Joel 2: 21-27, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Matthew 6: 25- 33
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday	9.30am	St James High Wych	School Harvest Service	
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Trinity 19	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Harvest Communion	Readings – Joel 2: 21-27, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Matthew 6: 25- 33
		11.15am	St Mary's, Gilston	Parish Eucharist	Readings – Amos 5: 6-7,1-15, Hebrews 4: 12-16, Mark10: 17-31
		3.00pm	Gilston Village Hall	Family Service	Readings – Mark 10: 17-31
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	10.00am	6 Falcon Close	House Group- Studying the Epistle of James	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday	7.30pm	The Rectory	House Group- Studying the Epistle of James	
18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Easter Eucharist	Readings – Isaiah 35: 3-6, 2 Timothy 4: 5-17, Luke 10: 1- 9
		11.30pm	St James, High Wych	Baptism of Alissia Mae Ferguson	
		3.00pm	Gilston Village Hall	Family Service	Reading – Luke 10: 1-9
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Bible Sunday	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist	Readings – Isaiah 55: 1-11, 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5, John 5: 36b-end
		3.00pm	Gilston Village Hall	Family Service	Readings – Mark 9: 30-37
Each	Tuesday	9.00am	St Botlph, Eastwick	Morning Prayer	Not 6th
Each	Wednesday	9.00am	St James, High Wych	Morning Prayer	Not 7th
Each	Thursday	9.00am	St Mary's, Gilston	Morning Prayer	Not 1st
Each	Friday	9.00am	St James, High Wych	Morning Prayer	Not 2nd



## RECTOR'S OCTOBER LETTER

**Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;**  
(Ode to Autumn, Keats)

The nights are drawing in and the weather is beginning to cool down. It is the time to celebrate the time of harvest and look back on the hard work that has gone on in fields, farms and gardens. I want to start by thanking all the people who have put so much effort into keeping our three churchyards looking so tidy and well cared for over the past year. There is a team for each churchyard and if you would like to help with the work in future please let me know and I will put you in touch with the relevant people.

Our harvest celebrations begin on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October with a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Gilston at 6.30 pm. On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> High Wych School have their Harvest Service in St James Church. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> we have our Harvest Communion at 9.30 am at St James Church. Collections taken during these services will be sent to the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal which this year is supporting disabled children in Uganda. Any gifts of non-perishable foods and other goods will be given to the Women's Shelter in Harlow. Perishable goods will be used locally to make Jam and Chutneys in aid of the St James' Church.

It may seem a long way ahead but November brings our All Soul's Service and Remembrance Sunday commemorations. This year we have moved our All Soul's Service to the second Sunday in November – 8<sup>th</sup> – and we are looking forward to welcoming the new Bishop of Hertford, Rt Rev'd Michael Beasley, to preach at the service and dedicate the new Memorial Wall in the Garden of Remembrance at High Wych. If we have led the funeral of a loved one over the past eighteen months then I will be writing to you soon to invite you to the service where we read out the names of the departed whom people come to remember. If you would like someone to be remembered at this service please drop me a note or email with the details. Full details of all the above services are elsewhere in the magazine.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our services soon.

Anthony Giles

### **From the Registers.**

#### **Baptisms:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Name</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> September	High Wych	Paris J Georgiou
12 <sup>th</sup> September	High Wych	Leigh Anne Georgiou
27 <sup>th</sup> September	High Wych	Harrison John Duncan

#### **Weddings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Names</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> September	High Wych	Victoria Houghton & William Ingham
25 <sup>th</sup> September	High Wych	Ellen Bennett & Paul McGeehan

#### **Funerals**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Funeral	Parndon Wood	Joan Winifred Lloyd
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Funeral	Parndon Wood	Nina Eliza Jessie Elsdon

# *Harvest and Remembrance 2015*

*Sunday 4th October.*

6.30 pm at St Mary's Gilston; **Harvest Thanksgiving.**

*Saturday 10th October.*

7.00 pm at High Wych Memorial Hall;

**Harvest Supper with Entertaining Sing-a-Long.**

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Tea, coffee and juice provided.

Adults £10.00, children under 12 free. Tickets from Ruth Buckmaster (725428)

*Sunday 11th October.*

9.30 am at St James High Wych; **Harvest Communion**

Money collected will be sent to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal. All non-perishable gifts will go to the Women's Refuge in Harlow. Perishable gift will be used locally.

*Remembrance Sunday, 8th November*

9.45 am **Communion for Remembrance**

St James High Wych,

10.45 am **Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorials**  
at High Wych, Pye Corner and Eastwick.

11.30 am **Communion for Remembrance**

St Mary's Gilston.

6.15 pm **Dedication of the Memorial Wall**

6.30 pm **All Souls Service**

at St James High Wych  
with the Bishop of Hertford,  
Rt. Rev'd Michael Beasley.

We remember and give thanks for the departed.

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# **District Planning Bulletin**

## **No.18 – Sept 2015**

### ***Shaping Now Shaping the Future***

#### ***Welcome***

Welcome to the latest edition of our bulletin providing information on all aspects of planning policy in East Herts. More information on all the topics in this bulletin can be found online at [www.eastherts.gov.uk/districtplan](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/districtplan). Work on the District Plan is discussed at the District Planning Executive Panel, which is a public meeting that anyone can attend and is also webcast. The next meeting will take place in the Council Chamber at Wallfields, Hertford on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015. All reports from the Panel can be found online at this page:

<http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=151&MIId=2770&Ver=4>.

#### ***Green Belt Review***

Following the 2014 Preferred Options District Plan consultation, a critical friend appraisal was sought on the initial Green Belt review. Consequently, East Herts has been working with planning consultants, Peter Brett Associates, to produce a final Green Belt Review that assesses all parcels of Green Belt land across East Herts District. The Green Belt review is part of a broader set of evidence to inform the overall development strategy of the District Plan. This report outlines the scope of the Review, its findings, and its role in the plan-making process. The full report and review can be found online.

#### ***Village Hierarchy Assessment***

The Village Hierarchy Assessment is being prepared to inform the emerging District Plan. East Herts recently consulted the Parish and Town Councils upon Stage 1 of the assessment that looks at the services and facilities, accessibility and public transport provision of 34 villages. The report explains the purpose of the Village Hierarchy Study, the methodology and initial scoring, consultation feedback and the next stages in the Assessment. Further information can be found [here](#).

#### ***Buntingford Transport Modelling Assessment***

The Council commissioned transport consultants, Steer Davies Gleave, in consultation with HCC to assess the impact of development on the local road network and to test the feasibility of potential mitigation options. The results of the report will form part of any future consideration of planning applications.

## ***Duty to Cooperate***

East Herts Council is obliged to constructively engage with neighbouring planning authorities throughout the plan-making process. The Duty to Cooperate is in place to address strategic cross boundary issues. The minutes of the latest meeting with neighbouring local authorities can be found here.

## ***Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy***

East Herts has been working with HCC and Hertford Town Council alongside consultants, Tibbalds, to develop a master plan strategy for Hertford town centre. In response to the consultation that took place earlier this year, further options and designs have been produced. Public consultation on these options and designs will take place between Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, which is available to view online. A public event will take place at the Millbridge Rooms, The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PX on:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 5pm; and
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm.

For those unable to attend the event, all material will be displayed at the Hertford Theatre from 5pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be finalised around the end of this year.

## ***Affordable Housing Update***

Recent changes in national planning policy for affordable housing provision and the introduction of the Starter Homes exemption policy has enabled the Council to re-instate its own thresholds for affordable housing contributions. This report outlines the recent changes with recommendations that the 2012 amended affordable housing policy thresholds are re-introduced with the inclusion of the Starter Homes exemption.

## ***East Herts Association of Town and Parish Councils (EHAPTC)***

The East Herts Association of Town and Parish Councils (EHAPTC) is scheduled to meet Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am in the Council Chamber, Wallfields. For further information please see the website: <http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=30692>

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