

Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor



*A new Civic year - a new Mayor!
Introducing
Cllr Eric Buckmaster*

Dear Resident

As one of your twelve Town Councillors, and now as your Mayor, I have come into contact with many of the organisations, clubs and community groups in Sawbridgeworth. Above all I am impressed by the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who help run these groups and organise all of the events and activities that provide such enjoyment and support to young and old alike.

Typically many of these volunteers are to be found in more than one organisation so the most pressing need is for more people to give a little of their time. We all lead very busy lives but I know that to give a little back to the community is very rewarding and those involved love the feeling that they are helping others and making a real contribution to the life of the town.

If you or a member of your family are interested in joining a club or group, or even wish to volunteer, I can point you in the direction of an extremely useful website called sawbridgeworthonline.com. Just one click will provide you with contact information and links to all of our town's organisations as well as a wide range of interest groups and businesses. You will also find a diary of events for Sawbridgeworth, and information about the Farmers' Market. The website is very well maintained and up to date. You never know, a little research may take you in a whole new direction.

Happy browsing

*Eric Buckmaster
Mayor of Sawbridgeworth*

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Citizen of the Year & Young Citizen of the Year 2009-2010



Pictured left to right: Nicola Thorp Rivers Hospital, Joanne Kenny, Citizen of the Year 2009-2010, Liam Tedds, Young Citizen of the Year 2009-2010 and Cllr Mrs Angela Alder, Sawbridgeworth's Town Mayor 2009-2010 (picture taken by Dr Gerald Connolly)

The Rivers Hospital in conjunction with Sawbridgeworth Town Council presented the Rivers Hospital Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the year awards on 14 May 2010 at The Annual Civic Awards evening. The winners were both given a trophy and £100 each to give to their chosen charities in recognition of their contribution to the life and community of Sawbridgeworth. Citizen of the Year Joanne Kenny donated her money to the Hailey Day Centre and Young Citizen of the Year Liam Tedds donated his money to 1st Sawbridgeworth Scouts.

Sawbridgeworth's Farmers' Market

Bell Street Car Park,
04 September 2010
9.30am-1.30pm



Police in Sawbridgeworth



The last few months have been reasonably quiet crime wise here in Sawbridgeworth.

We were busy on the evening of the May Fayre dealing with the issues that arose due to an increase to drinkers to the area.

With the warmer weather finally here it creates more opportunities for criminals to strike so please read some of the crime prevention advice.

A few simple steps will help reduce the risk of crime. These include keeping windows closed, preferably locked, and doors securely locked, particularly UPVC doors which must be locked with a key as they are not properly secured just by lifting the handle.

During hot spells, when you may need to have a window open at night, use windows that are not easily accessible from outside. Keep downstairs windows and windows above flat roofs closed or locked.

We have also seen a large increase to Thefts from Motor Vehicles in the area. These are thefts of Catalytic converters, Thefts of numbers plates and Thefts of property left in vehicles. Many of these vehicles have been left unlocked by owners either on their driveways or outside their properties and items such as sunglasses and sat navs have been removed. Can I remind all car owners to secure their vehicles and remove any property of value from their vehicles overnight.

Also please note the other tips below.

- Don't leave anything on show in your car - even if you know the bag on the front seat is empty, a thief may still try their luck.
- If you must leave property in your vehicle, lock it out of sight, preferably in the boot and ensure no one sees you hiding it away.
- It may sound obvious, but remember to shut your windows and sunroof.
- Remove your Sat Nav and its holder - don't leave it in the glove box as that's the first place a thief will look - and make sure you wipe away any suction marks so there is no sign a sat nav might be in the vehicle.
- Set your immobiliser and alarm if you have one fitted.

If you have any information regarding any of the above crimes then please call 0845 33 00 222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

PC Tina Mustoe

Town Council's Improved Website

www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk

Our new website has details about the Town Council including:

- Agendas & Minutes
- Civic Awards
- Councillors
- Meeting dates
- Planning
- Staff
- Sawbobus (routes, indicative times & any changes to the advertised service)

There are also many other interesting & helpful things under **Town Information** including:

- Allotments
- Cemetery
- Community Halls/Halls For Hire
- Dining, Pubs & Hotels
- Education (schools & pre-schools)
- Healthcare
- Library
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Sports & Leisure facilities
- Support Groups, Clubs & Societies
- Town Action Plan
- Town History

If there is anything missing from the website that you feel would be beneficial to the community, please contact us using the details below and on page 4.

Hedge Appeal

Can we appeal to those residents whose properties border onto highways and footpaths to check whether they have overhanging hedges and trees?

We have received a number of complaints from pedestrians saying that it is often difficult to walk down some pathways, and especially on roads where there are no pavements, without having to step into the road.

If this affects you would you please ensure that your hedges are kept cut back to the boundary of your property. Many thanks.

Changes to Sawbobus

Sawbobus will have been running for nine months by the time you read this – and there are some exciting changes coming up. What people have asked for most is for Sawbobus to run for more days in the week. What they asked for next was to include the High Wych area.

We have been able to raise more funding through a number of sponsorship deals with among others Gravelle's Budgens, The Rivers Hospital and Circle Anglia Housing.

This means that from the beginning of August Sawbobus will run on six days a week from Monday through Saturday. We will also be adjusting the routes slightly to include the Rivers Hospital, High Wych and West Road. We will also be going through Burnside on one route into town.

The bus terminus will also change and will be in Gravelle's Budgens car park. All routes will start and stop from there. Sawbobus will no longer do the twice daily run to Bishops Stortford as there are now more service buses serving that link. This means that we will be able to cover the middle of the day better than at present.

But you have all probably seen the press publicity! Let us know what you think of the changes.



Display the contact details of your group on our website for the benefit of the community

If you are a Sawbridgeworth support group, club or society and would like to have your contact details displayed on our website for all of the community to see please let us know.

You can send us your details by clicking "contact us" on the homepage of our website www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk, alternatively you can provide us with your details using any of the methods below:

Telephone: 01279 724537

Email: stc@sbwtowncouncil.org.

Post Sawbridgeworth Town Council, 49-51 Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9AR

Note from the Town Clerk

There have been a number of changes since the last newsletter. Elsewhere you will have seen the new expanded Sawbobus service, which is thanks to several generous sponsorship deals.

The Town Council has also taken on the running of the Farmer's Market. I have learned a lot from my first experience in June – and the September market will reflect the lessons learned. Thanks to those people who have volunteered to help with this vital community activity.

We have also taken on the running of the CVS minibus. All enquires for its use from community groups should now be made to the Town Council, and we will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Town's Autumn Show

**04 Sept
2010
Memorial Hall
2pm**

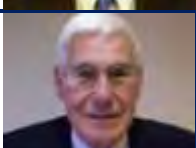


Are you keeping busy pampering those flowers, checking on your fruit, weeding round those vegetables, designing your floral art entry, plus much more all in readiness for the Town Autumn Show on Saturday 4th September in the Memorial Hall. You will also need to have a good supply of jars for making jam, pickles, chutney and other preserves. With the school holidays on the horizon there are many categories in the children's section for them to work on during the coming weeks. You could be sitting in the garden right now in the sunshine enjoying your favourite handicraft and making articles in this section, taking photographs while out for a stroll – such a variety of classes and too many to mention here, that you need to obtain a schedule to decide on how many you wish to enter. So contact Ken Kilbey straight away ken.kilbey@tinyonline.co.uk 01279 722907 to give yourself plenty of time to decide on your entries. In addition to the enjoyment of taking part there are cash prizes for winning entries and cups to be

Events

Tell us about your event and we will add it to our online events calendar for all to see. Our contact details are on page 4.

Contact your Town Councillors

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