

Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor



Dear Resident

This is the first newsletter of the year and I should like to wish everyone a happy and successful 2011.

Are you interested in becoming a Town Councillor?

In one of my earlier messages I mentioned the need for volunteers to serve on committees of the various clubs and associations in our town. Well this is also true of our Town Council. The next elections for the Council will be held on 5th May. This could be a great opportunity for you to help your community and to come into direct contact with many aspects of town life and make a real impact. You can stand either as an Independent or as a member of a political party but the most important attribute you can possess is a desire to play a part in the life of the town. You will need to be at least 18 years old and there are residential qualifiers but we shall be happy to explain it all to you.

From my own experience I can tell you that it has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever been involved with.

In order to help you decide, we are going to hold a number of open events where we can tell you about the various activities and duties of the Town Council and you can ask us questions about how we operate and the committees that you may wish to serve on.

The dates and timings of the open events will be as follows:

Tuesday 8th March 7:30pm at the Town Council Offices, 49-51 Bell Street and
Saturday 12th March 10:00am at the Town Council Offices, 49-51 Bell Street.

It would be helpful if you could telephone us on 01279 724537 to let us know which session you would like to attend.

We shall also have a stand at the Farmers Market on 2nd April where you can talk informally to me or the Town Clerk.

I very much look forward to hearing from you

Cllr Eric Buckmaster

Mayor of Sawbridgeworth

Christmas Competition Winners



Pictured: Aiden Taylor, Ben Allum-Clarke and Oliver Allport
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Congratulations!

To our County and District Councillor Roger Beeching on being awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours. Roger is a great friend to the town and to the Town Council, having been a member since 1974 until recently and Mayor on three separate occasions.

Also to our current Mayor, Cllr Eric Buckmaster, who not only having a highly successful term in office, has just been elected as our third District Councillor, sitting as an Independent.

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Police in Sawbridgeworth



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CONSTABULARY

Sawbridgeworth has once again maintained its low crime levels even though we have suffered several burglaries in the area.

Now that Christmas is over it is again a time when offenders target houses looking for all the presents that we have received over the festive period.

Please can I remind you of the following points:

- If you're due to get home after it gets dark, why not use timer switches on your lamps to give your home the 'lived-in' look? (always follow the manufacturer's instructions).
- Don't leave boxes and packaging out by your bin which could advertise to passing opportunistic thieves what they may find inside your home.
- Try to keep all loose valuables like laptops, cameras and mobile phones out of the sight of anybody looking in - and why not register them on the free online database www.immobilise.com.
- Consider installing alarms and 'dusk to dawn' security lighting - please visit www.herts.police.uk or contact us on 0845 33 00 222 for advice.
- Secure your rear garden - lock your shed, shut and lock any gates and keep fences maintained. Don't leave ladders and tools outside - they could be used by a burglar.
- Please ensure you double lock your UPVC door by lifting the handle and turning the key on the inside - if you do not lock the door with the key from the inside then the door is not properly secured.

Another matter that we are getting increasing complaints about is inconsiderate parking around Sawbridgeworth.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. Please think before you park your vehicle and consider if people can get past. You can receive a fine of £30.00 if you do cause an unnecessary obstruction.

Whilst the recent snow may be fun for the younger residents of Sawbridgeworth I would ask all parents to remind their children to be considerate when throwing snowballs. We have had several incidents of windows being smashed by youths deliberately targeting windows.

This is something that will not be tolerated as it causes unnecessary distress and expense to householders.

I would also remind them not to throw snowballs near to traffic as it is not only distracting but could cause an accident.

If you would like to report any anti social behaviour then please call 0845 33 00 222.



The national Census takes place every ten years and is a count of every person living in the UK. The next Census will take place on 27th March 2011.

The Census matters to everyone as its population counts are used to allocate money to Hertfordshire for local services in the next 10 years. These include health, the police, schools and colleges, housing, roads and public transport and other services provided by both the County and District Councils such as sports & leisure facilities. Businesses also use Census information to help plan where to provide jobs and facilities such as shops.

The Office for National Statistics has already started to work with Hertfordshire County and District Councils to plan for the Census and to encourage and help everyone to be counted.

The Census forms will start landing on doorsteps in the middle of March this year, you'll recognize it by the purple Census logo at the top of the form. Once you've completed the form place it back in the envelope that's provided and pop it in a postbox. For the first time it will be possible to complete the Census on-line, using the unique code at the top of your form.

As we get nearer to Census day, more information will be provided, including about how you can get help if needed. If you wish to find out more now, the Census website contains lots of information at www.census.gov.uk

Help tomorrow take shape

Charity Events

Sawbridgeworth's 7th Annual W.I AA Exhibition & Sale

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March 2011
Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall, 10:30am-4:30pm
Please contact Mrs Hansford, Tel: 01279 832149

Zing Went the Strings of My Heart - In aid of Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Sunday 27 February 2011
Rhodes Arts Complex, South Road, Bishop's Stortford, 6:30pm
Austin James & Phil Leader with their band & guest singers.
For tickets call: 01279 651746 or visit www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

Sawbridgeworth Photo-Diary: 2010

Throughout 2010 I have been documenting a photo-diary of life in our Town. I now wish to publish some of these images on my web sites and in book form. I have done my best to obtain written or oral permission from those people and organisations photographed.

During this year, I will be contacting these organisations again, however, I realise some members of the public might not wish to be included in my publications.

Would you please contact me to discuss this further if you are at all concerned. My web sites and an outline of the project can be found at

http://www.flickr.com/photos/heliographic_studio/sets/
and
<https://sites.google.com/site/sawbridgeworth2010/>

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Sawbridgeworth Farmers' Market



Bell Street Car Park
9.30am-1.30pm



- **Sat 05 Feb 2011**
- **Sat 02 Apr 2011**
- **Sat 04 Jun 2011**
- **Sat 03 Sep 2011**
- **Sat 05 Nov 2011**
- **Sun 18 Dec 2011**

Notes from the Town Clerk

The Farmers' Market in December had to be called off due to the severe weather conditions and the consequent non-delivery of the market stalls. The decision wasn't taken lightly, but the phrase "health and safety" comes to mind. Thanks to the two intrepid stall holders who brought their own stalls.

As the Mayor has said elsewhere, in May this year there will be elections for the Town Council. There is more information about the elections and what is involved in being a town councillor on the Town Council web-site.

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.

Christmas Competition

Winners...continued from page 1

Sawbridgeworth Town Council awarded prizes to three lucky winners of the Christmas Lights Competition. Aiden Taylor won first prize of a mountain bike (kindly donated by Cycle King of Sawbridgeworth), Ben Allum-Clarke won second prize of a family ticket to see Jack & The Beanstalk at Rhodes Arts Complex in Bishop's Stortford and third prize went to Oliver Allport, who received a bag of Christmas goodies.



Bell Street Dry Cleaners and the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Shop were both awarded £250 to donate to their chosen charities for winning the best dressed Christmas window competition. Bell Street Dry Cleaners donated their prize to Herts Air Ambulance and the Helen Rollason shop donated their prize to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Picture: Deputy Mayor, Cllr Derek Filler, Georgina Plowman from the Helen Rollason shop with her husband Barry, a trustee of the charity and Shirley Kempthorn of Bell Street Dry Cleaners and Mayor, Cllr Eric Buckmaster.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Around 600 people gathered together to watch the Christmas Lights being switched on at the end of November. The event proved very successful for the local groups that had fundraising stalls, selling mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate and burgers. 2010's event was the best so far and was a great start to the festive season.



Sawbobus Update


We only had to stop running on one day during the bad weather in December and it's thanks to Cyril and Ken who have kept the service running this winter. We have introduced a telephone cascade system for letting regular passengers know if the service has had to be suspended. Please continue to let us have suggestions and ideas for future changes to the service.

Contact your Town Councillors

	<p>Cllr Mrs Angela Alder "Orion" London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford Herts. CM23 4AX Tel: 01279 722360 angela.alder@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Town Initiatives & Town Action Plan Monitoring Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Barry Hodges 10 Bittersweet Rise Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9HD Tel: 01279 723189 barry.hodges@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Emergency Planning Champion</p>
	<p>Cllr Eric Buckmaster (Mayor) 23 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 725428 eric.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Communications & Allotments Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Adam Lowe 40A Bell Street Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9AN Tel: 01279 723224 adam.lowe@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Communications & Skate Park Champion</p>
	<p>Cllr Steve Butler 23 Parkway, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9NR Tel: 01279726579 steve.butler@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Young People's Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Brian Rochester 20 Reedings Way Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 0DZ Tel: 01279 832753 brian.rochester@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Footpaths & Open Spaces Champion</p>
	<p>Cllr Pat Coysten 128 Sheering Mill Lane Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9ND Tel: 01279 723435 pat.coysten@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Planters Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Paul Rose 9A Cambridge Road Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9JP Tel: 01279 722208 paul.rose@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Farmers' Market Champion</p>
	<p>Cllr Stan Dixon 6 Falcon Close Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 0AX Tel: 01279723557 stan.dixon@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Crime & Disorder Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Mrs Joyce Vincent 10 Brook Road Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9HA Tel: 01279 723649 joyce.vincent@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Cemetery Champion</p>
	<p>Cllr Derek Filler (Deputy Mayor) "Kingsbury" Chelmsford Road, Hatfield Heath, Herts. CM22 7BQ Tel: 01279 730146 derek.filler@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Transport/Community Buses Champion</p>		<p>Cllr Andrew Wincott 20 Rowney Gardens Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 726062 andrew.wincott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk Memorial Hall Champion</p>

Contact Your Town Council

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Admin Officer - Laura Carter (Reception, Community
 Bus, Website, Newsletter & Mayor's Administration)
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Town Ranger – Sid Godden

County & District Councillors

<p>County Councillor Roger Beeching MBE "Quince" 4 Newports, High Wych Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 0HP Tel: 01279 722496 Email: roger.beeching@hertscc.gov.uk</p>
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