

Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor

Another year has passed and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2013

Since the last newsletter the visit to our twinned town of Bry-sur-Marne has taken place. My wife and I together with all the members of the Town Twinning Association travelled to Bry and enjoyed three fantastic days. We had a visit to the Palace of Versailles, followed by an evening of wining and dining and entertainment where speeches were made and gifts were exchanged, a memorable time was had by all. The following day we assembled at the town's war memorial, where wreaths were laid, flags raised and anthems played. Then lead by the Town Band we paraded to the town Park and bandstand where a lime tree was planted to commemorate the 40 years our towns' have been twinned. We were then treated to some wonderful music provided by musicians from both Bry-sur-Marne and the Leventhorpe School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Twinning Association for the excellent organisation and wonderful company, but above all, on behalf of all of those that travelled to Bry, a big big thank you to Jean-Pierre SPILBAUER the Maire of Bry, all his staff and all the families that hosted our visit. We all will look forward to their return visit later this year.

Thank you all for your support at the switching on of the Christmas Lights, probably our best year ever. I would like to thank all of the organisations that took part and made it a fantastic community event that I am sure everyone enjoyed. I would also like to say a big thank you to Cllr Derek Filler and his committee, along with the Town Council staff for all the hard work that made this event such a success, in particular Joanne Kenny who in her new role as Projects Manager administered the event.

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Exciting News...At the time of writing the completion of the new Civic Centre at Sayesbury Manor is imminent and by the time you read this newsletter we should be settled in and you would have the opportunity to visit us there.

Thank you all for your continued support.



Cllr Barry Hodges JP
Town Mayor

Town Council's Christmas Competition Winners



A prize giving ceremony for the town's annual Christmas competition was held on Wednesday 19 December. First prize of an Ipod Touch was awarded to Roisin Overend, age 8, who was unfortunately too poorly to attend the prize giving event. Second prize was awarded to Erin-Rose Kinsella, age 5 and third prize went to Daisy Gough, age 5.



Pictured left to right: Sophie George age 7, Erin-Rose Kinsella age 5 and Daisy Gough age 5

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Thank you to **Sophie George** (Aged 7) from Reedings Junior School for the beautiful picture that she enclosed with her Christmas competition entry, unfortunately Sophie was not one of the three lucky winners but has inspired us to start a picture competition next year for the budding artists of Sawbridgeworth ~

Well done Sophie



Farmers' Market

We have now had two Farmers' Markets using our new stalls and they have been attended very well. We have new stall holders joining us and a waiting list of traders who want to attend. We also have a stall for retailers to promote their businesses and we have a charity refreshments stall and at least one stall promoting other activities in and around the town.

As a result of a survey we conducted at the Christmas market amongst traders and shoppers about the future of the market; the overwhelming response was that people would like the market to be monthly and on a Saturday. So we have applied for a licence to hold the market on the first Saturday of every month from April this year, with the exception of the December market which will still be held on a Sunday close to Christmas.

If you have a big event coming up, the market gazebos (which are three metres square and come with tables) are available for hire. If you are thinking about an event please give us a call and see if we can help.

Sawbridgeworth
Farmers' Market

FISH Game EGGS MEAT
Poultry Game EGGS MEAT
CHEESE Crafts
FRUIT Olives
Wool & Sheepskins
VEGETABLES



Events

Tell us about your local event and we will add it to our online events calendar for all to see. Send your details to info@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk

Clerk's Notes

Bell Street car park - The Scheme for the free first hour of parking in the Bell Street car park has now been running for five months and is being widely praised by parishioners, visitors and retailers alike. The results are very encouraging; people are coming in to the office saying how much they appreciate the scheme; retailers say that people are dwelling longer in the town and the car park is noticeably busier.

The cost to the town council of subsidising the scheme for this financial year is within the budget that we set aside for the project. It is the Town Council's intention to keep the scheme running for the next year – the big question is how to fund it. Should it be paid for out of the parish precept for next year or some other means? Your feedback would be welcomed.

Sawbobus - The bus continues to be a popular and well used facility provided by the town council. We are now looking to plan our routes for this year and while keeping our present three main routes we are planning an additional service to serve outlying rural areas and destinations not on our current routes. I would welcome any ideas on areas that still need to be served.

Christmas Lights - I think everyone who was there – and there were by official estimates between three and four thousand of you – said that the event was a great success. The entertainment was fantastic, the lights and atmosphere were great. The addition of charity stalls all down Bell Street was an innovation that we plan to expand upon for 2013.

Here's some advance notice for your diaries – the date for the Switch-on-Event for 2013 will be Friday 29 November. The Isabel Hospice Lights of Love ceremony will be on Saturday 30 November.

Dates for your Diary

Farmers' Market

Saturday 06 April 2013

Town Council Open Day

Saturday 23 March 2013

Mayor's Quiz Night

Saturday 30 March 2013



Why not get a quiz team together and support Help for Heroes, whilst having fun!

Tickets are £7.50pp, bring along your favourite drinks and nibbles to enjoy.

Maximum team size is 8 people.

Please contact Jo Kenny on: 01279 724537 for tickets and information.

Police in Sawbridgeworth



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CONSTABULARY

Despite several high profile events last year, including the London Olympics, the Jubilee and the European Football Championships to name a few, Sawbridgeworth, and indeed, Hertfordshire as a whole, have retained our frontline, visible policing presence. Sawbridgeworth and the surrounding areas have seen almost a 15% drop in recorded crime in 2012 when compared to 2011, along with a 10% drop in Dwelling Burglaries. These figures continue to see Sawbridgeworth as a very safe place to live.

2 arrests were made in late October following a high value Dwelling Burglary; stolen items included iMac computers, which had tracking software installed. Based on the data retrieved from this software, officers from investigation and specialist search teams were able to conduct warrants on the addresses identified, leading to the recovery of a large amount of stolen property and the arrest of the 2 suspects, who were subsequently charged and remanded to court. This case highlights the quality and ability of these software 'apps', which can so often be downloaded and installed for free. For more information about tracking apps, property marking and crime prevention, please visit one of our Beat Surgeries, detailed below.

Further positive results include two arrests being made following a forensic match (DNA, fingerprints, etc.) from a spree of Theft from Motor Vehicles in the rural areas and into Bishop's Stortford, which also included the recovery of a large proportion of the stolen items.

Following on from the generous donation by Cllr Derek Filler of a patrol bicycle as mentioned in the previous Newsletter, I am pleased to say that Sawbridgeworth Safer Neighbourhood Team has taken ownership of 2 further marked cycles, further allowing Officers and PCSO's the chance to get out into the community.

Officers and PCSOs will continue to hold Beat Surgeries, to allow you to meet your local officers and get advice and information, details are below, however, these may be subject to change due to operational requirements. For the latest information, why not follow us on Twitter- @SawbPolice

26 Feb 2013 10:30	Police Surgery	Sawbridgeworth Town Council, Sayesbury Manor
10 Apr 2013 10:30	Police Surgery	Sawbridgeworth Town Council, Sayesbury Manor
14 Mar 2013 10:30	Police Surgery	Sawbridgeworth Town Council, Sayesbury Manor

Contact Details: 999 Emergency
 101 Non-Emergency
 0800555111 Crime Stoppers

Civic Centre

At long last the town council has moved into its permanent home Sayesbury Manor. Works are still being finished and the garden has still to be planted, but we plan to have an Open Day on Saturday 23 March to show off the town's new facility.

Out of the £950k that we received from the sale of the unusable land east of Millfields, the main things that we have done with the proceeds are spending £690k on the purchase, restoration, refurbishment and extensions to The Cottage at Sayesbury Manor together with repairs to the Hailey Centre; £150k on the repair and improvement works at the Memorial Hall; £70k on the new play areas in West Road and Vantorts Park; £25k as a contribution to the new scout hut; £10k on stalls and to equip ourselves for the Farmers' Market and £5k on extensions to the Christmas lights.

All About Sawbridgeworth



Although many of us are reluctant to fall under the spell of Facebook, I am pleased to say that the Town Council has taken the social media plunge.

All About Sawbridgeworth

is Retail and Business focused, allowing local shops and businesses the opportunity to network and promote the town in a positive light. We would like to invite all our readers to find **All About Sawbridgeworth** and **LIKE** us! Once you have, you will be able to access all the latest news including special offers that our unique retailers have to offer.

Claire Ramsbotham, a resident local business woman, mum and guide leader originally set up this page as a means of communication between local businesses. Over 230 people have now liked the page, it is going from strength to strength as a result of local businesses embracing the concept. Jo from the Town Council, along with Claire are the administrators of the page and ensure that local businesses are represented in a positive way and that the page is not misused.

Simply search for All About Sawbridgeworth, LIKE the page and SHARE with your friends in the town.

Contact your Town Councillors

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