

# Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



Issue 14, Autumn 2013

## Message from the Mayor

This is my first Newsletter since having the honour of being elected Mayor at the end of May this year and what a great start with the lovely summer weather.

One of my first events was the Leventhorpe School Proms concert in glorious sunshine so different from last year's torrential rain. We all joined enthusiastically in singing "Land of Hope and Glory" and the other songs associated with the last night of the Proms. All credit to Leventhorpe School for hosting this highly enjoyable community event.

My first few months have been busy, varied and interesting. I had great fun joining in the Teddy Toddle at High Wych Preschool nursery now based at Bullfields Centre. Shortly after that I had great pleasure in presenting the Flying Start Nursery Montessori with its accreditation plaque, one of only 124 in the country. Another enjoyable, end of term event, was Spellbrook C of E Primary School Service at Gt. St. Mary's when I was pleased to present to each Leaver a Bible and Dictionary. I was also delighted to present BTEC certificates to two ATC cadets. BTEC – equates to four GCSE passes and is available to Cadets once they turn 16.

I had the privilege of opening the new Sawbo Art Gallery in Baker's Walk with its wide range of contemporary pictures – the work of the proprietor and on the first Saturday in September I was proud to present the Cups and Trophies to winners in the Allotment Show. This annual community event encapsulates its quintessential Englishness so essential in preserving the best of Sawbridgeworth - Well done the Allotment Association.

Looking to the future the Town Council will shortly be consulting on the new Town Action Plan covering the next four years. Do take the opportunity to contribute by forwarding ideas to the Council.

Finally, I seek your support for my chosen Charity - Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of seventeen year old Josh Taffs who sadly died last October.

The first event is a Quiz on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Bullfields Centre.

**Cllr Mrs Angela Alder**  
Town Mayor



## Christmas Lights & Fayre

Friday 29th November

Please come along to **Bell Street** from  
**4pm** and join in the festive fun

with **Martin & Su** from

**Heart Radio Breakfast Show**  
leading up to the Switching-On of the

Christmas Lights at **6pm**



Street Stalls from local charities, schools and organisations will be selling food and locally produced crafts and gifts. Entertainment from local groups & Fairground Rides

## Inside this issue

- P2 Police in Sawbridgeworth  
Farmers' Market
- P3 Clerk's notes  
Future Events  
Minibus Drivers Wanted!
- P4 Contact your local Councillors and Town Council

# Police in Sawbridgeworth



HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY

As the autumn term begins Officers continue their 'Safe for Schools' campaign targeting speeding, mobile phone usage and dangerous parking around the local schools.

Catalytic Converter thefts are on the increase, due to the value of scrap metal, particularly on diesel vehicles. In recent months the whole county has seen a rise in this kind of crime and East Herts has been one of the areas most affected. Sawbridgeworth Neighbourhood Police Team are able to mark vehicles with a unique identification number, which will help Police trace the CATs if they are stolen and identify those handling the stolen goods. To arrange for your vehicle to be marked please contact:

[Russell.Jones2@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Russell.Jones2@Herts.pnn.police.uk)

Local Officers once again have a home in Sawbridgeworth. Although the new office in Sayesbury Manor will not be open to the public, it allows Officers to have a stronger, more visible presence in the town.

How would you like to contact your local neighbourhood Police Team?

Officers and PCSOs currently hold Beat Surgeries, to allow you to meet your local officers and to get advice and information. Would another method be more appealing? Please email your suggestions to [Russell.Jones2@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Russell.Jones2@Herts.pnn.police.uk)

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

Follow us on Twitter- @SawbPolice



Pictured left to right: Cllr Eric Buckmaster, current Mayor, Cllr Mrs Angela Alder, Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Andrew Wincott & Cllr Derek Filler.

# Sawbridgeworth Farmers' Market

## 2013 Market Dates

Saturday 02 November

Sunday 15 December

"Park and Ride" service on market days. This facility is in co-operation with the Leventhorpe School. Park your car at the school and hop onto the minibus which will be doing regular runs to the market and back throughout the morning. And it's FREE!

As a result of a survey we conducted at last year's 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 from April this year but with the exception of the December market we now hold the market of the first Saturday of every month.

Since the re-launch we have averaged around 900 visitors to the market each month which serves both local people and brings a lot of new faces into the town to take advantage of the retail offerings in our main shopping streets.

We are aware that a petition has been raised with the objective of ending the market being held on a Saturday. The petition suggests changing the market day to Sundays. What do you think? We would be interested in your views

## Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall Presents

A special afternoon of nostalgia is being held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - be thrilled by professional 1940's entertainer Fiona Harrison "A Voice in a Million", also a performance by children from the local theatre group Diverse Performing Arts. Children can take part in activities related to remembrance. There will be some military vehicles to look at. If you wish to go to the Airfield Memorial first in a military vehicle to pay your respects to those we remember there, be at the Memorial Hall by 10.30am to be back by 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to come in dress from the 1940's/1950's era or military uniform but not compulsory. There will be free tea, coffee and cake and war time food will be available to purchase. The bar will be open from 12 noon - entry is free to this event but a donation of £3 per person would be appreciated as all profit raised will be for the Injured Soldiers Charity Fund Bomb Disposal Unit at Carver Barracks, Saffron Walden. Further details from David Mead 01279 724503

[david.mead7@btinternet.com](mailto:david.mead7@btinternet.com)

Picture to the left from last year's Nostalgia Day.

## Christmas Competition Deadlines



The annual Children's Christmas competition will be running from the end of October until Thursday 12 December 2013.

The annual Christmas shop window competition will be judged between Thursday 12 December and Monday 16 December.

## 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 confirmed for the rest of the financial year to March 2014. The cost to the town council of subsidising the scheme for the year is within the budget that we set aside for the project. Is it working for you? The town council needs to make decisions on whether to continue this scheme next year. Your feedback would be welcomed.

**Sawbobus** - The big Sawbobus continues to be a popular and well used facility provided by the town council. In the last twelve months we have provided an incredible 25,680 passenger journeys. Sawbobus 2 has been up and running since May and is serving the three hospitals in our area, the Herts and Essex, the Rivers and the Princess Alexandra.

**New Town Councillor** - Following the Poll that took place on 19 September, we welcome Ruth Buckmaster as our newly elected town councillor.

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

**Baskets and Planters** - Thanks to all our publicans for their truly magnificent displays this summer. Also thank you to Oakridge Nurseries who have sponsored the wall baskets and the planters in the town. We are planning to have winter displays in the baskets on all the finger posts to keep the town in bloom throughout the winter months.

## Dates for Diary



### Farmers' Market

Saturday 02 November &

Sunday 15 December 2013 – Christmas Market

Bell Street Car Park

9am – 1pm

### Mayor's Quiz Night

Saturday 23 November 2013

Bullfields Centre

7pm

Contact: Joanne Kenny 01279 724537

### My Royal Appointments

Friday 25 October 2013

Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall

Tickets £7.50 including a glass of wine

Contact: Pam Rider 01279 724670

### Nostalgia Day

Saturday 09 November 2013

Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall

Contact: Hazel & David Mead 01279 724503

### Remembrance Day Parade

Sunday 10 November 2013

3pm

### Christmas Light "Switch On"

Friday 29 November 2013

Event starts at 4pm lights switch on at 6pm

### Food Festival

Friday 29 November 2013

Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall

### Lights of Love

Saturday 30 November 2013

Bakers Walk

4pm



The Hailey Centre needs volunteer minibus drivers to help with their trips, which range from a food shopping trip, to a day trip to the seaside.

Anyone that has some spare time and is kind enough to volunteer must:

**Hold a Full UK Driving license, including category D1 (minibus entitlement).**

If you would like further details, please contact:

Linda Cullem

The Hailey Centre

Tel: 01279 721221



## Contact Your Town Councillors

	<p>Cllr Miss Jane Adams 61 The Meadows Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 9RA Tel: 01279 315239 <a href="mailto:jane.adams@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">Jane.adams@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Young People</i></p>		<p>Cllr Peter Mitchell 1 Milliners Green Bishop's Stortford Herts CM23 0AE Tel: 01279 654190 <a href="mailto:peter.mitchell@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">peter.mitchell@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Crime and Disorder</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Mrs Angela Alder – <b>Mayor</b> "Orion" London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford Herts. CM23 4AX Tel: 01279 722360 <a href="mailto:angela.alder@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">angela.alder@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Town Initiatives</i></p>		<p>Cllr Will Mortimer 24 Pishiobury Drive Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 0AE Tel: 01279 722294 <a href="mailto:will.mortimer@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">will.mortimer@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Young People</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Eric Buckmaster 23 Rowney Gardens Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 725428 <a href="mailto:eric.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">eric.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Allotments</i></p>		<p>Cllr Mrs Ruth Buckmaster 23 Rowney Gardens Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 725428 <a href="mailto:ruth.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">ruth.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a></p>
	<p>Cllr Pat Coysten 128 Sheering Mill Lane Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 9ND Tel: 01279 723435 <a href="mailto:pat.coysten@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">pat.coysten@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Floral Displays and Planters</i></p>		<p>Cllr Tom Reeks 32 Gilders Sawbridgeworth Herts CM21 0EF Tel: 01279 831830 <a href="mailto:tom.reeks@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">tom.reeks@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>SYPRC - Youth</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Derek Filler "Kingsbury" Chelmsford Road Hatfield Heath, Herts CM22 7BQ Tel: 01279 730146 <a href="mailto:derek.filler@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">derek.filler@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Transport &amp; Community Buses</i></p>		<p>Cllr Mrs Joyce Vincent 10 Brook Road Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9HA Tel: 01279 723649 <a href="mailto:joyce.vincent@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">joyce.vincent@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Cemetery</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Barry Hodges 10 Buttersweet Rise Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9HD Tel: 01279 723189 <a href="mailto:barry.hodges@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">barry.hodges@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Emergency Plan</i></p>		<p>Cllr Andrew Wincott – <b>Deputy Mayor</b> 20 Rowney Gardens Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 726062 <a href="mailto:andrew.wincott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk">andrew.wincott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk</a> <i>Memorial Hall</i></p>

## Contact Your Town Council

### Sawbridgeworth Town Council



Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9AN  
Tel: 01279 724537

Email: [info@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Opening Hours  
Mon - Fri 9am – 4pm

Town Clerk - Richard Bowran  
[richard.bowran@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:richard.bowran@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Town Project Manager – Joanne Kenny (Projects & Mayor's Admin)  
[joanne.kenny@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.kenny@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Admin Officer (p/t) - Gill Abbott (Planning & Cemetery)  
[gill.abbott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:gill.abbott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Admin Officer (p/t) – Laura Carter (Community Buses, allotments)  
[laura.carter@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:laura.carter@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Admin Officer (p/t) - Sue Adams (Finance)  
[sue.adams@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:sue.adams@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Town Ranger – Steve Parrish

## County & District Councillors

### County & District Councillor Roger Beeching MBE

"Quince" 4 Newports,  
High Wych Road,  
Sawbridgeworth, Herts.  
CM21 0HP

Tel: 01279 722496

Email: [roger.beeching@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:roger.beeching@hertscc.gov.uk)

### District Councillor Will Mortimer

24 Pishiobury Drive  
Sawbridgeworth  
Herts  
CM21 0AE

Tel: 01279 722294

Email: [will.mortimer@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:will.mortimer@eastherts.gov.uk)

### District Councillor Eric Buckmaster

23 Rowney Gardens,  
Sawbridgeworth,  
Herts.

CM21 0AT

Tel: 01279 725428

Email: [eric.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:eric.buckmaster@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

Issue 15 will be published in Winter 2014