

THE SAWSTONIAN

Information and news from Sawston Parish Council

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

by Eugene Murray, Chairman, Sawston Parish Council



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Residents are invited to meet Parish Councillors and raise questions on local issues at the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held in the Community Room at Spicers Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Sawston on Tuesday 3rd May. 7.30pm start with tea and coffee available from 7.00pm.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Two defibrillators have been purchased by the Parish Council. These are located outside the Council's Offices in Link Road and on the outside of Spicers Pavilion on Cambridge Road.

A community defibrillator seminar open for all parishioners to attend was on 17th March to demonstrate the use of the defibrillators and explained its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

PARISH CLOCK

In May Stuart Abercrombie stood down after many years looking after the Parish Clock on St Mary's Church. In recognition of Stuart's voluntary work maintaining the clock and ensuring it kept good time the Parish Council presented him with a barometer.



GRANTS AND DONATIONS

During the year grants and donations have been given in support of the local community:

- Winter Fair towards providing free fairground rides.
- Romsey Mill for running youth activities.
- Children's Summer Reading Challenge to encourage use of Sawston Library.
- Sawston Fun Run towards the cost of organising this annual event.
- East Anglian Children's Hospice to provide CPR training for pupils at village schools.
- MAGPAS to support emergency doctor services.

COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Two Councillors have resigned in the past year – Pat Awbery-Maskell for health reasons and Samantha Clarke in advance of moving to Yorkshire. I thank Pat and Samantha for many years of hard work and loyal service to the Council.

There are currently 7 vacancies to be filled and on 1st May all Councillors will be seeking re-election.

Our Village Man and Litter Picker, Michael Roughead, left the Council in December after 8 years to take up employment with the YMCA in Cambridge. We wish Michael every success in his new career. Michael has been replaced by Thomas Barker.

CEMETERY WAR GRAVE

Sawston Cemetery has one war grave. Local resident John Samuel was a member of the Royal Flying Corps and died on active service in May 1916.

On 11th November the Reverend Alan Partridge conducted a service attended by representatives of the Royal British Legion and the Parish Council and wreaths were laid. This is to be an annual event.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Parish Meeting at Spicers Pavilion

Tuesday 3rd May 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Bonfire Night Firework Display on Huckridge Hill

Saturday 5th November. Gates open at 6.00pm with fireworks at 6.45pm. To ensure safe access for pedestrians Huckridge Hill will be closed to traffic from 5.00pm until 9.00pm

STREET LIGHTING

In order to make savings resulting from the reduction of central government funding Cambridgeshire County Council proposed changes to street lighting operating hours. The proposal was to increase the period of the current overnight street light dimming and turn off lighting from midnight on specific roads in the village.

Sawston Parish Council had concerns for the safety of residents and voted to pay £3,845 to keep all lights on overnight.

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The Parish Council office is open 8.30am-1.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed to the public on Thursday).

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the website www.sawston.org.uk.

Copies of the Council's Financial Statement for 2015/2016 are available from the Parish Council office.