

# THE SAWSTONIAN

*Information and news from Sawston Parish Council*

## SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

by Eugene Murray, Chairman, Sawston Parish Council



### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The chance for residents to raise with Parish Councillors local issues and concerns. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at Spicers Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Sawston on Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm start with tea and coffee available from 7.00pm.

### LOCAL PLAN

The Local Plan was presented for public consultation last summer, for the proposed 540 new homes for Sawston on three sites all with sole access from Babraham Road with two of the sites in Green Belt. Sawston Parish Council acknowledged the need for some additional homes but considered the village schools, health centre and other amenities could not cope with this amount of development and the increased volume of traffic it would generate. The Parish Council mounted a campaign to persuade SCDC that this scale of development was excessive. Our efforts were unsuccessful and at a meeting in March SCDC voted to accept the plan.

### PLAY AREAS

The Parish Council is pleased to be installing new equipment and safety surfacing to replace the outdated and dilapidated facilities at Orchard Park. Among the equipment will be a much requested zip wire and a free style surf swing. The work is scheduled for completion before the start of the school summer holidays.

The £85,000 project will be part funded by Sawston Parish Council with £35,000 contribution from S106 payments received from village housing development.

New picnic benches have been installed on the Council's other recreation grounds.

### CEMETERY

The Parish Council has commissioned this 9ft high steel sculpture from Cambridge born artist Matthew Sanderson for the raised mound of the cemetery turning circle. The twin ash tree concept is representative of partnership and longevity. There are references to Sawston's history of rope making in the twisted trunks and to paper through its source – the tree.

To link with commemorations for the start of the First World War an unveiling ceremony will be held on 4th August.



## **COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Sally Hatton gave her resignation from the Council after moving to Devon. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sally for sixteen years of service as a Parish Councillor and her many contributions to life in Sawston.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Annual Parish Meeting at Spicers Pavilion**

Tuesday 6th May 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

### **Circus Tyanna on Lynton Way Recreation Ground.**

Thursday 26th – Sunday 29th June.

### **Bonfire Night Firework Display on Huckeridge Hill**

Saturday 8th November. Gates open 6.00pm with fireworks at 6.45pm. To ensure public safety Huckeridge Hill will be closed to traffic from 5.00pm until 9.30pm.

**And finally, I was pleased to read in The Times that Sawston has been listed in the ‘Top 30 best places to live in the countryside’.**

## **VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

In an ongoing programme of improvements to amenities we have placed new seats, waste bins and dogs bins around the village.

At the request of residents a small noticeboard specifically for the publication of Parish Council matters will be placed at Church Court on the High Street.

The Council made a successful bid for £18,000 funding to cover the installation of three Real Time Information bus timetables to Cambridge Road and High Street stops. For a contribution of £2000 the Council was able to secure two additional RTI timetables for the High Street.

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