

# THE SAWSTONIAN

*Information and news from Sawston Parish Council*

**SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015**

by Eugene Murray, Chairman, Sawston Parish Council



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The opportunity for residents to meet Parish Councillors and raise questions on local issues. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at Spicers Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Sawston on Tuesday 5th May. 7.30pm start with tea and coffee available from 7.00pm.

## UPDATE ON LOCAL PLAN

Although the Parish Council mounted a campaign to persuade SCDC that the scale of development proposed for Sawston was excessive the District Council has approved the Local Plan. This is currently being examined by the Government Planning Inspectorate and a decision on whether the plan is sound and can be accepted is expected in the Autumn.

## BABRAHAM ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Sawston Parish Council has been successful in its bid for funding for a second pedestrian crossing on Babraham Road to be located near to the Queensway and Churchfield Avenue end and has been awarded £5,000 towards the scheme. The Parish Council will provide the remainder of the funding for this crossing.

## ORCHARD PARK PLAY AREA

In July the new play equipment was officially opened by Dr David Bard, Chairman of SCDC. The £95,000 project was funded by Sawston Parish Council with a £35,000 contribution coming from S106 payments received from village housing developments.



## CEMETERY SCULPTURE

To commemorate the start of the First World War August 4th was chosen for the unveiling of the sculpture commissioned from Cambridgeshire artist Matthew Lane Sanderson for the raised mound of the cemetery turning circle.

## CEMETERY WAR GRAVE

Sawston Cemetery has one official war grave. Local resident John Samuel joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1915. While observing over Vimy Ridge prior to a forthcoming battle he suffered from severe shell-shock and was invalided home. John died in May 1916 and his body was ceremoniously borne to the grave by a company of wounded soldiers from the V.A.D hospital in Whittlesford.

Following the war memorial service on 11th November the Parish Council arranged a ceremony attended by the Royal British Legion and laid a wreath on John Samuel's grave. This is to become an annual event.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND DONATIONS

During the year financial support has been given to:

St Mary's Church Organ Fund  
Icknield School  
1st Sawston Girl Guides  
Romsey Mill Youth Club  
Children's Summer Reading Challenge  
Sawston Nursery  
Winter Fair  
Sawston Fun Run  
St Mary's Church Flower Festival

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Annual Parish Meeting at Spicers Pavilion**  
Tuesday 5th May 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

**Bonfire Night Firework Display on Huckeridge Hill**

Saturday 7th November. Gates open 6.00pm with fireworks at 6.45pm. To ensure safe access for pedestrians Huckeridge Hill will be closed to traffic from 5.00pm until 9.00pm.

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Sawston had great success in this year's South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Awards. Sawston Youth Group were awarded first prize in the Youth Group category – formed in 2001 the Group currently has 85 members and is involved in activities from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to marching bands.

Mike Roughead took Village Hero runner up for his local voluntary work, including Chairmanship of Sawston United Football Club and fundraising activities.

Parish Councillor of the year runner up was Eugene Murray for his years of work spearheading numerous village improvement projects.



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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](http://www.sawston.org.uk).

Copies of the Council's Financial Statement for 2014/2105 are available from the Parish Council Office.