

**The Walden Local would like to thank Sandy for the use of the Miss Santa outfit**



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● Ruth Stickley (left) of Saffron Walden Library and Jill Palmer, Group Manager for Harlow and Uttlesford Libraries, attended a morning assembly at Katherine Semar Junior School last week to present the school with the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Trophy. Radwinter Primary and Katherine Semar Infants School came a close second and third in the Challenge. A total of 1,963 children across Uttlesford took part. Also pictured are Katherine Semar Juniors library volunteers.

## Community Choir open to anyone keen to sing

THE SAFFRON Building Society Community Choir performed last week at an event held at Wyboston Lakes near St Neots.

Made up of staff, members and local residents, the Community Choir sang at the Local & Regional Building Societies Conference.

Said Sara Andrews for Saffron Building Society: "Our Community Choir is open to anyone in the area; there are no auditions and we sing for

fun to help build community spirit. The conference provided an ideal opportunity for us to showcase the choir's talent and offer some home-grown entertainment."

The Saffron Building Society Community Choir meets fortnightly at the Town Hall in Saffron Walden on Friday lunchtimes. Anyone who is interested in joining should contact Sara Andrews on 01799 582930 or email community@saffronbs.co.uk.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Cynical Lib Dems sit on the housing fence

SEVERAL months ago there was a front page challenge to Uttlesford Lib Dems in which they were invited to ask where the district's new housing should go.

The silence has been deafening. This cynical party (whose leader apparently believes we should be part of the Euro mess!) prefers to sit on the fence taking pot shots at those who are trying to make decisions. If you don't say anything you won't upset anyone is their agenda.

A big settlement was first suggested for the Elsenham area several years ago but the Lib Dems, led by their political opportunist Alan Dean, fought tooth and nail to sink the idea.

If this hadn't happened the rest of us would have been spared many months of money-wasting and pointless arguments.

- Gerard Franks  
Saffron Walden

## Guide Dogs speaker

ALAN Ambrose has been appointed an official Speaker for Guide Dogs Saffron Walden after he took part in a workshop in Peterborough in April.

Alan's first talk was at a Quiz Night in Ugley Village Hall which raised £1,100 for the charity. Subsequently he has spoken to two separate Rotary Clubs, to the United Reformed Church and to Bishop's Stortford Golf Club where the Lady Captain had chosen Guide Dogs as her charity of the year.

Any clubs, groups, schools or colleges who would like to hear Alan speak about guide dogs should contact Michael Bradley on 07545 433888 or mbmyco2@gmail.com.

# 12 Days of Christmas




*On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me:*




**TWELVE** ribbons rolling,  
**ELEVEN** pins a-pinning,  
**TEN** quilters quilting,  
**NINE** Christmas cottons,  
**EIGHT** stitchers sewing,  
**SEVEN** spools a-spinning,  
**SIX** scissors snipping,  
**FIVE** felt squares!  
**FOUR** sample books,  
**THREE** pinch pleats,  
**TWO** roman blinds,  
*And some curtains for my windows!*








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## Park for Free after 3

There's FREE parking after 3pm in all Uttlesford District Council pay and display car parks in Saffron Walden, Dunmow and Stansted every Saturday until Christmas!

Saturday, 7 December\*  
Saturday, 14 December  
Saturday 21 December

\*The Crafton Green car park in Stansted is free all day this Saturday for the Christmas Fair.

Then, from Tuesday, 24 December up to and including Sunday, 5 January all council-owned car parks will be free ALL DAY (except Waitrose/Fairycroft Road in Saffron Walden).

*Shop local this Christmas*