

On 10 October 1940, 80 years ago this Saturday, a bomber of the German Luftwaffe dropped a deadly cargo on Sawbridgeworth. Five people were killed and nine injured. Four houses were destroyed and many more were damaged. Cambridge Road, a main thoroughfare at that time, was blocked and there was extensive damage to gas, water and electricity mains.

The five people that were killed were two mothers, Alice Fulkner and Dorothy Chappel and three children, brother and sister Dereck and Jean Burrell plus Constance Baker, a little evacuee girl from London's East End who had been staying with the Chappell family.

John Liddell, who lived nearby and whose family's house received extensive damage has written about his experiences. You can find the article on our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.sbwhistory.com/articles-about-the-second-worldwar/> Up till last year John did return to Sawbridgeworth every year to pay homage and to do a reading at Great Saint Mary's Church. Sadly this year this has not been possible.