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## Churches Together Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
From 3.30pm

At Sawtry Methodist Church

For more information please call 01487 831249

**In aid of Christian Aid**

## Prize Bingo

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Starts 7.30pm In the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Contact Pat Ayres 01487 832503

## Sawtry Small Business Partnership *Disco and Charity Race Night*

**Date:** Friday 20th April **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Sawtry Working Men's Club

**Supporting** CARESCO and Sawtry First Responders

**Cost:** £10 which includes supper

For more details see page 7

Contact:

Ralph Maloney (Chair of SSBP) - 01487 832683

Richard Malachowski (Vice Chair of SSBP) - 01487 832398



**SAWTRY  
CRICKET CLUB**

www.sawtry.play-cricket.com

www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc

## Quiz Night

Friday 27th April

At the Sawtry Workingman's Club

Starting at 19.30

Entry is £10 per team

with maximum of 5 people per team

For more detail contact

Ian Fowler 07545 882994



**Sawtry All Saints - Kids' Club**

## Good Friday Special

for all ages

All Saints' Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Remembering Jesus with:

All age crafts and activities

Easter egg hunt - 3.15pm

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Refreshments

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Contact: 01487 832478

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**We prepare freshly cooked two-course meals each day**

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**Come in for a drink and a chat, you will get a warm welcome**

**You can make new friends and you may know**

**some of the people who already attend the club**

**For more information about Lunch Club and its activities**

**Call Lyn at CARESCO on 01487 832105**



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Twinned with  
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# Welcome

The sun and the daffodils are out and spring is officially here. That must mean it's time for all those Easter Bingos, Afternoon Teas and Easter church activities. We also have several sports reports from the various clubs who have been busy playing over the winter months, and a couple who haven't – those warm weather activities like bowling and cricket will soon have their turn!

Talking of sport, we also have an advert for the annual Stilton Cheese Rolling. Why not form a Sawtry team to challenge the natives in that foreign place at their own? You only need four people to make a team and fancy dress is optional. Details on page 9.

We're delighted to welcome the Scouts with their first report from Ratty on their activities, and wish Wise Owl a speedy recovery so that she's writing her piece again soon. If you belong to a community organisation who don't get a mention in the Eye then please think about writing something for the next issue, or ask the club secretary to do so on your behalf. The more the merrier!

**Liz Coates - Co-Editor**

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

### Summer Term 2012

Start of Term - 16 April  
May Day 7 May  
Half Term from 4 June – 8 June 2012  
(Diamond Jubilee 5 June)  
End of Term - 23 July 2012

### Autumn Term 2012

Teacher Training Day, 3 September  
Start of Term - 4 September  
Half Term, 29 Oct - 2 November  
End of Term - 21 December

### Spring Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 7 January  
Start of Term - 8 January  
Half Term, 11 - 15 February  
End of Term - 28 March

### Summer Term 2013

Start of Term - 15 April  
May Day, 6 May 2013  
Half Term, 27 May – 31 May 2013  
End of Term 23 July 2013

It is anticipated that most schools will select Monday 23 July 2012 as a training day.

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details.

Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



## Sawtry WI

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)

### 5<sup>th</sup> April

*Mrs Eileen Gosling, JP*

Come and find out about our legal processes – not at all dry!!  
Competition, continuing our SAWTRY theme, item beginning with W

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012

*Resolution Evening*

– also 'Our Flossie' performs songs in changing costumes  
New to us but promises to be fun!

**Visitors and New Members  
always receive a warm welcome  
If you haven't tried the WI before,  
come along and meet us.**

Regular features include:  
Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary Ann Watson 01487 834035  
President Margaret Geary 01487 832925

**Registered Charity No. 229016**



Don't forget - during all weeks containing a bank holiday, collections will take place **ONE DAY LATE**

### HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry, Conington, Glatton & Upton have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

To find out the exact dates for your property visit <http://applications.huntsdc.gov.uk/applications/refusecollection/> and enter your house number & postcode or call 01480 388388

### GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April  
14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May

### COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk> and look for the **Refuse & Recycling** link on the left hand side of the page.



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

## Saturdays

9.30 am - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Where there are also cakes & refreshments on sale during the regular Coffee Morning

A range of Fairtrade food & paper available for sale on the day, or order from the catalogue.

**No obligation,  
drop in any time to  
browse**

**Contact - Liz Coates  
01487 830345**

Or Visit

[www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)



2012	Group	Details	Contact No	Page
6 April	Sawtry Churches Together	March of Witness	The Clergy	21
6 April	Sawtry All Saints	Good Friday Special	01487 832478	22
7 April	Royal British Legion Sawtry	Easter Egg Race	01487 831458	20
22 April	Sawtry Parish Council	St George's Day Parade & Service	01487 831771	-
22 April	Sawtry Dragon Academy	Junior Championships	01487 830601	-
26 April	Sawtry WI	Spring Afternoon Tea	01487 832925	8
27/28 April	All Saints, Sawtry	Art Exhibition	01487 832503	22
27 April	Sawtry Cricket Club	Quiz Night	07545 882994	Front Page
28 April	Sawtry Bowls Club	Whist Drive	01487 830720	28
1 May	Sawtry Bowls Club	Coffee Morning	01487 830720	28
7 May	Stilton Village	Cheese Rolling	01733 241206	9
12 May	All Saints, Sawtry	Plant Sale	01487 832503	22
12 May	Sawtry Bowls Club	Race Night	01487 830720	
12 May	Sawtry Chorale	Joint Concert with Staffs WI Choir	01487 830149	19
15 May	Sawtry Churches Together	Christian Aid Afternoon Tea	01487 831249	Front Page
17 May	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 832925	8
18 May	Sawtry preschool Playgroup	Tempest Photography	01487 832433	6
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20 May	CARESCO	Grafham Water Safari Walk	01487 832105	14
2 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Picnic in the Park	01487 831771	7
9 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	01487 832410	14
10 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Sawtry Feast Parade & Service	01487 831771	-
12 June	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Sawtry Feast Supper	01487 834280	-
16/17 June	Sawtry History Society	History Open Day	01487 832996	18
21 June	Sawtry WI	Jubilee Afternoon Tea	01487 832925	8
30 June	All Saints, Sawtry	Summer Fayre	01487 832503	
2 – 8 July	Sawtry Parish Council	Scarecrow Trail	01487 831771	-
27 Jul– 2 Aug	London 2012	Olympic Games	0845 267 2012	-
12 Aug	All Saints, Sawtry	Afternoon Tea	01487 832503	-
13–19 Aug	Sawtry Light Factory	Holiday Club	01487 830345	8
24 Aug	All Saints, Sawtry	Bridge Afternoon & Tea	01487 832503	-
29 Aug–9 Sept	London 2012	Paralympic Games	0845 267 2012	-
8 Sept	Royal British Legion Sawtry	1940s Day	01487 831458	20
8 Sept	All Saints, Sawtry	Quiz Night	01487 832503	-
15 Sept	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831771	16
13 Oct	Wellside Clinic	Flu Clinic	01487 830340	-
25 Oct	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Bingo	01487 834280	-
18 Nov	Sawtry Dragon Academy	Sawtry Championships	01487 830601	-
24 Nov	All Saints, Sawtry	Winter Fayre	01487 832503	-

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to [sawtryeye@caresco.org](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org) with the subject 'Make a Date'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, do not forget to let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline. If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours). We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

CARESCO is not responsible for the accuracy of the above information. Please check with the individual group concerned.

## WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

*We meet the on second  
Thursday of each month*

*7.30pm until 9.30pm*

*At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road*

*everyone will receive a  
warm welcome*

*young or old, male or female  
beginners or experienced*

*we learn from each other*



Registered Charity No:1029997

Exciting Children and Family portraits by Tempest Photography

**Tempest Photography  
will be holding a  
Children and Family Portrait session  
at  
Sawtry Preschool Playgroup,  
Fen Lane, Sawtry  
on**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

**THESE SITTINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
Please telephone 01487 832433  
or visit playgroup to make a booking.**

**A choice of different packs of photographs will be  
available.**

**Prices from £15**

## Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

### HUNTINGDON

Alternate Fridays from 8am to 2pm  
in Huntingdon Market Square

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.  
For more information call 01480 450250 or email [FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk)

### PETERBOROUGH

2nd & 4th **Thursdays** from 9am to 2pm  
in Long Causeway

Organised by Peterborough City Council.  
For more information call 01733 452217 or visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)

### OUNDLE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Market Street

For further information please contact  
Oundle Town Council - Tel: 01832 272055, email: [otc@lineone.net](mailto:otc@lineone.net)

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there must be from the local area and sold by the people who grow or produce it. Bought-in produce is not allowed.

Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can tell you how it was grown or made.

## Sawtry Small Business Partnership Disco and Charity Race Night

**Date:** 20th April 2012

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Sawtry Working Men's Club

**Supporting** CARESCO and Sawtry First Responders

**Cost:** £10 which includes a variety of buffet food supplied by The Balti House (our favourite local Indian takeaway). Because of this one element alone we need to know in advance of the 20th (preferably by 13th April) how many people are coming.

A fun light hearted and entertaining evening will be put on by many local business owners who have ahead of the event dressed up in costume and filmed various races and challenges of which a victor is had in each event. All those attending and laughing at our expense will learn about the profile of each costumed hero and chiselled physiques and place bets on who they think will win each race and challenge. You could liken it to a personal and entertaining variation of going to the dog races.

Contact:

Ralph Maloney (Chair of SSBP) - 01487 832683

Richard Malachowski (Vice Chair of SSBP) - 01487 832398



### TINY TOTS

Methodist Church,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday term time  
9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Toys for all ages 0 to 4 years  
Activities/Crafts/Songs

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE  
Refreshments 5p

**Come along and make new friends  
New members welcome**

**For more information call**

Louise 01487 832257

Elaine 01487 830048

### PICNIC IN THE PARK SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012

*to Celebrate the Queen's  
Diamond Jubilee, 2pm onwards at  
St Judith's Field, Sawtry.*

Bring your own picnic, table/rug and chairs for all your family and friends.

Entry, games and children's entertainment will be free of charge.

Everyone is invited to bring along a card which will be displayed on the day and forwarded to the Queen

If you would like more information or would like to help in anyway, please ring or email us.

**Sue James 832920 or  
garsue.jamesalbert@talktalk.net**

**Delia Riddle 832504 or  
deliatoots@hotmail.co.uk**

On behalf of Sawtry Parish Council



## Zumba Fitness!

Sawtry Old School Hall, Fridays 6:45-7:45 - £5 a class

**Come along and join in the party!!!**

Email - [Katie\\_potter30@live.co.uk](mailto:Katie_potter30@live.co.uk)

Tel - 07891707315



Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

For more information, please call 01487 830345

**Sawtry WI  
In Aid of the WI Hall**

**BINGO**

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

**SPRING AFTERNOON TEA**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April  
2.30 – 4pm

Sandwiches, Scones and our usual selection of Cakes

Tickets £4, please contact Margaret Geary on 832925

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books/jigsaws

**COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May  
10.30am to 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

With Scones for sale at 20p each

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books/jigsaws

Forth coming event :

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA**

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Tickets £5 (more info next time)

Contact for events Ann Watson 01487 834035  
Charity Number 229016

**DESIGN A  
CARD**



Cards designed by you for the

**Queen's Diamond  
Jubilee**

**We would like to display cards on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Picnic in the Park at St Judith's Field and at the end of the day send them to the Queen.**

**You could do individual ones or a combined one from your school or group we hope you would like to take part as we want to send as many as we can to the Queen.**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Sue James on 832920**

**OR**

**Delia Riddle on 832504**

**ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?**

It may only be spring, but CARESCO is already planning to provide Christmas lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012 for anyone who is going to be alone this year. Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in getting involved as a volunteer, we have been overwhelmed by the response so far. However, we are still looking for key people who have particular skills they can offer. Do you have the confidence to cook turkey for 40? Are you willing and able to offer some suitable entertainment for our guests after the meal? Would you be prepared to provide a lift to our guests to get them to the CARESCO Centre and then home again after the event?

If you think you can help out on the day, please get in touch. You don't need to be an experienced volunteer, just willing to get involved and join in the fun.

For more information, please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

# STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2012 MONDAY 7TH MAY

This year's theme will be **Celebrating the Olympics**

**Team entries** to Olive Main at 8 Caldecote Rd, or online to  
olive.main@tiscali.co.uk.

Teams of 4: mens', ladies', and juniors' (under 16s):  
- Entry forms online at [www.stilton.org](http://www.stilton.org)

**Stalls and sideshows enquiries** to Carol Warren (0750 850 2534)

Fun starts at 10.30am  
(Cheese Rolling starts at 12 Noon)  
Magic Dave  
Local Dance Groups  
Plenty of Food and Drink  
Stalls and Sideshows

*Support our campaign to make Cheese Rolling an Olympic Sport!*

## Letters ...

### THANK YOU, FROM KATE BUTLER

Thank you to all the children for the lovely cards that each class made for me. Thank you everyone for all your good wishes, cards, presents and donations to my retirement gifts. I will miss everyone at school, but I am looking forward to having more time to spend with my family and friends.

*Kind regards,  
Kate Butler*

*Formerly secretary at Sawtry Junior School*

### MISS "BETTY" RALCLIFFE

Glatton WI has sadly lost their longest serving member. Betty was a very loyal and committed member, working very hard over many years to keep Glatton WI thriving. She was a strong president for approximately thirty years and will be greatly missed.

### A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the doctors and nurses for all their kindness and attention; my many friends and acquaintances for the flowers, cards and good wishes and of course my family whose love and encouragement has helped me to recover from my recent illness.

Thank you all again.

*Dot Fowler*

### DOROTHY 'BETTY' TILLSON

Keith and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support after the sad loss of Betty. Thank you to all those who attended the funeral at St Nicholas Church Glatton and gave donations to the local Macmillan nurses and Glatton church (£760). Our thanks also go to the staff at Wellside surgery who looked after Betty throughout her illness. Thank you to Rev John Sansom who gave a very comforting funeral service and for his kindness and help and to Roger and Shirley Dewar, Church Wardens.

Betty will be loved and remembered always.

### THANK YOU

**CARESCO** would like to thank the following for their recent generous donations:

Addison Arms, Glatton - £30 (proceeds from a raffle)

Waitrose, Huntingdon - £225 (from November's Community Matters)

Private donation in lieu of Christmas cards - £25

As a charity we are dependant on donations and fundraising to continue to provide our services to the community.

Thank you to everyone involved.

**Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX**

*Or email [sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk) with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'*

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

## SIMON COSTIGAN – “Cos” “Chubbs”

1972 – 2011

### Family Acknowledgement

We would like to express particular gratitude and thanks to June and staff at the Co-op for their personal and professional service in helping us to organise a very unique and fitting send off for Simon. To **Vanessa the Minister** for conducting the service. To **the Flower Patch** in Sawtry for their wonderful floral tribute. To **Vince and Carla** at the **Bell pub**, to **Naz and staff** at the **Balti House** and special thanks to **Blondie** for the excellent buffet, Simon would have been in his element!

Thank you for all the lovely cards as well as all the touching messages left on Facebook.

Also, special thanks to Miller for the Order of Service books and to Ray for his speech during the service.

To Ray, Dan, Neil, Jay, Miller and Russ for pall bearing and for all the contributions and support you have given to the family. Simon would have been so proud of you guys.

Thanks to all of you who attended the service and your donations to Addenbrookes Kidney Patient Association, a total of £537.23p. Your presence on the day was a comfort and support to the family and reflected how much Simon was loved.

Lastly, our greatest thanks go to Simon for being such a wonderful son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin, person and friend.

Thanks for always making us laugh and smile and for leaving us with many cherished memories. There is and never will be anybody quite like you. Forever in our thoughts and hearts.

### CONCERT BAND

I went to listen to the new Concert Band practising last week. It was most enjoyable, and fun too. There is so much enthusiasm, and a good range of instruments, but there is still room for more. They have a trombone, a trumpet, a tuba, flutes, clarinets, saxophones and drums, but would welcome any more instrumentalists who might be interested. Practices are held on Tuesday evenings in the Music Room at Sawtry Community College from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Anyone interested in joining the group, led by Mr. Geoff Green, who can be contacted through the College Tel. 830701, or simply turn up on a Tuesday evening with your instrument, and have a go.

Dick Tuplin



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You can raise money for CARESCO when doing your shopping online and it won't cost you a penny more. Visit our eStore at <http://www.spendandraise.com/CARESCO> to see the huge number of retailers now included in the scheme. By clicking on their links on our eStore, we will get a donation from the retailer when you make a purchase.

Anyone can shop and find lots of great offers from 1,000 retailers such as Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Debenhams, Hamleys and Sky and by doing so you're raising money to **CARESCO** in the form of a cashback from the retailers as you shop online. For example, John Lewis give 3% back of the amount spent, Amazon 1% and the Ethical Superstore 8%.

Why not make one of your tabs on your internet search engine permanently on our home page as a useful reminder to use the site as the starting point for your shopping? Alternatively download the gadget on our home page at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk).

Thank you for your support



### EVERY STEP COUNTS

If you took a step for Fairtrade this Fairtrade Fortnight, you're brilliant!

Did you remember to register it on the Fairtrade Foundation's step-o-meter? Go online to their website at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) to see how far they've got towards their target for the year of 1.5 million steps (over 500,000 at time of writing). But if they're going to hit that target for farmers and workers by the end of 2012, they need to keep collecting the steps we have made. Did you buy a new Fairtrade product for the first time, or attend a Fairtrade event? If so, please remember to register the fact so your step can count towards the total.

Step by step, there's still so many more ways to go Fairtrade – just think of all those yummy Fairtrade Easter eggs and watch out for when **MALTESERS®** go Fairtrade later this year, the first Mars product to do so. The move will contribute in excess of US \$1 million in annual Fairtrade Premium funds for cocoa farmers to invest in their farms, business organisations and communities. **MALTESERS®** is the third biggest confectionery brand in the UK, and its switch will represent more than a 10% increase in total UK Fairtrade sales.

Every step counts!

For more information contact Liz on 830345 or Sally on 831771.



## SAWTRY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP

The first quarter of 2012 has been a very busy period for the responders. Despite one of our team having ill health themselves, the Sawtry group has continued to give valuable life saving service throughout the start of the year. Being back up to full force in the next few weeks the amount of volunteer hours we currently are able to offer will grow as always.

Can we ask you please to remember if you need to call for an ambulance during the evening or early hours, please leave the lights on at the front of your house so we can find you quickly!

### BHF Heart Start Course

We are planning our next FREE 2 hour basic life saver course for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. If you would like more details please email us the address below. This will be an evening course.

### Charitable donations through 2011

The comedy night in September and the Christmas Shopping Fair in November were a great success. These are already in the planning stages for 2012 and the dates will be with you soon.

Due to a very generous donation from a local resident towards the end of 2011, the group now have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Responder kit bag out and in action. This has made as massive difference to the amount of hours the group can offer to the community. Thank you again.

### Fund raising in 2012

As always we are continuing to raise funds for the Sawtry Responder Group. This year we would like to secure two public access defibrillators. One to be sited in Sawtry and another to be sited in Glatton. The purpose of the sites are to allow access to this life saving equipment by any person assisting a member of the community in cardiac arrest. The sited units are designed for anyone to use. The cost to fund this project is £3900, which is the largest target we have set ourselves. We hope that with some great fun fundraising ideas and the support of the community we will achieve this target. These units will not replace the Responder group but aid our rescue attempts.

For any information about the Responders or to ask any questions you can contact **the group coordinator Jane on 07885422257 or sawtrycfr@hotmail.co.uk**

## N E A R L Y N E W

Did you know that you can donate your unwanted clothes, household items and toys to your local village charity??? We are also now set up to claim Gift Aid on any donated items if you are a UK tax payer. If you would like to donate unwanted items then please let us know. The money we raise through the Nearly New sales helps no end with the work of CARESCO.

We are currently accepting items to sell for the Summer months.

We also currently have an abundance of school uniform especially Junior School jumpers. Prices as follows -

- Junior School Logo reversible coat/fleece £5
- Junior/Infant School logo jumper/cardigan £2.50
- Grey Trousers £2
- Grey Skirts £2
- Grey Pinafore Dresses £2
- White Shirts/Blue and White Polos from 60p
- Summer Dresses £1.50
- Grey Shorts £1.50
- Blue/Red Jumpers/Cardigans without logos £1

If you think you might have money or items to collect, please contact us or pop in as soon as possible.

Nearly New is open on a Friday morning (Term Time) from 9am - 11.30am. Come in to see us! Our coffee shop is open at the same time.

Sadly our wonderful volunteer Eileen has had to leave us due to ill health. We all would like to thank her for all her hard work and help in 2011. Don't forget to pop in if you're feeling up to it xxx

See you soon

**Nicole, Gill, Clair and Doreen**

nearlynew@caresco.org.uk

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Life in our school continues to be busy! The children continue to be involved in many exciting projects. Lower School have been enjoying their topic on the Egyptians and Upper School have been enjoying their topic 'Brave New World'. Lower School have had a history focus this term whilst Upper School have concentrated on a science focus. As part of the work on earth and space Upper School had a visit from the mobile planetarium at the start of March.

Year 4 have just returned from their residential visit to Burwell House, near Newmarket. The children were very well behaved and had a really enjoyable time. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Becky Dear, Lorraine Canning, Bernie Shannon and Jill Bean for taking the children – for giving up their time and losing a little sleep!

Last term the School Choir represented the school at the Village Carol Service and at CARESCO's Day Centre. They sang beautifully at the annual A1 Music Festival at the Cresset theatre, Peterborough last Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of the event was the Olympics and our school's song was 'Search for the Hero'. A big thank you to Miss Hainsworth for preparing the choir so well for the music festival.

We have continued to have Junior School Association events. The children's discos were on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. The children enjoyed the music and showed off their dance moves! On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March we held an Early Easter bingo. It was a great evening, and we all had fun, especially the caller! On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a sponsored quiz and the children will be involved in raising funds for the school as well as testing their general knowledge. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the JSA committee for all they do for the school. Further JSA events will be planned for the summer and details will be in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

At time of writing, we are looking forward to Sports Relief on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The children will do a mile round the field – walking, jogging, running, you name it! Further details will be in the next edition.

A group of children in Year 5 got through to the Huntingdonshire finals of the sports hall athletics competition. They did very well in the finals, and whilst they did not win they were praised for the way that they took part with great sportsmanship and followed the Olympic Values. Well done!

The Eco Schools group have been very busy planting trees and tidying our grounds. Well done to them!

We are all looking forward to the Easter break and hopefully some nice Spring weather. Have a lovely Easter everyone.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any suggestions for us – we'd love to hear from you.

Contact either [office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk) or 01487 830204.

**Steve West, Headteacher**

### SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

The Sawtry Small Business Partnership is now 40 members strong. The business group welcomes interest from all trades and professionals living in and around Sawtry. The group is non profit making and raises money for local charities over the year with social evenings and by taking part in events such as the Carnival.

The members are able to attend monthly meetings where they can enjoy a good sociable atmosphere and meet with other local trades and business folk. Anybody who runs a business from a one man/woman enterprise upwards is encouraged to go along to a meeting and see what the SSBP has to offer. The Networking side has been extremely successful over the past three years with many businesses realising that they can help each other in these tough economic times.

**NEW WEBSITE GOING LIVE!** The SSBP have merged their own website with Sawtry.net. At time of going to print the launch was imminent. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all local groups within the community to be able to edit and amend their very own pages. Take a look at [www.ssbpartnership.org](http://www.ssbpartnership.org) or [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net) and see the opportunities which will be available to Sawtry and the surrounding areas. We would like to see this site not only provide current information to residents, but for anybody to obtain details about events and businesses in this village. Take a look....email us with your comments or suggestions.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at The Sawtry Club from 7.00pm onwards. Further information can be found on [www.ssbpartnership.org](http://www.ssbpartnership.org) or call Ralph Maloney, Chairman on 01487 832683. Being in business does not have to be a lonely experience!

## Friends of CARESCO

Launched in 2004, the *Friends of CARESCO* was designed to be a way for people to show their support for our local charity by making a regular donation and sometimes offering their help other practical ways depending on personal circumstances. Thank you to everyone who has signed up over the years, not just for the monetary support but for the encouragement you have given us both personally and as an organisation.

Recently CARESCO took the step to become registered for Gift Aid and we have taken this opportunity to re-launch the *Friends* and raise the profile of the initiative increase the number of members. For all donations made by UK tax payers, we can now claim back 25p for every pound from the government so please ask for a Gift Aid declaration form if you wish to make a personal donation (this includes anyone who holds one of our home collecting boxes).

To become a *Friends of CARESCO*, all we ask is that you commit to making a regular donation towards the work of CARESCO which will enable us to build up a reliable income and give us more security, which will help us to concentrate on our main task of providing a service to the local community. This donation could be weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually as you prefer and in return you will receive a twice yearly newsletter to keep you informed about our activities. In addition our *Friends* also receive a copy of our annual report and invitation to our annual meeting.

### Corporate Friends

We can now also proudly announce that we have a new aspect to the *Friends* as we welcome our first "Corporate" *Friend*, Sawtry Cabinets. You will notice in the advertisement section at the back of this magazine a new ad from Sawtry Cabinets for a special promotion they are running for April which will include a donation to CARESCO. You may also like to visit their website at [www.sawtrycabinets.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycabinets.co.uk) where on the 'More Products' menu there is a page for CARESCO where from time to time there will be items for sale with the whole price being donated to CARESCO.

Our profound thanks to David Shipp and his team for all their help, support and generosity in getting our *Corporate Friends* off the ground. If you run a local business and would like to find out more about becoming a *Corporate Friend*, please get in touch.

**Liz Coates, CARESCO Manager**

## SCOUTING MATTERS

Welcome to the first report for 1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry Scout Group. We are a thriving group working hard to offer Sawtry young people a mixed programme of fun, friendship, games, learning and adventure. We cater for both girls and boys from the age of 6 up to 18 years, working in four sections namely Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. We have a dedicated, experienced leadership with the longest serving three leaders clocking up 105 years between them, but we are always looking for new recruits. No experience is necessary, all training will be given, what is more important is the ability to communicate with young people, a sense of humour, an acceptance that we have to work to strict safety rules, the ability to work as a team and a real desire to have fun.

We encourage the members to follow a system of progression eg a Beaver may learn the first 8 compass points and play associated games, a Cub progresses to map work and follows a compass trail, followed by orienteering and hiking in the Scouts and the hill walking in Derbyshire or Yorkshire on County expeditions for the Explorers. Our activities are many and varied and include Beaver sleepovers, Cub and Scout camps, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, sports and craft (the large stained glass membership badge made recently by Cubs is amazing). The Scouts have slept in Eco shelters in Fermyn Woods, been up a climbing wall and got wet while canoeing. The Explorers have been gliding and gained D of E awards amongst their activities. Fourteen members have earned the top award for their section this year and one Scout attended the World jamboree in Sweden last summer.

If you think Scouting is for you as a regular helper or if you have a specialist interest that you think we may be able to use occasionally, eg an exotic pet, woodworking skills, a science, sports coaching, PR or IT expertise, fundraising or many, many other skills then please ring Neil Fountain (Group Scout Leader) on 01480 891482.

Thank you for reading this and Happy Scouting

**Ratty (Beaver Scout leader)**

## SAWTRY VILLAGE CARNIVAL 2012

Saturday 9th June, 12noon-4pm

(behind the Old School Hall and on college tarmac, entrances on Fen Lane and Green End Road)

### Celebrating London 2012 Olympic Games

(without Olympic Prices !!!!)

**Bring all the family - Lots of FREE family fun, FREE Entry**

**FREE Climbing wall**

**FREE Bouncy Castle**

**FREE Sumo Game**

**FREE Gladiator Inflatable**

**FREE Children's Entertainer**

**FREE Musical and Dance Entertainment, local groups performing**

**Dress up and Join the parade!** You are welcome to walk in the fancy dress parade, leaving Sawtry Community College at 12 noon. Meet 11.45am in college car park.

'Olympic theme'/'countries of the world'. Prizes for best children's group and best individual child in parade. All children to be supervised by own parent /guardian and walk at your own risk. (NO VEHICLES IN PARADE). Parade lead by Breaston Highlanders Band, with the 2012 Carnival Prince and Princess, Harmony Majorettes and St Neots Sentinals Majorettes.

**Grand Draw tickets available for only £1** from local shops, pubs and on carnival day. 1st prize £150 cash and many other prizes kindly donated by local businesses and individuals

BE PART OF THIS CELEBRATORY COMMUNITY EVENT.... Many stalls in the Shopping Mall selling gifts and crafts, Model Railway Club, Scout Canoe Run, Hog Roast, BBQ, Bar, Cream Teas in the CARESCO Centre, many local groups raising funds & awareness for their own local charity or group.

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED STALLS IN OLYMPIC THEME ..... SO COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Info/stalls/volunteers: Gill on 01487 832410 gill.tanner@hotmail.co.uk (deadline for stalls/pitches 8th April please)

**Prince and Princess Competition** will be at Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Evening of Tues 15th May, Time: TBC, look out for posters/flyers/Info: Louise louisergent@yahoo.co.uk

**If you would like to sponsor this year's carnival or donate a raffle prize then feel free to contact Lorraine Goode on 01487 834550 for details**

## HUNTINGDON GRAFHAM WATER LIONS CLUB SAFARI 2012

Last year's Annual Safari Walk, a sponsored walk around Grafham Water, organised by the local Lions Club, raised almost **£10,000** for local charities. The main beneficiaries were: - The Upside Down Club, who won the Lions Charity Shield, for the most money collected by a group, Macmillan Cancer Support and Acorn Cancer Support Group, St Neots. The Lions charity, **Help for Heroes** received **£4300**.

A further 12 groups were represented on the walk, held annually on the third Sunday in May. **This year's walk will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** and any groups or individuals interested in taking part should contact Lion Bernard Dable on 01480 810704.

This will be the 33rd year that the local Lions Club have organised the sponsored walk and they hope for plenty of interest from local Charities and Clubs trying to raise money for their own worthy cause. Walkers retain 90% of the money raised and 10% is donated to the Lions Club for their chosen charity, which this year is Sawtry's own **CARESCO**.

As you all know, **CARESCO** is a Sawtry based charity providing day care for the elderly in the community, a print shop, a drop-in coffee shop & a nearly new clothes shop and the Sawtry Eye magazine, all with the help of volunteers. For more information please visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or call 01487 832105.

To make the most of this amazing opportunity, CARESCO are looking for as many walkers as possible to join in the fun on the day, particularly people willing to walk for CARESCO, though anyone who wishes to support their own group will be most welcome.

The Lions Club deal with all of the organisation required for a successful day, all participants need do is to obtain sponsors, do the walk and collect the money.

For further information please contact Liz Coates at CARESCO on 01487 832105

# NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

## **\*\*NEW OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY\*\***

These will take effect from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday	4.00 - 7.00
Wednesday	9.30 – 12.30 / 2.00 – 5.00
Thursday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday	2.00-5.00
Saturday	9.30-12.30

To renew Books: 0345 045 5225 or to renew or Request Books [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

### **Easter Opening Times**

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> April - CLOSED
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> April - CLOSED

### **Thank-you.**

I would like to thank everyone in the village who uses Sawtry Library for all the kindness you have shown in my short time here. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and getting to know you all, hopefully I may see you at Sawtry in the near future. I will be working full-time at Huntingdon Library so if you visit the library or are just popping into town please come in and say hello!

### **Wednesday 4th April**

As the library will now be open for a morning session why not pop in and take part in a family event. The session will start at 10.am until 12noon and will include stories, rhymes and activities.

### **Computer Courses**

Want to know how to use a computer free of charge? We hold basic sessions which include the modules E-mail, searching the Internet and Internet Security on a Thursday from 4pm. If you are interested please see a member a staff for more information.

### **Rhymetime session**

Regrettably due to unforeseen circumstances Rhymetime sessions at Sawtry, held on Friday afternoons have had to be cancelled.

### **Author Visit**

On Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Dickinson author of novels set in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire will be visiting **Yaxley Library**. If you are interested please see a member of staff. Tickets will be limited.

### **Friends**

Would you like to help raise funds for Sawtry Library, if you are interested please call into the library for more details.

The aim of the group is to provide funds for buying new equipment eg items for the children or adult areas, also to arrange or help at events to promote the library service.

**Pam Goodwin**

## **T R E E   W A R D E N   /   S A W T R Y   I N   B L O O M**

I have been helping the Gardening Club at the Junior School to plant 6 apple trees (donated by HDC), and the vegetable garden has many crops planted or planned. On 25<sup>th</sup> March we had another Big Tidy Day and also planted more of the copse at the bottom of the field, including a Jubilee Oak.

Three groups of trees and shrubs have been planted on St Judith's Field.

If there are any green fingered people with a little time to spare who would like to help the In Bloom team maintain the various planters and flower beds, do please contact the chairman Mick Rayson on 830720. We will soon be putting together our portfolio to enter this year's competition.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March the Brownies gathered again at the copse on Beaumaris Road to plant a memorial tree for Claire Menell, their Brown Owl, who sadly died suddenly last September. She had contacted HDC to ask if the Brownies could help plant trees, and the project grew from there.

A lovely sunny morning saw Claire's family plant the Wild Service Tree and the Brownies all helped to water it in. It will be a fitting memorial and a fond memory for all the girls who had grown so fond of her.

**Janet Spencer 01487 208676**

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Patient Reference Group

Thank you to all those patients who have already signed up to join our Patient Reference Group. We are still actively trying to encourage more people to join in order for it to be truly representative of our patients. The idea is to open a channel of communication which will enable us to consult with patients regarding the range and quality of the services we provide. The group will communicate mostly via email, although alternative arrangements will be made available for any patient who wishes to be involved but does not have access to a computer. If you would like to be involved please let me know via email (claire.wright2@nhs.net) or use the form available from our Reception Desk and in the waiting room to provide alternative contact details.

### Patient Survey 2012

Many thanks to those patients who took the time to complete the surveys which we ran earlier this year regarding GP Appointments and Repeat Prescriptions. We are now in the process of agreeing subsequent actions to be taken with the PRG. A full report will then be published on our website.

### Training Afternoons 2012

Please be aware that we may be either closed, or providing a reduced service, from 1pm on the dates listed below to facilitate staff training and allow GPs to attend important meetings to discuss local health service commissioning. During these afternoons emergency GP cover will be provided by the out of hours service.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### Travel Vaccinations

As the holiday season approaches, please remember to give consideration to whether or not you need any travel vaccinations. Please collect a Travel Form (available from our Reception Desk) and make an appointment to see one of our Practice Nurses. The nurse will then advise you on your requirements. We are able to provide a full range of vaccinations and we are also a registered Yellow Fever vaccination centre. Please remember to allow plenty of time between seeing the nurse and your date of travel as several vaccinations require a course of injections to be administered over a number of weeks.

Best Regards,

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager, Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340**

## SAWTRY SHOW

15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

There will be the usual range of categories and classes, and the full schedule will available soon at the Parish Council Office, the Library, or from committee members. It will also be on the Parish Council website.

A new class this year:-

### HEAVIEST CROP OF POTATOES FROM ONE PLANT

One potato tuber to be planted in a container, allowed to grow, then transported undisturbed to the Community College on the morning of Show Day, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Judging will take place in the afternoon, when the container will be tipped out and the potatoes weighed.

### Tips:-

The container (e.g. flowerpot, bucket, thick polythene bag), should be at least 30 cm. in diameter and 30cm. deep, with drainage holes in the bottom.

### Method:-

1. Put a layer of crocks or coarse gravel in the bottom to a depth of 5-6 cm.
2. Add a layer of compost or soil, again 5-6 cm.
3. Place one seed potato tuber in the middle, and cover with 10-12 cm. of compost or soil.
4. Place in a sunny position and keep well watered.

As the shoots appear, keep topping up with compost until the level is 2-3 cm. from the top.

N.B. Do not plant more than one tuber. You will not get a bigger crop, and the judge will easily spot that there is more than one plant!

# DAY CENTRE NEWS

Spring is in the air, the nights are getting lighter, the trees are blossoming and the drabness of winter is leaving us for another year, all reasons to be positive and thanks to the weather being mild our heating bills will hopefully not be as high as in previous years.

Here at the day centre since writing the last article our members have enjoyed the frugal lunch at the Methodist Church. In February we had a visit from Erika Brown from the Hunts Blind Society who showed us various devices to help not only blind people but also other members too, for example the club bought bingo cards with extra large numbers a big help to our members. Erika talked to us about the great things they did at the Blind Society, which is open to all who need it.

For our first outing of the year we travelled to The Three Horseshoes at Yaxley for a lovely lunch, we can all recommend it, the meal was served quickly and all piping hot with good service and friendly staff, the facilities were very good with plenty of room between the tables for wheelchairs and the disabled toilets were spacious and close to the dining room.

As it is the Diamond Jubilee this year we thought it would be a nice idea to have something involving our Royal Family so on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Alan Bottell of the Historical Society came along to show us a film on the Queen's Coronation.

Other events up until June are:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Kate and Brenda the ladies singing duo who have entertained our members on several occasions will be returning.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May we are having another outing this time to our member's favourite garden centre of Wyvale for lunch.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Lin Shepherd is coming to talk to us on her life married to a Native American.

So our planning goes on to give the very best to our members in the way of keeping them entertained, well fed and not isolated but in the company of like minded people to come along chat and make friends.

At the Day Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays our sole aim is to make life a little more pleasant and worthwhile for the elderly members of our community.

That all for now usual CARESCO contacts apply.

**The Day Centre Team**

## **SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COACH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

(Located between Lichfield and Burton on Trent)

**Wednesday 20th June**

Departing 09.00 from The Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club

Departing 16.00 to return to Sawtry

Cost of coach trip is £12 (including a small donation to Royal British Legion funds). Entry to the Arboretum is free and there are full café facilities available.

To book or for further information call: -

Tony - 01487-831316; Allan - 01487-830806; or Stewart - 01487-831458

The National Memorial Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance, a living and lasting memorial to commemorate and celebrate:

Those who have given their lives in the service of their country,

All who have served and those who have suffered as a result of conflict,

Others who for specific or appropriate reasons are commemorated on the site.

Mobility - for less mobile visitors, wheelchairs and electric scooters are available on loan from the visitor centre. To ensure availability they should be booked in advance. It is respectfully asked that a suitable donation is made for use of a manual wheelchair and there is a charge of £5.00 for a motorised scooter.

**For full details on the National Arboretum visit: [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)**

## SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

At the last meeting of the Sawtry Camera Club on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the Club held its Annual Photographic Competition. The meeting was attended by 8 members with apologies received from 3 members and the arrival of one new member who joined on the night. The competition was open to all members who could enter one photograph in each of the following categories; **Landscape; Wildlife; Nightshot and Imagination.** They were competing for the trophy presented to the Camera Club by the Sawtry Parish Council. There were 32 entries into the competition and the judge was Paul Langshaw. The winner of each category received 6 points: 2<sup>nd</sup> received 4 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> received 2 points. The judge commented that the standard was very high making his job difficult.



The overall winner of the competition and the trophy was John Webber. Second was John Syers and third was John Boardman.

Lastly members were reminded that the next meeting was on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the Sawtry Club starting at 7.30pm.

**For more information please call Dorothy Lupton, Club Secretary on 01487 830550**

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY AND THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

How much do those (perhaps of more mature years), who recall with pleasure some of his fascinating characters - Scrooge, Little Nell, Oliver Twist, Bumble – really know about Charles Dickens, the man? This year we can enjoy the extra film and TV adaptations celebrating his 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but how much do they tell us about what he was really like?

Deciding "*Dickens – the Man*" would be this year's "hot" topic, local historian Richard Jones took this subject for our February talk. He dressed for the part, in tailcoat, waistcoat, stock and black hat, but these ancient clothes proved rather too hot in a centrally heated hall and unfortunately this affected his review of Dickens life and his writings.

Few knew that when only 12 Dickens, helping to support his family when his father was in jail for debt, worked in a "blacking" factory, but later used the experience, for apparently "*blacking*" is mentioned in most of his books and he used the name of a fellow worker "*Fagin*". He also based the character of "*Bumble the Beagle*" on someone in the workhouse at Peterborough!

It seems he was not lucky in love – not with his first teenage love, Maria Beadnell (a model for Little Dorrit?), nor with Mary Hogarth (Little Nell?), who died suddenly at only 17, and whose ring he wore for the rest of his life. His marriage to Catherine Hogarth ended in 1858 and his clandestine relationship with the actress Ellen Ternan proved an embarrassment when they were involved together in a train crash in 1865. Although not physically injured, and identified as a "hero" for helping other passengers, it seems he never really recovered from the shock and died five years later in 1870.

Extracts from Dickens books, with which Richard ended his talk, demonstrated not only how much the use of written English has changed, but also how strong stories, well written and based on the lives of real people, endure, for Dickens books are still available and have never been out of print!

Our March AGM was again very well attended and saw two changes to the committee – John Harthill takes over as treasurer from Bill Allport and Sheila Tibbs is the new Press Officer. Chairman Alan Bottell was able to report another very successful year with more people at our monthly meetings and a very varied and interesting range of speakers.

Unfortunately John Allen, who was to talk about the Crown and Woolpack at Glatton could not come but we were told he has found a 19C letter relating to the pub behind a skirting board in a house in Manchester – so we hope to hear more about this mystery another time.

*Our next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April is to be a slide show about Sawtry Abbey and the 1980 St Judith Dig. 7.30pm at the WI Hall, Sawtry. Everyone welcome; non-members £1.50.*

*And finally from the Internet – "Twitter" is like a Charles Dickens novel - 140 characters, lots of silly names and it goes on forever.*

**Allan Bamford (01487 834173), Alan Bottell (01487 832996) (SHS Registered Charity 294789)**

## Going Green

Back in pre-history, when my mum used to send me down to the local shop, I was always given a Red Riding Hood style basket to bring the shopping back home. It was habit, the thing we did and never a problem. Thanks to this tradition I'm uncomfortable accepting a carrier bag in shops and have always tried to reuse them wherever possible. There are usually a couple of fabric bags with me for just in case moments – 'mummy can you carry this for me....' - and I have a special set of large jute bags for big trips to the Co-op. Occasionally I get caught out, but not often these days.

So when did it become the norm to be given single-use carriers in most shops? Did you know that the European Commission claims that every year 800,000 tonnes of so-called single-use plastic bags are used in the European Union - the average EU citizen used 191 of them in 2010, and only 6% were recycled? More than four billion bags are thrown away each year!

We call these bags 'disposable' but of course they don't just disappear when we bin them. They may be given away free, but the cost to clear up the mess is huge. Any type of bag will have an impact on the environment both in its making and when thrown away, however we can all reduce this by reusing any bag as much as possible. In our house we never buy bin bags for example, however we try to avoid them, there are always carriers around to be used instead.

England is a long way behind many countries in this matter. A number of countries have banned very thin plastic bags, including China, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Bangladesh while a handful of countries have banned plastic bags altogether, including Rwanda, Somalia and Tanzania. Last year Italy became the first country in Europe to ban non-biodegradable single-use plastic bags.

Nearer to home, the Republic of Ireland dealt with the problem another way by introducing a charge of 15 euro cents (12p) per bag in March 2002, which led to a 95% reduction in plastic bag litter. Within a year, 90% of shoppers were using long-life bags. More recently Wales introduced a levy of 5p per bag last year and Northern Ireland will do so next year.

So which would you prefer, an outright ban or a charge for every bag used? We can't go on as we are, the clear up is costing us a fortune and making a mess of our village and countryside. Perhaps the Co-op will start selling proper shopping baskets like my mum's for us all to use in the future, but for now I'll be using my organic Fairtrade cotton bags.

*Eco Apprentice*



## SAWTRY CHORALE

[www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)

**Staffordshire WI Choir & Friends are visiting Sawtry Chorale**

The Chorale is pleased to be welcoming Staffordshire WI Choir & Friends to Sawtry. We are looking forward to performing a joint concert on Saturday 12th May at Sawtry Community College.

Each choir will sing a selection of their own choosing as well as coming together for combined pieces. There is great enthusiasm in the choir for this exciting event which will have up to 70 voices. Our new members have settled into the choir and rehearsals are going well.

Please come along to support the Chorale and to give our visitors a warm welcome. Details of the concert are as follows:

### **Sawtry Chorale and Staffordshire WI Choir & Friends Joint Concert**

Saturday, 12th May 2012

7.30pm

Sawtry Community College Hall

All Tickets: £6.00

Tickets may be available on the night but booking is recommended. Contact any member of the choir or ring the number below.

Please visit our website for more details about this and our other concerts. You will also find information about the choir and how to join. Remember, singing is good for you!

**Hazel Rea - Publicity Officer, Sawtry Chorale**

**Tel: 01487 830149**

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SAWTRY BRANCH

We are pleased to announce that the Donations received by the Branch, to date, for the 2011 Poppy Appeal has exceeded the total of 2010 by pennies short of £120, therefore, once again thank you.

At our last Committee meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming and becoming acquainted with our new Rector of All Saints Church, the Reverend Rosie Ward. Rosie has accepted our request to become our new Branch Chaplain. We have sent our very best wishes to Canon Malcolm Griffith, previous Rector of All Saints Church, who has not been a well man since his retirement.

Our events for this year are progressing very well. There was a good turnout for the visit to the Pathfinder Museum at RAF Wyton and all attending enjoyed their visit and we have been asked to arrange this again.

The Quiz night was very well attended and as it is proving to be a popular event. We will have had our Music Night before this issue of the Eye is delivered and therefore, I will report on its success in the next issue.

Over the weekend of 26/27 May, the 2nd World War Veterans of the American 457th Bombardment Group, which was based at the Glatton Airfield, between Holme and Conington, will be here on their bi-annual memorial visit. There will be a Church Service at 11.30am on the 27th at Conington Church, where stands their Airman Memorial and then at 2pm that day, a service and Wreath Laying ceremony, at the Memorial on the corner of the Holme Road. The Sawtry Branch of The Royal British Legion have the pleasure of providing hospitality for the Veterans, between the two Services, at the Sawtry Ex-Service & Working Men's Club, to whom we owe thanks for providing us with the use of their Concert room for that purpose.

The Sawtry Carnival Day is the 9<sup>th</sup> June and we shall be having our usual Stall, from which we will be selling Books, CDs, DVDs and any decent Bric-a-Brac that is donated to us. If anyone has any items of this nature or other material, not too large, to donate for sale to the general public, we would be pleased to accept them. All proceeds from this stall sale will be donated to the Royal British Legion 2011 Poppy Appeal. Anyone wishing to make such a donation can either deliver or arrange for collection around the middle of May.

We are still intending to arrange a trip to the Hendon RAF Museum, but we would like to receive names from those who would be interested in joining us, thereby enabling us to think about the transport arrangements. The planning for the Arboretum trip on the 20th June is progressing, see separate advert on page 17, if you are interested please contact us soon to make sure that there is a coach seat available.

Lastly a reminder of the forthcoming 40s Day on the 8th September, at the Sawtry Ex-Service & Working Men's Club, we are hoping to have a bigger and better display than last year. If anyone can offer anything to further enhance the day, i.e., Classic Vehicles/ Farm Vehicles/Military Vehicles/Stalls etc, please contact one of the members.

**Allan Fowler, Poppy Appeal Organiser 01487 830806**

**Tony Nickerson, Chairman 01487 831316**

**Stewart Wylie, Events Chairman 01487 831458**

### It's a Thought!

You probably heard they crucified that Jesus - gave him a really bad time. Not just the execution, though that was bad enough; it was the tormenting. The soldiers beat him; then they made this crown of thorns and stuck it on his head. 'Jesus the king, the prophet' - that's how some saw him.

The soldiers made fun of him; well, you expect that sort of behaviour from soldiers, but the Ruling Council members were no better. Some of them blindfolded him, punched him, spat on him. 'Hey prophet, prophesy who's hitting you'; and it got no better. Later on when he was on the cross, the chief priests came to taunt him: 'He saved others, but he can't save himself.' Even one of the other men being crucified joined in: 'Save yourself - and us!'

They say he once met someone who told him: 'Do things my way, and you can rule the world.' But instead, he chose another route. He had some funny ideas though. Son of God! He was bound to get into big trouble with the religious leaders saying things like that.

He talked about a God who makes the sun shine on good and bad; sends the rain on the innocent and the wicked! What kind of justice is that?

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He talked about a God who loves his enemies, a God who freely gives where there's no hope of getting repaid! And he said that's how we're all meant to behave!

Freely give where there's no hope of getting repaid! He gave everything, and he owned nothing. 'Ask, and it shall be given to you!' If he needed a boat to talk to a gathering on the lakeside, someone would lend one. Need a donkey to ride into Jerusalem? His followers would go and borrow one. 'If someone steals your coat,' he once said, 'well, give them your shirt as well'. Freely he gave everything. And, in the end, the soldiers took the clothes off his back, they took his dignity, and they took his life.

His Father gave him to us, he gave everything for us. Like Father, like son, I suppose. That sort of thinking could change your life.

*Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton*

## Churches Together

### AFTERNOON TEA

On 15<sup>th</sup> May, from 3.30pm at Sawtry Methodist Church

For more information please call 01487 831249

**IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID**

## SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

*Green End Road, Sawtry,*

*Minister: Rev Katy Dunn - Tel 01480 830314*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship at 10.30am

Sunday School at 10.30am

### SPECIAL SERVICES

#### Maunday Thursday

Holy Communion

5<sup>th</sup> April- 7.30pm

#### Good Friday

Walk of Witness

6<sup>th</sup> April

Starts at 10am from the Methodist Church

Service at 10.30am at All Saints

#### Easter Day

All Age Worship

8<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am - Led by Rev Katy Dunn

All Age Worship

20<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am - Led by Simon Cooper

***Come and join us***



### SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11 am with Cake Stall

All proceeds towards the building fund, Traidcraft goods also on sale



## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry

### SUNDAY SERVICES

April	1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship – Palm Sunday
	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	United Service for Good Friday
	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Holy Communion
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	St Georges Day Parade Service
	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Songs of Praise
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion

### GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL IN CHURCH

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April All Saints Church 2:30pm – 4:30pm Good Friday Special for all ages the theme is Remembering Jesus with all age crafts and activities, Easter egg hunt at 3.15pm, Easter Quiz, Stories and quiet time and Refreshments. Everyone welcome!

### SAS KIDS' CLUB

For all children aged 4-10. The SAS Kids Club will meet at 10.15am on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May at the home of Alison Scott. After school Kids Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and the 8<sup>th</sup> May from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

### SATURDAY OPENING

The Church is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Do come along and see your Church and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat - a warm welcome awaits you.

### ART EXHIBITION in Church - Weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April

The format of this event will be, on the Friday evening people will be able to browse and buy artwork. There will be cheese and wine and entry will be by ticket costing £5. On the Saturday you will be able to collect any art purchases and there will be various craft stalls as well as the artwork. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available.

### PLANT SALE

Plant Sale in the WI Hall Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any plants you would like to donate please contact Janet Gibson on 830617.

### FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

Please phone Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 with any general enquiries or notices you would like included, or if you wish to have prayers said for anyone.

**Websites: [www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk](http://www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk)  
[www.achurchnearyou.co.uk](http://www.achurchnearyou.co.uk)**

***There is always a warm welcome at All Saints'***



### SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

For more information, please call 01487 830345

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT LUKE'S

serving the

**Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough**

26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough. PE2 5XS

**St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry**

(Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry)

**St Bartholomew's Community, Yaxley and the Hampton's**

Parish Priest: Fr. John Minh, 14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX  
 '01733 370877; email: [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk); Website: [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk)

## SERVICES

Each Saturday: First Mass of Sunday 6pm at St Luke's Church

*Each Sunday: Sunday Masses*

9.15am at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry  
 & 11am at St Luke's Church (inc special liturgy for Children)

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: Mass at 10am at St Luke's Church

Friday: Mass at 7pm at St Luke's Church

Saturday: Exposition & Confessions at 5pm; Benediction at 5.30pm

## The Easter Triduum

**Holy Thursday - 5<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's supper
- Adoration after Mass
- 11.00pm: Night of Prayer

**Good Friday - 6<sup>th</sup> April**

- 3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday - 7<sup>th</sup> April**

- 9.00pm: The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> April**

- 9.15am: Mass at Dawn (Sawtry)
- 11.00am: Mass of the Day

**All at St Luke's unless otherwise stated**

For further information please take a look at our website at [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk) and click on Parish News

## REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion remember the fallen throughout the year. In June and July we particularly remember:

Private Arthur J. CLARKE	7 June 1917	Sawtry
Private Arnold INGLESBY	7 June 1917	Glatton
Private Thomas PARROTT	8 June 1917	Sawtry
Sapper Joseph Edwin GINNS	17 June 1940	Sawtry
Private Frederick ROWELL	19 June 1943	Wood Walton
Corporal Sidney WOOLLARD	7 June 1944	Sawtry
Lieutenant Millin John SELBY	7 July 1916	Holme
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Arthur William Spring COWIE	8 July 1916	Hamerton
Private Robert George BAKER	22 July 1916	Holme
Private Edward SPRING	10 July 1917	Winwick
Private John F. PADDISON	31 July 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles Stanley NIGHTINGALE	27 July 1943	Sawtry

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

***LIFE AFTER DEBT – LIFE AMID DEBT – AN INTRODUCTION***

L.A.D is the brainchild of Ann Fryer, a mother of three from Eaton Socon. The idea began to gel when, realising how alone she was in the face of overwhelming fear when interest rates suddenly jumped to 10.5% after a 2yr fixed rate finished in Oct 2008, and facing repossession of her house in 2005, she enlisted the help of the media.

After appearing on the front cover of a local paper Ann was contacted by another local woman who was in a similar position. It was then that the idea for the new charity began to bear fruition. Finding that many of her friends and acquaintances, from all walks of life had experienced differing types of financial difficulty Ann encouraged them to ‘volunteer’ with the setting up of L.A.D which Ann successfully did. The group was formed in June 2009.

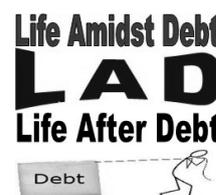
There are now twelve people involved, either as Trustees or part of the Management Committee, and they offer such skills as, training, counselling and debt management, charitable status is currently being sought and will be of enormous help in gaining the necessary funding.

The main aims of L.A.D. are able to offer support, advice and training to enable individuals to cope with the traumatic and emotional side of debt and the recovery from debt process. Of course just being there to TALK to someone is quite often what someone wants, to share the burden and having someone to listen to them with no judgement or stigma attached.

For more information please contact:

**Email: [annfryer.lad@googlemail.com](mailto:annfryer.lad@googlemail.com) OR Telephone 07504382919**

**Email: [stephdennis64@uwclub.net](mailto:stephdennis64@uwclub.net) OR Telephone 01487 830219**



**Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group**

[www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/)

**The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood led by George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, is also Chairman of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am, GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park.

**Aversley Wood - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Aversley Wood is one of Cambridgeshire’s largest ancient woodland sites and is believed to date back to the Ice Age. The walk will be led by Martin Baker, who is a leading member of our local group and a warden of several smaller woods in our area. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at Aversley Wood at 10.30am, GR TL171829. Parking in St. Judith’s Lane car park.

Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/) or contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough. Registered Charity No: 1000412

**BURGLARY OPERATION LAUNCHED IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE AND SOUTH CAMBS**

POLICE have launched an operation following more than 200 burglaries in rural Huntingdonshire and South Cambs in the past four months. Operation Twist will focus on tackling burglaries in rural villages in the districts.

From November to February there have been 115 burglaries in Huntingdonshire. Detectives believe they are part of a linked series with the offenders potentially travelling in from outside the county. Operation Twist will see increase patrols in rural villages, as well as investigative and forensic work to target those responsible.

Releasing these figures is not about scaring people, as in reality people living in Huntingdonshire and South Cambs are less than one per cent likely to become a victim of burglary. However, it is important that we raise awareness of this series as the public play a vital part in helping us to prevent further offences as well as catching those responsible.

Although a large number of offences have taken place while people have been away detectives believe offenders are targeting homes during the day, often breaking in through the rear of the property. It is likely because of the sporadic nature of the offences that the offenders are travelling across Huntingdonshire, South Cambs and potentially other parts of Cambridgeshire targeting homes.

It's important people remain alert to activity in their neighbourhood, reporting anything out of the ordinary or suspicious to police. By taking simple preventative measure people can further reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

**To reduce the risk of being a victim:**

- It's important to make your home look lived in and ask neighbours to keep an eye on it when you are not in. Consider installing light timers. If the bins are due to be collected, ask your neighbours to move them on and off your drive for you.
- Report unusual activity such as people knocking at your door. This type of information can be used to gain a better understanding of how criminals are operating in your area.
- Keep a note of any unusual vehicles parking in your area and pass information onto the police.

**Deterrents:**

- Install an alarm - even an empty box on the side of your home can be enough to put off a burglar.
- A 'beware of the dog' sign can be enough to put off an intruder, regardless of whether a dog is present.
- Lock up your shed: Offenders often raid sheds to get their hands on tools to burgle.
- Strong communities are also a deterrent for burglars: Make friends with your neighbours or join your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

**Reporting**

To report suspicious activity or information about burglary visit the 'Operation Twist' page of the force website - [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk). Or email - [burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

However if people suspect there is a burglary in process then they should always dial 999.

Alternatively, anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at <http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>.

**BEWARE IMPOSTER 'CAB' COLD CALLERS**

Imposters claiming to be from the CAB are preying on people with money worries with cold calls offering fake 'debt help'.

We want to stress that no genuine CAB adviser, or anyone connected with the CAB service, would ever phone or text someone out of the blue.

If you are cold called or get a text that offers you a loan, help dealing with debt problems or claims to be from your bank, it's almost certainly a scam.

Make sure you:

- don't give or confirm any personal information
- report the call immediately to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at [www.actionfraud.org.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk/report_fraud)
- contact your local bureau for free, confidential, independent and expert advice to help resolve your problems.

For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens' Advice Bureau on 01480 388900



Most of us want to live independently in our own homes for as long as possible. As we get older, we may need support and assistance to enable us to do so. The Home Help Service is provided with people in later life in mind and therefore offers people over 60 who have difficulty doing their housework the support of friendly and responsible individuals, passionate about providing a professional service that enables people to remain living within the comfort of their own home.

**The Home Help Team**

All of our Home Helps are CRB checked, carry photo ID cards and have undergone an extensive induction process. As well as carrying out housework tasks our home helps also provide regular company and keep a friendly eye out for clients. We can also signpost clients, carers and family members to other parts of Age UK Cambridgeshire.

Our team also consists of office based staff to ensure that a friendly helpful voice is always at the end of the telephone if you have any questions or comments regarding your Home Help service.

**Home Help Tasks include:**

- Vacuum cleaning
- Dusting and polishing furniture
- Cleaning baths, sinks and toilets
- Removing cobwebs from walls and ceilings and washing paintwork
- Cleaning fridge and checking for out of date food as necessary
- Washing floors
- Cleaning windows (inside only)
- Laundry
- Ironing
- Changing bed linen
- Emptying rubbish bins.
- No personal tasks can be undertaken

You will be matched with a suitable Home Help and agree a mutually convenient day and time for the visit (s) to take place. You must be at home when the visits take place. Weekly or fortnightly visits can be offered from 1 hour upwards (depending upon availability).

The charge for this service is £10.10 per hour.

**Feedback** - We want you to be pleased with the service we provide and we therefore monitor our quality standards to ensure we are satisfying the high expectations of our clients. We care what you think and your feedback will be used to improve and develop the service.

**Contacting us** - For further information, please contact us on **01354 696650** or email [kerry.hardie@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk](mailto:kerry.hardie@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk)

**Job vacancies:** As the service is growing we would also invite anyone interested in being a Home Help to contact us on the above telephone number

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at <http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WHEN BUYING ONLINE**

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT), a government consumer watchdog, has launched a new campaign to help you understand your consumer rights when you shop online.

When you buy something online, you have even more protection than if you buy directly from a shop.

In addition to your usual consumer rights when you buy goods, you have some extra rights if buy online. These include:

- the right to a full refund if you don't receive the goods within 30 days of placing your order, or by the date you agreed
- the right to change your mind and cancel within seven working days of first placing your order, receiving the goods or signing up for a service
- the right to clear information about the product, the trader's name and address, delivery details, the costs and your cancellation rights. If you don't get all this information, you may have even longer to cancel your order.

There are some types of order you can't cancel, for example:

- perishable goods, such as flowers or food
- newspapers or magazines
- goods personalised especially for you
- services that have started immediately, for example music downloads.

For more information about your consumer rights when you buy online and to watch a helpful video, go to the OFT website at [www.oft.gov.uk](http://www.oft.gov.uk).

**For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens' Advice Bureau on 01480 388900**

# THE OLYMPICS 2012



## A great opportunity to celebrate and get involved in Cambridgeshire

### For the sporting....

As Olympic fever spreads across the country, many of us might feel inclined to get involved in some new sporting activities, whether in a competitive manner or just for a bit of fun.

Numerous events are going on nationally – the Big Dance Week in July, the 'Gold Challenge' where you can raise money for charity by trying 5, 10, 20 or 30 Olympic and Paralympic sports, 'Hopscotch to Victory' which is a world record attempt taking place in June, and for those who fancy something a little less strenuous, there is 'All the Bells' which calls on residents to ring any kind of bell they can between 8am and 8.03am on 27<sup>th</sup> July. More information about these activities and many more can be found on the main Olympic and Paralympic website [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com). If you do not have access to the internet and would like to find out more about the national activities, telephone 0845 2672012.

There will also be many sporting events and activities taking place locally. These will be listed on [www.livingsport.co.uk](http://www.livingsport.co.uk) or you can contact LIVING SPORT on 01487 841559. Events will also be added to the [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net) website as they are announced. If you have an event planned that you would like to publicise, it can be added to this website. If you have a disability, you can find out what activities you can get involved in locally at [www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk](http://www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk), by calling the Ability PLUS Group on 01487 849929 or by contacting your local District Council.

### For the not so sporting....

The Olympics also bring people together and are a reason to celebrate. Large events will be taking place across the county along the Olympic Torch route as it passes through Peterborough on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Cambridge (as part of the Big Weekend on Parker's Piece) on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July and St Ives and Huntingdon on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Route details and times have recently been announced by London 2012.

Local people are also being encouraged to organise their own celebrations and the **2012 Local Leaders** initiative has been set up to help you do just that. By signing up, you will receive information on a range of themed celebration ideas and be in the front row to receive free London 2012 event materials. You can find out more at [www.london2012.com/get-involved](http://www.london2012.com/get-involved) or by telephoning 0845 2672012.

The County Council is keen to encourage local events and street parties, and has added simple guidance to getting a street party road closure on their website at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/ontheroad/street\\_parties.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/ontheroad/street_parties.htm). If you don't have internet access, you can call 01223 507176 to arrange this or to discuss any other events that you would like to organise.

Cultural events will also be taking place, including the UK's biggest ever cultural festival and the 'Walk the World' campaign which encourages residents to join the race to find local connections to all 206 nations taking part in the Olympics (see [www.walktheworld.org.uk](http://www.walktheworld.org.uk)). Information on local cultural events will also be available on [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net) as they are announced.

And finally, if you have been inspired by the 70,000 people who have registered as Olympic and Paralympic volunteers, you can sign up to volunteer at local events at [www.volunteeringcambsandpboro.org.uk](http://www.volunteeringcambsandpboro.org.uk).

## SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

The final home fixtures of the current season are as follows:

31 March	1st team v Stamford Belvedere
7 April	1st team v Stilton United
14 April	1st team v Whittlesey Blue Star Reserves v Sutton Bridge United Reserves
21 April	1st team v Holbeach United Reserves
5 May	1st team v Powerleague Reserves v Farcet United Reserves

All matches take place at Greenfield and KO at 3pm.

**For further information contact the Secretary on 07719641431**

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

During March there were several social events at the club house that were enjoyed, these included a Quiz, Easter bingo and the regular Whist drive.

All Club members would like to congratulate ROSS MARTIN on winning HUNTS UNDER 25's indoor E.B.F. Final. We wish him success in the National Final at Newark .

Now with Spring approaching we are looking forward to the 2012 outdoor season. The Club opens on SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, members should register by 2.00pm if they wish to play in the Kelvin Cooper Trophy match, our first competition of the season. Soon after all League matches and County competitions will commence.

The first Junior roll up will probably be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 5-7pm.

### Social events for April and May are as follows;

SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL WHIST DRIVE 7.30pm

TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY 10.00am

SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY RACE NIGHT INCLUDING SUPPER 8.00pm

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY AUCTION NIGHT INCLUDING SUPPER 7.30pm

There is a new notice board outside by the gate with Club notices.

If any member has changed their e-mail address will they please notify Nicki at [nicki.herbert@btinternet](mailto:nicki.herbert@btinternet)

### NEW MEMBERS

The start of the season is an ideal time to start bowling.

Monday afternoons 2.00pm is friendly roll up day, bowls and tuition will be available.

However the Green is open most days mornings, afternoons and evenings (any member you know will help you).or phone these numbers.

CONTACTS M. RAYSON TEL 01478 830720 or M.URWIN 01487 830193

The club house is centrally heated there is a bar and we have social events all year.

HOPE TO SEE YOU

**Ladies Sec M. U.**

## SAWTRY COLTS

In the year that the Olympics return to these shores the Sawtry Colts teams seem to be taking the Olympic tradition of it being better to compete than to win to heart as it seems unlikely that any silverware, never mind goldware, will be heading our way come the end of the football season. Citius, Altitus, Fortius, maybe next season, judge for yourself.....

The Under 7 Yellow and Blue Sox teams continue to go from strength to strength with both now winning more than they are losing after they both took 3 or 4 games earlier in the season before they gained that first win. One of the successes has been the Under 9s who have continued their season with some very good results, notably winning 6-3 at St Ives, coming back from 3-1 down, and also winning at the then top of the table Fenstanton 7-4. The team have lost only twice this season and all of the boys have played really well to get the team to second in their league with three games of the season left.

The U10s after starting the season with six straight wins have found things tougher of late and have slipped to a mid-table position. The U11 Yellows have continued to battle against the odds in a new league this year and have been on the end of some heavy defeats. There have been highlights with a morale boosting win against Whittlesey and competitive draws against Alconbury and Somersham. The U11 Blues have also struggled since the turn of the year and look set to be playing their football in division two next year. The U11 Girls, although finding themselves in the bottom half of the table, have competed well all year.

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The U12 Blues and U13 Yellows are both currently bottom of their leagues but with 5 or 6 games left could still yet get themselves out of the relegation places. The U13 Girls have struggled for players of late and have only played one match this year due to lack of numbers and the weather.

The U14 Blues have found wins hard to come by in 2012 and now find themselves in the bottom half of the table. The U14 Yellows have only one league match left and are currently 3<sup>rd</sup> bottom of the table. The U14 Girls, after a promising start look destined for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in their league which could have been even better but for a few missed chances at crucial times in matches against leaders, Huntingdon.

The U15 Blues and Yellows are both mid table but, with games in hand of the teams above them, could both be set for higher places come the season end. The U15 Girls have had some promising wins of late, in particular a 2-1 win against local rivals St Ives, was well deserved.

The U16 Yellows got the better of the U16 Blues in their first league match earlier in the year and also sit above them in the table with second place very much a realistic target for them. The Blues will be looking to scupper that when they meet again on 25 March. The U16 Girls have continued to remain competitive, gaining their second win of the season and being narrowly beaten in a number of others. Lastly, the Colts are fortunate in such a small village to have the kind support of a number of Sawtry-based companies to help with kit sponsorship etc. A few of those are listed below and we are extremely thankful for their support. The Under 7 Blues, who are sponsored by Tilly's Coffee Shop and the Under 7 Yellows who are sponsored by Village Glass and Glazing. The Under 8s who are sponsored by Ride Safe Training. The Under 9s, who are sponsored by A&G Heating, and the U11 Yellows who are kindly sponsored by Wedge/East Anglian Galvanized Steel. The U14 Yellows who are sponsored by AYR Nurseries and Landscapes, the U14 Girls who are sponsored by Sawtry Day Nursery and not forgetting JR Green News Shop who has sponsored many a Colts team over the years.

**For more information please contact Club Secretary, Stuart Bean, on 07762108198**



## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



[www.sawtry.play-cricket.com](http://www.sawtry.play-cricket.com)

[www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc](http://www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc)

WANTED...With the new season fast approaching Sawtry Cricket Club is on the lookout for new players for its three adult teams and three junior teams. So if you are wanting to take up the game for the first time, or to revive a long lost passion, then practise net sessions have commenced at Sawtry Leisure Centre on Friday evenings between 19:15 and 21:15. From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April practise will move to Greenfields starting at 18:00 for both Juniors (7-15 year olds) and Seniors, where qualified coaches will be on hand to provide help and instruction to all age groups. More information can be obtained from Ian Fowler on 07545 882994, or Karen Leader on 01487 832645.

### Forthcoming Home Fixtures

#### **April (13:00 start):**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI:** Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Cople Argus

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI:** -

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI:** Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Buckden, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Little Paxton, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> – Warboys, Sun 29<sup>th</sup> – Upwood,

#### **May (13:30 start):**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI:** Tue 15<sup>th</sup> – Eltisley (cup – 18:00 start)

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI:** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Warboys, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – Castor, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> – Ickwell

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI:** Sun 27<sup>th</sup> – Warboys

**U11:** Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> – Upwood B (18:00 start), Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Warboys (18:00 start)

**U15:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Houghton (18:00 start), Thu 24<sup>th</sup> – Huntingdon (18:00 start)

**U17:** Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Waresley (18:00 start), Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Alconbury (18:00 start)

All home matches are played at Greenfields and spectators are always welcome.



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## Sawtry Ladies Hockey

Sawtry ladies have never failed to give a good performance, and our most recent games have been no exception. Despite getting into our stride late in the season, we've shown how much we deserve our spot in the league and how well we can play.

Sawtry were left with some tough matches to end the season, one being against Cambridge University 3. Battling through the pouring rain, Hannah Postlethwaite's speed and Lottie Paul on great form showed the side what we are made of. Kerry Graham came through with a classic goal down one end, whilst keeper Karen Whatley made countless dives and saves down the other (bagging player of the match in the process). The loss was no true reflection of how we played. Rachel Anderson almost made her score board debut, with excellent positioning - but the ball sneaked just past the goal.

The team next set their sights on a win against St Ives, but a bit of bad luck and still a great performance, they came out with a draw. Sophie Rookes' flip over the goalie/score/celebrate all in one, gave her true style points, and also player of the match! After an opposition player taking a knock to the head, and also Kerry Graham making the score board - St Ives to their credit still came back with two goals.

At home against Rutland, a game full of all sorts of aerals and penalties, Sawtry suffered another defeat. Kerry Graham came through with a 'Kerry special' (sticks with holes in are the future) and so did Tasha Darrington, with her classic reverse flick into the back of the goal. Tash managed to get player of the match, as did Francesca Charlton in the next defeat against Cambridge South.

Back in Blue, Sawtry were confident, dominant and full of energy against Peterborough. Annika Welman managed to curve one round the keeper, whilst maintaining full composure. Youngster Jade Howard proved her place on the team with constant tackles and some great defending - topping it all off with player of the match. The final score of 1-1 was not what Sawtry hoped, but didn't matter after such an enjoyable game.

Most teams at the news of playing top of the league would feel disheartened, but not Sawtry. We were raring to show Spalding what we are made of - and 0-0 at halftime, Sawtry were more than happy. Annika Welman put us on the scoreboard, closely followed by Francesca Charlton (apparently her first goal in a decade) which she was more than delighted with! A very controversial goal from Spalding, due to a feet incident, was not enough to stop us trying. The last play of the game was a gripping short corner to us, and with a 'Kerry special' decided, the ball flew towards the goal. This was until it hit the leg of Tasha Darrington, who had a nasty bruise to show for it! Keeper Karen Whatley picked up player of the match once more, and the final score was 2-4 to Spalding. Spectators would agree that this game was one of the best games we have ever played. Sawtry Ladies know how to step it up when they have to.

Come along and see for yourself how we play. Even pick up a hockey stick and have a go; we are a very friendly side and eager for new players of all abilities and age.

TRAINING- Oundle School Astro's off Glaphthorn Road. 7-8pm for juniors or 7.30-9pm for seniors, matches are held on Saturday mornings. We will continue to train into April, so if anybody is interested in coming along please call Steph on 07900926372 or Charlotte on 07714794265.

### FROM COUCH POTATO TO TORCH BEARER

When people walk through the doors of a Slimming World group, the only thing on their minds is the over whelming desire to lose weight. It is therefore sometimes met with a certain amount of scepticism to discover that apart from learning how to eat healthily, loads of free food, that at Slimming World they also encourage physical activity.

As Bryan Houghton, consultant at the Sawtry group says "One of my members, Dave, has done so well he regularly runs 4 or 5 miles and his inspirational story has been recognised to the extent he has been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch on its relay around the country in July. We are all very proud of Dave, who quite literally has been transformed from a couch potato to torch bearer!!"

Members of Sawtry Slimming World meet every Monday for a walk lasting about half an hour. We walk at a brisk pace, but never leave anyone behind. It is sociable and encourages more activity. "We are entered for the Sport Relief Mile at Alconbury on the 25<sup>th</sup> March" says Bryan a great demonstration of how lives are changed when weight is lost.

**Anyone interested in joining Slimming World can contact Bryan on 01733 649264.**

**The group meets every Wednesday at Sawtry Junior School at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.**



# Sawtry MotorCycle Club

Hello again, thankfully this winter was nowhere near as harsh as the last two (at the time of writing) even though it was bitterly cold. Now the days are getting longer and the air is getting warmer so the thoughts of

everyone with two wheels either on the road or tucked away under blankets turn towards the warm weather and what they are going to do in the months ahead.

At the Sawtry MotorCycle Club we've done a lot of the work for you and have a full calendar of events and trips researched, priced up and laid out for you to select from like a Pick'n'Mix treat for riders whatever your preferred style of riding.

## FEBRUARY

**25th/26th** - Ally Pally International Custom & Classic Show, a beautiful venue with International standard Custom and Classic bikes as well as indoor arena displays – Free Parking too (£15 on the Door)

## APRIL

**20th - 22nd** - Bum In The Mud Mersea Island nr Colchester. Weekend big Rally live bands, stands and show. W/E camping £15 indoor loos, music, bar etc.

**27th - 29th** - 2nd SOS Rally Organised by Ros Young (SMCC) Weekend camping, 24/7 loos, live bands, entertainment, Saturday ride out. £15. Pre-book only – tickets from Ros. At The Plough – amazingly good food and ale pub! Ramsey Rd, Farcet, Nr Peterborough, Cambs PE7 3DR. Further details: Email: mad.piglet@virgin.net Txt: 07913 230225

## MAY

**6th** - Bike Club Sunday rideout to Hunstanton then on to visit the Muckleburgh Tank Museum (£8)

**19th/20th** BMF Show Peterborough. The biggest outdoor bike event in Europe – for all your biking shopping needs as well as the usual moped racing, vintage speedway etc.

## JUNE

**9th** - Saturday Sawtry Carnival – We'll be Marshalling the Parade for the 4th year, followed by manning the Club Stand in the main arena .

**16th** - Sawtry Motorcycle Club Scavenger Hunt around the local area on bikes followed by BBQ

**20th** - Wednesday. Meldreth Evening Bike Show. This is the Oddity of the year - the Meldreth Show down the A10 towards Royston. Leaving the 'Stones Car Park at 6:15pm

**30th** - Saturday 11:00 – 13:00 AMRR Ride out to Madingley Allied War Cemetery Preregister on AlliedRide site) then:

**30th** - Saturday afternoon SMCC BBQ and band(s)

## JULY

**29th** - Sunday ACE Café Street Fighters and Stunt Show July Brent Cross London

**21st/22nd** - 2nd Billing Bike Fest a two day festival of bikes, arena entertainment at the Aqua Drome. (£12)

## AUGUST

**4th – 5th** - Siobhanaton evening bands overnight camping and bike show. Venue TBA.

**27th** — Bank Holiday Monday The Fenman Classic. A mind boggling event where over 4000 bikes turn up and clog Wimbotsham, Norfolk to see the biggest outdoor, ride-in classic show around.

### Also this year

Visit to the Triumph Factory at Hinckley Date TBA

SMCC Annual long weekend away – this year a keep-it-cheap spin around the Peak District over-nighting at pubs/pub campsites Date TBA.

Annual European tour obviously around central Europe. Date and itinerary TBA

There are too many others to list but most Sundays there are one-day Custom Show events at pubs, Rugby Clubs and Social Clubs all over this area. Details on the notice board in the entrance of the Greystones and by text to all club members beforehand.

Last year we raised over £630 for MAGPAS the local emergency first response medical team who do fantastic work and give their time and expertise free and freely. Most events on the calendar are for one charity or another and events will be to raise even more for MAGPAS this year.

So you see, the year ahead is stuffed with places to go and things to do. We look forward to seeing members old and new at some of these events. Not forgetting of course there are also the Tuesday Rides and the idea is to plan one of these each month to go to a waterfront pub rather than just a trip around the local area, hope to see you soon.

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