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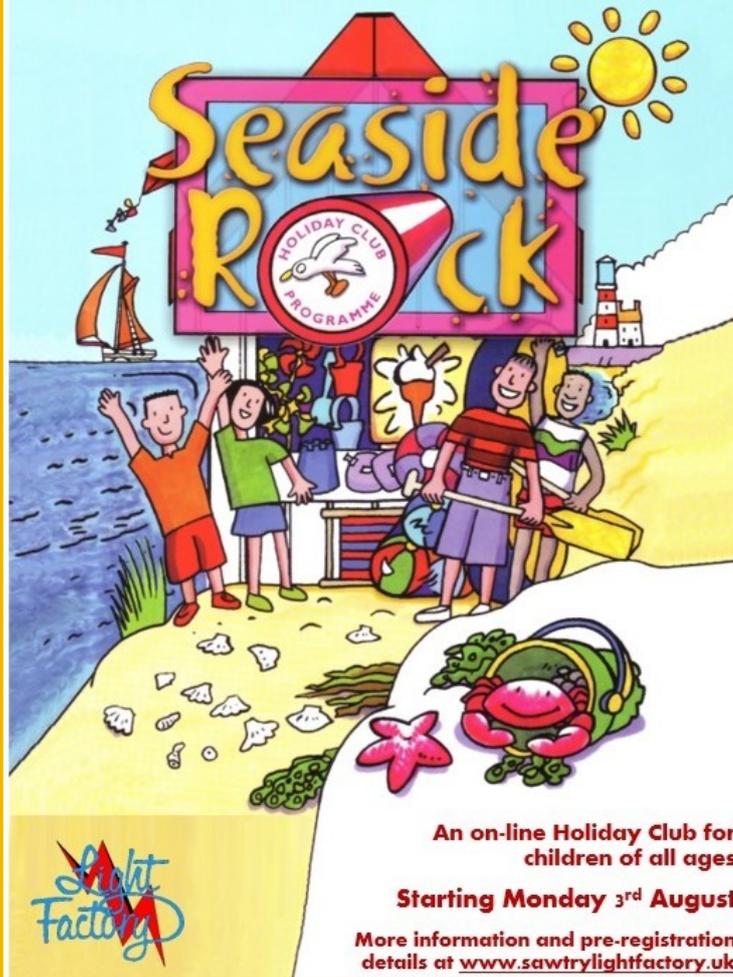
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An on-line Holiday Club for children of all ages

Starting Monday 3rd August

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CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

Have you visited the CARESCO website recently?

We've had a face lift and introduced our new branding throughout. We hope you like it!

We now have a dedicated page for Covid-19 related information with loads of links to other sites for useful information and services.

Don't forget, you can also download the news section of the Sawtry Eye going back to October 2008.

WWW.CARESCO.ORG.UK



CHARITY SHOP

Fundraising by recycling

7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR

We are very excited to announce that our Charity Shop has now reopened. We are following government guidelines to keep everyone safe, please check the signage.

Opening Hours

Monday	9am - 12.30pm	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday	9am - 12.30pm	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday	9am - 12.30pm	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday	9am - 12.30pm	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday	9am - 12.30pm	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

01487 208026

CARESCO



CHARITY SHOP

DONATIONS

We are pleased to say that we are now taking donations again. Please telephone the shop between 10.00am & 4.00pm - Monday to Saturday

on **01487 208026**
to book your donation in.

We are sorry, but we are unable to accept any donations that do not have a booking number

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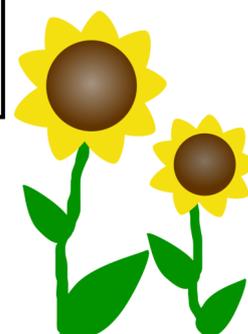
If you are moving house, please can you leave a recent copy of Sawtry Eye for the new occupiers - Thank you

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17 October	CARESCO	Barn Dance	01487 832105	--
28 November	SSBP / SYP / CARESCO	Frost Fayre	--	--
10 December	Sawtry Royal British Legion	Prize Bingo	07788 180384	5

In these uncertain times, we do not know if any of the events mentioned above will be postponed or cancelled. Please check with the organisers nearer the time.

When your organisation next fixes dates, please let us know. No need to wait for the next deadline. Please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with the subject 'Make a Date'.

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 group concerned.



SO, WHAT IS THIS CARESCO THING?

CARESCO is a home-grown local charity, based in Sawtry and working to support local people. Started by residents in the 1980s, CARESCO runs a range of activities from day clubs to a food bank, from a car scheme to ... editing and publishing the Sawtry Eye. When we are able to restart our clubs, we would love you to get involved.

In 'normal times', our activities are:

- **ALCONBURY THURSDAY CLUB** - The Thursday Club meets in the Alconbury Sports and Social Club where the members can enjoy a day out with friends, with games, entertainment, and a hot mid-day meal.
- **CHARITY SHOP** - The shop raises vital funds for the charity while offering a recycling service for donations, a place to meet up and a chance to find a bargain. 7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR
- **CHATTERBOX** - An opportunity for family carers to meet up in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and find support and understanding together. Help and advice are available for those who need it. Meets on Mondays twice a month in the CARESCO Centre.
- **CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY** - A chance to celebrate amongst friends on the big day including all the usual fun, a traditional lunch, songs, games and a visit from Santa. Offered to those who would otherwise be on their own. In the CARESCO Centre.
- **COFFEE SHOP** - An informal drop-in café on Friday mornings, offering a space to meet with friends and a simple menu for refreshments. In the CARESCO Centre.
- **GREEN END DAY CLUB** - A club where the members can enjoy a day out with friends, with games, entertainment, and a hot mid-day meal. Meets four days per week in the CARESCO Centre.
- **SAWTRY CAR SCHEME** - Enables volunteers to offer transport to people who are unable to access any other means to get to medical appointments or to go shopping. Working with Cambs County Council.
- **SAWTRY EYE** - Village news published six times a year and distributed throughout Sawtry and the surrounding villages of, Conington, the Giddings, Glatton, Upton and Winwick.
- **SAWTRY FOODBANK** - Providing emergency food for local people in crisis with the support of a network of agencies who issue vouchers where appropriate. In partnership with the local churches.
- **SAWTRY MAN CAVE** - A place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice new skills and to enjoy making and mending. Based at the back of Sawtry Community Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- **SOUNDS GOOD** - Open to anyone who enjoys music in any form, or the spoken word, the group meets twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Friday afternoon in the CARESCO Centre.

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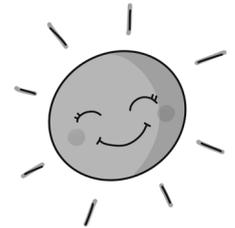
For more information and prices for colour, contact the CARESCO office

Welcome... ...and so it continues, if slightly easier! We are certainly going to remember 2020 and the changes it has brought for a long time to come!

While many of our regular contributors are still not active in their usual way, many have gone online for the time being and some are beginning to have conversations about how and when they might be able to start meeting again. With guidelines changing almost daily, this will be a challenge.

Meanwhile, a huge thank you to everyone in our local community who has gone out of their way to help and support others. Many of our local businesses have also adapted to circumstances. Let's make sure that we continue to support them all as we begin to spread our wings again. Many of them advertise in this magazine, our thanks to them all for their continued support.

Be good to each other.



Liz - Co-Editor

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CARESCO UPDATE

Thank you to all our amazing staff, trustees and volunteers for all their hard work during lockdown supporting and encouraging our club members and service users, even though we can't meet

face-to-face for a time.

In line with current government guidance (at time of writing) and until further notice the **Green End Day Club**, **Alconbury Thursday Club**, the **Chatterbox** and **Sounds Good** groups, the **Sawtry Car Scheme**, **Sawtry Man Cave** and the weekly **Coffee Shop** will remain closed.

Sawtry Foodbank is continuing to serve those who need the support, food supplies and volunteers allowing. They can be contacted on 07743 593863 or emailed at foodbank@caresco.org.uk.

We were delighted when our **Charity Shop** was able to reopen in June along with other non-essential shops. You can call them on 01487 208026 to book your donation timeslot.

For all other general enquiries, while our Centre remains closed, please email us or leave a message on the office answerphone 01487 832105 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding

*For more information please call 01487 832105
and leave a message, email office@caresco.org.uk
Or visit www.caresco.org.uk*

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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Start of term 3 September
Half term 26 - 30 October
End of term 18 December

Spring Term 2021

Start of term 4 January
Half term 15 - 19 February
End of term 26 March

Summer Term 2021

Start of term 12 April
Half term 31 May - 4 June
End of term 22 July



Autumn Term 2021

Start of term
1 September

NB Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday dates and may not match those set by Cambridgeshire County Council. Schools have a number of training days available to take in addition at their discretion. Please contact your local school for more details.

Information taken from www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education



HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)
10 & 24 August
7 & 21 September

GARDEN WASTE (GREEN) & RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)

(Week Beginning)
3, 17 & 31 August
14 & 28 September

To find out your exact dates
or for more information visit
<http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>



Your Kind of Music presents

'Stilton in Tune'

There are no plans currently for our Keyboard Showtime concerts to return for some time yet. It is so disappointing, but social distancing and sanitizing will prevent us from staging any shows yet and possibly not until the new year!

Look out for details in future issues.

For further details please contact
Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600
or email tony.oliver5@btinternet.com



Come and join us for all
things musical and
the spoken word.

We meet on the
2nd and 4th Fridays
of the month,
from 1.30 to 3pm
At the CARESCO Centre

Suspended until further notice.
Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information

There is a charge of £2.00 per session,
refreshments included

Dial-a-Prayer

FREE phone lines for prayers and
news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated on
Thursday afternoon



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INSPIRING WOMEN

SAWTRY WI

Sawtry WI meets on the 1st Thursday of the month,
at 7pm, in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS
(wheelchair access and hearing loop)

Charity Number 229016

Please note:

There will be no WI events taking place until
Government guidelines are relaxed further.

When it is felt to be possible for meetings to
re-commence, all members will be contacted
and posters will be put up in the village.

President	Ann Martin	01487 830442
Correspondence Secretary	Rosemary Jubb	01487 830243

YOUR CHURCH WEDDING

Have you recently got engaged?
Had to postpone your marriage plans
due to COVID-19? Or looking to get
married in the next few years?

Your parish church is here for you

Did you know that if you, or one of your
parents, live in the parish of Sawtry, Glatton
or Holme with Conington, you are able
to be married in the parish church?

If you would like more information on
having a church wedding, please get in
touch with Reverend Becky
revdyball@gmail.com or 01487 506217



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

RICHARD JOYCE

18th January 1953 - 9th June 2020

Marina, Carl, Donna and Sara wish to sincerely thank family and friends for their words of comfort, cards, flowers, generous donations to our chosen charities and support during our sad loss of Richard, our dear husband, father and grandfather.



"Please accept this
as our
personal thanks"

Dial-a-Sermon

To listen to this weeks sermon
simply call this number

01487 800141

(standard network rates apply)

You can also listen to sermons online at
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

The Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Connington

- Helping you stay connected while we are apart -



CRAFT BUDDIES

Bring along your projects or just come to chat. No charge to attend, drinks available to buy at the bar.



**** Suspended until further notice ****

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday

At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Just turn up, or for more info contact

Carolyn on 01487 832682

or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturdays once a month

10.00 till 11.30am

**** Cancelled until further notice ****



The Church is open for everyone to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake and browse our extensive supply of second-hand books



Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church

**For more information please contact :
Sue Fowler 01832 293215**

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Club, Gidding Road

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

PRIZE BINGO

Thursdays

****October's session is cancelled****

10 December - TBC

Eyes down 7.30pm

All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch

For more information, call 07788 180384



CHATTERBOX

Drop-in sessions for family carers

A friendly drop-in where you can get help.

Chat & relax over a cuppa.

Guest speakers & Carers Assessments

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday
between 2 - 4 pm**

At The CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

For more information

Email: office@caresco.org.uk

or call the CARESCO Office 01487 832105



**Suspended until further notice.
Please contact the
CARESCO office for information**

SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN LINEDANCE CLASSES

The Sawtry Steppers Linedancing Club are still very much together, but for now only through our Facebook group. I have been posting videos from absolute beginners to intermediates and have been sharing live performances from bands and dancers around the world. Not everyone is on Facebook, so I also share my videos with my dancers on WhatsApp and YouTube.

Linedancing has evolved so much since I became a dancer 23 years ago, we like to call ourselves modern linedancers now as we dance to all types of music from country to pop. I love to choreograph dances, organise events, demonstrations, socials and weekends away.

This style of dancing is suitable for all ages and fitness-levels, bringing with it physical and mental benefits and is a great way of making new friends.

We will be back in our classes when it is safe to do so, meanwhile, why not ask to join - Sawtry Steppers linedance group on Facebook

**Contact Julie:
jcgillmore@sky.com,
07939 070406**



Line Dancing

REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE

All of us just want to say
 We hope to brighten up your day
 We all miss so much right now
 But we'll get through these times somehow
 We may be apart now for a while
 But we hope that we can help you smile
 Please remember you are not alone
 You only need pick up your phone
 All clouds we know have a silver lining
 We're all still here, the sun's still shining
 So stay positive, please don't despair
 As we are here, we all still care

The day will come, it won't be forever
 When once again we'll be back together
 We can safely then open up our door
 And be with all our friends once more

Written by Vicki Currington
 from the Green End Day Club team



Guess The Items

JUST
FOR FUN

Hope you managed to guess the vintage items in our last issue. In case you didn't, the items were:

- 1) Retractable Clothesline Hanger
- 2) Vintage Toaster

Here are two more items for you to guess.
 The answers will be in the next issue.



SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

Garden centres and nurseries closed in lockdown just as gardeners were wanting to shop for compost and plants. Here in Sawtry we were fortunate that our wonderful local businesses, including Coopers Garage and Scallywags Farm Shop, stepped in to supply us (along with many other essentials). Do share photos of your summer gardens on Facebook, under the 'Sawtry in Bloom' tag promoted by Coopers. And visit the Sawtry Gardeners page.

At the time of writing, we are still hope to go ahead with our talk/demo on Monday 12 October, 'Pruning' by Geoff Hodge. Please check with us, or in the next Eye, beforehand though.

Janet Spencer

For info: 07598 431308, or email
sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook at: Sawtry Gardeners



THOUGHTS ON A PANDEMIC

As the blackbird trills his evening song
 We know that nights will be short as days become long
 Summer is a-coming in
 With all the beauty that she brings.

But this year COVID-19 also came
 And now life cannot ever be the same
 This dreadful virus engulfed the world
 Leaving much sadness as yet untold.

Country by country went into lockdown
 Each city resembling a ghost town.
 No aeroplanes droned overhead, traffic was quiet
 Streets were empty, nobody about.

We were told to stay home and isolate
 Children not allowed through the school gate.
 We began to care for each other, showing concern
 For neighbours who might be left alone.

In appreciation we gave the carers a weekly clap
 And Captain Tom circuited his garden 100 laps.
 For the NHS he raised millions of pounds
 So they could keep us safe and sound.

But nature flourished every day
 Pollution quickly went away
 The sun shone brightly, the sky was blue
 Birds sang in the trees, everything was new.

A veil of green begins to emerge
 Swathes of daffodils covered the verge.
 This is the world God gave to mankind
 Which now seems to be left behind.

In man's pursuit of power and wealth
 It is all but destroyed and affecting our health.
 We have been given a warning to assess and be aware
 That we can save our beautiful world
 if we but love and care.



Written by Lydia Shine
 Sawtry

KEY WORKERS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to work hard providing vital services for the rest of us during lockdown.

We really appreciate all you have done and are doing for us.



Teachers, we trust
 you will all have a
 well deserved break
 and return refreshed
 in September.



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BACK TO THE 1990S QUIZ SHEET

Thank you to everyone who entered our 90s-themed quiz as we went into lockdown back in March. We hope you enjoyed the memories.

We're delighted to announce that our winner was Shannon Langford from Huntingdon.

CARESCO



LITTERING NEAR BUCKINGHAM WAY

I would like to ask the group of people who make use of the strip of grass enclosing the draining ditches to the side of the A1 and Buckingham Way in Sawtry for the purpose of drinking in the evening, to clear up after themselves PLEASE.

Many locals use this field for dog walking and the mess could cause a hazard to our dogs as well as causing offence. My husband has taken to carrying a bag with him to clear this mess up on his morning walk with our dogs.

Please be more considerate to other users.

Cooke
Buckingham Way resident



Connect with Care Network!

During these challenging times our **Community Navigators** can help you find local support. This includes access to our **Help at Home** essential shopping and our **Wellbeing Phonenumber** services

Speak to your local Huntingdonshire Coordinator today on 01480 423065

To learn more or donate to our Covid-19 Response services please visit



www.carenetwork.org.uk/
or call 01954 211 919



People at the heart of everything

SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

Calendar of Events

Although the lockdown restrictions have been revised somewhat, it has been decided not to resume our meetings for some time to come. We have also sadly cancelled our annual Show, which was due to take place on Saturday 19 September.

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings and join us when they resume. Sawtry Winemakers meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday each month at the Old School Hall.

Our aim is to promote the making and enjoyment of homemade wines and beers, to share the results of our efforts and encourage new wine and beer makers.

For more information call Janet 01354 278824



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily
hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone
line for you to ring to hear
comforting hymns, daily prayers
and reflections.

0800 804 8044



CONNECTIONS

SAWTRY CAR SCHEME



Due to the government's Covid-19 restrictions, the Sawtry Car Scheme is still suspended.

In the meantime, if you have no other means of attending a medical appointment either at the Wellside Surgery or a local hospital and meet one of the following criteria: -

- Have been advised to shield by a health professional.
- Are vulnerable for another reason (for instance, disability, pregnancy, over 70, have Parkinson's, Epilepsy, or are vulnerable due to a mental health condition, etc.).
- Are self-isolating because you have confirmed Covid-19 or suspected symptoms, or you have been in contact with someone who has.
- Are someone with caring responsibilities if this support helps you to continue in your caring role.

You can contact the NHS Volunteer Support Team on **0808 196 3382** or the Sawtry Area Covid-19 Support Group on **07561 580866**.

If you do **not** meet the criteria listed above, you will need to contact your GP, or another health or care professional who co-ordinates your care, to request support on your behalf.

Hopefully it will not be too long before the Car Scheme is up and running, please watch out for future announcements via our social media, the CARESCO website or the Sawtry Eye magazine.

Peter Fox, Volunteer Co-ordinator

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

If you are an NHS hearing aid user, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is continuing to do everything possible to support you, despite these restrictions of lockdown.

If you need new batteries for your hearing aid or have an enquiry of us, please continue to ring, email or write to us. We will need to know your full address and what SIZE battery you require.

If your hearing aid needs cleaning and maintenance, please contact your original hearing aid provider: your hospital audiology department or Specsavers. We are liaising closely with both, to ensure urgent cases are dealt with.

Our plan is to resume Hearing Help sessions as soon as possible, at the same time ensuring new procedures to ensure protection for all involved, against the risks of spreading Covid-19. Please be assured we are working hard to achieve this.

In the meantime, please consider joining our new 'Cambridgeshire Hear for You community' - an online social group for people with experience of hearing loss. Join by visiting Cambridgeshire Hearing Help's Facebook page or via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cambridgeshirehearforyoucommunity/>

All changes will also be posted through regular updates on our website and Twitter feed.

Thank-you for your understanding.

Keep in touch with us: On Twitter: @CambHearingHelp

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cambridgehearinghelp/>

Via our website: <https://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk>



All Saints' Church, Sawtry

HELP CREATE A PRAYER LAWN TO REMEMBER THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

We'd like to offer folk in our community a chance to "plant" a knitted flower as a prayer for someone affected by Covid-19 or struggling with life due to the impact of Covid-19.

This is not an original idea but borrowed, with thanks, from Eldwick Church in Bradford. Their prayer field is pictured below. We plan to have our prayer field on the grass area around the War Memorial at All Saints' Church, Church Causeway – at least to start with.

The first thing we need are **volunteers** who would like to knit flowers! These don't take long and can be very simple. I have patterns and some spare wool so if you would like either/both please contact me at ali@scottfamily.plus.com or text me on 07506 411 507 and I'll aim to deliver these to you safely. Alternately if you are already a knitter and have some spare wool, you might like to Google "knitted flower demo" for some YouTube videos. "How to knit a rose" is really quick and simple.

Once made, I am happy to collect them – or they can be left in marked container in All Saints' Church when it is open for prayer or personal reflection (see website for details).

The container of knitted blooms will be available in the churchyard from 29 July and anyone passing can "plant" a flower as a prayer for themselves, family, or friends.

Sometimes it is hard to put into words the anxieties, concerns and losses caused by Covid-19 so we hope this simple act of planting a knitted flower will help.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY (VJ DAY) 75TH ANNIVERSARY - 15 AUGUST 2020

In 1945 the end of World War II was celebrated on Victory over Japan (VJ) Day.

There was much joy and celebration around the world when on 15 August 1945 US President Harry S Truman declared the day as Victory over Japan Day, at a White House press conference.

President Truman announced that the Japanese Government had agreed to comply in full with the Potsdam Declaration demanding the unconditional surrender of Japan. The end of war was to be marked by a two-day holiday in the UK, the USA and Australia.

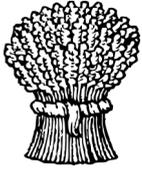
At midnight, the British Prime Minister Clement Attlee confirmed the news in a broadcast saying, "The last of our enemies is laid low."

There were no celebrations in Japan – in his first ever radio broadcast, Emperor Hirohito blamed the use of "a new and most cruel bomb" used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki for Japan's surrender. "Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in the ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but would lead also to the total extinction of human civilisation."

What the Emperor failed to mention however, was that the Allies had delivered Japan an ultimatum to surrender on 28 July 1945. When this was ignored, the US dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima on 6 August and Nagasaki on 9 August, the day that Soviet forces invaded Manchuria.

For more information on the work the Royal British Legion does please visit: www.britishlegion.org.uk





UPTON CELEBRATION BUBBLES **

Invitation to Picnic in the Churchyard
to celebrate Harvest Festival

Sunday 13 September, from midday

Bring your own food, drink, chair, blanket etc
and enjoy getting together (apart**)

As our first act of public worship and gathering,
we will be taking the opportunity to thank our
retiring churchwardens Richard Sandilands and
Lynn Gibson for their many years of dedicated
work for the parish.

Geoffrey Hunter from the buildings department
of the Diocese will be joining us for the
afternoon. Following some short prayers of
thanks and presentations, he will be able to
advise and seek ways to help and move forward
for the community.

**This is also the day for our annual collection
for Sawtry Foodbank – please leave your
food donations in the porch.**

***In the meantime, if you have any questions
please contact Revd Mandy Flaherty
rector@norleigh.org.uk or 01480 896541***

***** Please observe government guidelines for
social distancing.***



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire Local Group

***Sadly, all our talks and outdoor activities
are suspended until further notice.***

Contact Alistair Grant
on alistairgrant@hotmail.com
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SAWTRY CHORALE Currently suspended until further notice.

***We are always looking for new members, so if
you would like to sing with us please contact
07870 248897 or come along to rehearsal when
they resume – Wednesdays 7.45pm in the
Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road in
Sawtry. You don't need to read music, just like to
sing.***

***If you would just like to support the Choral in
other ways, we would be happy to hear from you.***

We look forward to seeing you all again soon...

NOW WE'RE TALKING

The coronavirus outbreak has changed all of our lives. During times of uncertainty, we can feel anxious and stressed. Feelings of isolation, boredom and loneliness are natural. It's important we keep talking to each other.

Stay in touch with friends and family to support mental health. The simplest thing we can do for mental wellbeing is to stay connected. Use the internet, telephone, even written letters, to reach out. Lift each other's spirits by speaking and listening.

Connect online with others who are experiencing the same feelings. Online communities are an increasingly popular source of support.

- **Qwell** is an online community for adults in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Find self-help resources and join in peer support through chat. You can also access safe and confidential one-hour sessions with a fully qualified counsellor via instant messaging.
- **Kooth** is a free, confidential and anonymous online service for young people aged 11-18 years. Access support from trained counsellors until 10pm, 365 days a year. Peer-to-peer support through forums and a range of self-help resources.

Lifeline Plus - If you need a listening ear, Lifeline Plus is a new helpline for adults in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Trained staff can discuss issues affecting mood and wellbeing during this time, or signpost to other sources of support. Call Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm, on 0808 808 2121.

Lifeline - Lifeline is a free, confidential and anonymous telephone helpline service available 365 days of the year for adults in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Line provides listening support and information to someone experiencing mental distress or if you are supporting someone else in distress. Available every day 2pm – 11pm, on 0808 808 2121

Psychological Wellbeing Service - People can continue to self-refer to the Psychological Wellbeing Service. This service is set up to help those aged 17 and over who are suffering from mild to moderate depression and anxiety, you don't need a diagnosis to access the service.

<https://www.keep-your-head.com/adults/MH/now-were-talking/now>


Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Clinical Commissioning Group

 Cambridgeshire
County Council



FROM SAWTRY FOODBANK

We have been blown away by the support and encouragement we have received since lockdown. As has been seen on a national scale in response to the pandemic, demand has grown significantly, from an average of four parcels per week in February, we issued an average of 20 per week in June.

As we move into the summer holiday and a time when children are no longer benefitting from free school meals, this will rise again as we offer our Summer Hamper scheme to families nominated by the schools. We have especially appreciated our close working relationship with the local schools who have been really helpful in ensuring those in crisis have been able to access our service.

A big thank you to everyone who has popped a tin into our collection basket, or made a donation of money so we could buy what we needed to fill the gaps. We are grateful also to those businesses who have helped us to source foods, especially in the earlier time of shortages.

In particular, we would like to publicly thank Sawtry Parish Council for offering us a temporary home in the Old School Hall while the building work is carried out on the Community Centre, especially given the sudden short notice. Hopefully, by the time we move back home, we will have a much more useable base for our operations.

If you would like to donate any food to the Foodbank, we have collecting baskets available in Sawtry Co-op, John Green's in Sawtry, The Addison Arms in Glatton and Gt Gidding Shop. Other donations can be made by prior arrangement through the team. To make monetary donations, please contact the CARESCO office for our bank details, or pop your donation, clearly labelled for the Foodbank, through the letterbox at the CARESCO Centre.

If you find yourself in need of the Foodbank, please contact one of our partner organisations and request a voucher, or contact the team direct. More details on www.caresco.org.uk

In an emergency, call the team on 07743 593863 or email foodbank@caresco.org.uk

SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT

Well, what a strange world we find ourselves in at the moment! With lockdown easing, life is beginning to feel a little less restricted. It is now important to consider the longer term effects of this pandemic and its impact on us all. SYP have always been dedicated to improving leisure facilities for families and younger people in our village (but not excluding older generations, if you also fancy the challenge of a skatepark?!). Covid-19 and its subsequent lockdown has shone a light on the importance of being outside, engaging in physical and social activity and the impact this has on our mental and physical wellbeing.

Six years ago, a poll of young people carried out at SVA demonstrated that young people wanted to see a skate park in Sawtry. Six years on and after lots of hard work, the biggest challenge has been met - securing the £100,000+ cost to build such a facility. We are delighted to have achieved this, through your dedicated support with SYP's fundraising events, the awaited release of section 106 money and more recently, securing a grant of £18,000.

If you wish to be involved in the design discussions with us and the Parish Council, we welcome anyone to get in touch and get on board.

Stay safe everyone

Natalie Gadsby

We always welcome new members with fresh ideas. If you are considering a voluntary role and would like to offer your skills to the skatepark committee, please do get in touch with us through Facebook (@sawtryyouthproject) or through our website: www.sawtry-youth-project.org



SAWTRY CARNIVAL ~~2020~~ 2021

Sadly, but inevitably, there was no Carnival in 2020. However- all plans have been transferred to providing a bigger and better event in 2021!

Selection evening for a new Carnival Court will be held in Spring 2021, with the Carnival planned for

Saturday 12 June 2021

The chosen theme remains **'Tropical Fiesta'**

We will certainly be ready to celebrate by then....



**For further information, please contact Julia- Sawtry Carnival, Chairman
sawtrycommittee@gmail.com or call 07799 062276**

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Your Health Data – Research Opportunity:

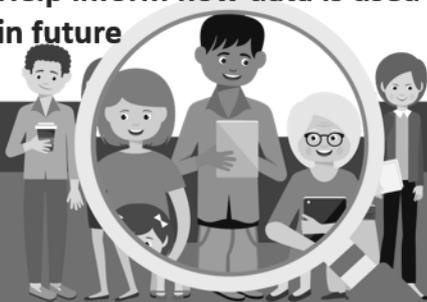
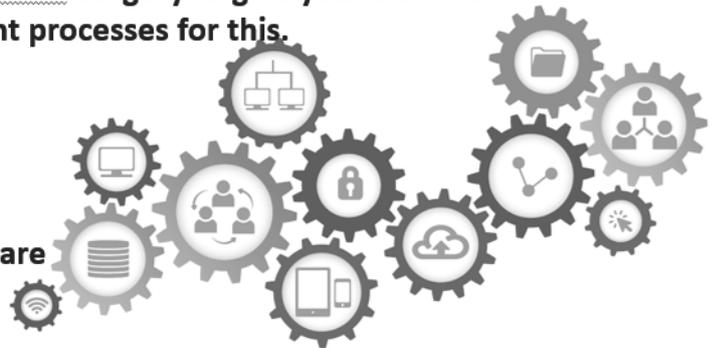
We are taking part in a national survey which gives everyone the opportunity to share their views on how **you** would like your health data to be shared. If you would like to take part please use this link (or the QR code below) to access the survey: www.climbproject.org.uk

National health data survey

NHS
Cambridgeshire and
Peterborough
NHS Foundation Trust

Take part in a major national survey with Wellside Surgery to give your views on how health data should be shared and consent processes for this.

- Any UK resident can complete the survey anonymously online in 20 minutes
- Select Wellside Surgery as the healthcare organisation
- Help inform how data is used to improve care in future



Pride in our Research and Development

Visit www.climbproject.org.uk
or scan the QR code to access the survey



Covid-19 Update

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our patients for your patience and understanding as we all adapt together to a new way of working here at the surgery. We are working as hard as we can to ensure that any potential risks to patients and staff alike are kept to an absolute minimum.

Here at the practice, and this has been echoed both locally and nationally, we have seen a significantly reduced number of patients presenting with serious medical conditions. This is in conjunction with a rise in death rates which are not related to Covid-19.

We would like to remind all patients that even though we are working in different ways, and offering different types of appointments (telephone/video/face to face only if absolutely necessary), we are very much open for business as per usual. Please be aware that first contact will always be by telephone, we can no longer make appointments for patients who turn up at the surgery on spec.

If you have a potentially serious medical condition, it is still extremely important that you seek medical advice as soon as possible. Examples of such conditions may include:

- Chest pain
- Worsening of shortness of breath
- Signs of stroke such as sudden onset of weakness or speech problems
- Possible signs of cancer such as lumps, abnormal bleeding, weight loss, change of bowel habit

We would also like to remind those patients who have young children that childhood immunisation remains a priority service and you should still attend these appointments as and when you receive an invitation.

Online Consultations

We are now offering an online consultation service called DoctorLink which you can access via our website. This is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The symptom checker will ask you a number of questions to help to identify your problem. The outcome of your assessment will direct you to the right treatment, whether emergency care, your GP, nurse or self-care. If your outcome indicates that an appointment is required, you will be contacted by the Practice Team to arrange an appointment within the identified timeframe (as outlined in the outcome of your symptom checker).

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

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Re-opening

Following government guidance, Cambridgeshire County Council started to re-open libraries on Monday 6 July. Sawtry Library is within the second phase of reopening and is expected to be reopened the week commencing Monday 3 August. For specific details of opening times, please visit us at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or call us directly on 0345 045 5225.

When re-opened, the library will be offering a very limited service as follows:

- Collection of books reserved online.
- Returning of items.
- Pre-booked PC usage.
- Collection of items requested by our new Select & Collect service.

Social distancing will need to be maintained at all times and there will be no browsing of books or any library events.

New Select and Collect service

Select & Collect is a simple way to borrow books from Cambridgeshire Libraries whilst Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

- Tell us what you like to read.
- Pick your nearest library to collect your books from.
- Library staff select books based on your choices.
- We let you know when they're ready for collection.

You can order books for yourself and others either online

https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect or by calling us on: 0345 045 5225

You can still of course reserve books in the usual way via our online catalogue: <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/>

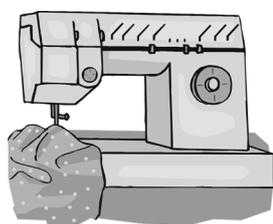
There will still be regular updates and events on our social media pages. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

To keep up to date with everything that is happening in the library service please keep an eye on our website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news>

We hope to see you all again soon!

Paul Smith,
District Library Assistant,
Huntingdon, Yaxley and
Sawtry Libraries



SAWTRY SHOW 2020

**** CANCELLED ****

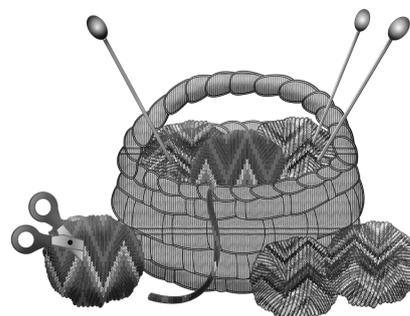
As you are probably aware this year's Show has been postponed until September 2021 due to the current situation, so there is very little to report.

It's difficult to get motivated to prepare for a Show which is so far away, but I know that if I start sewing or knitting now there will be no pressure on me to get plenty of entries completed in time for next year. I probably won't take my own advice, but I hope you are more inspired to produce something to enter.

If you remember in the last issue of the Eye, I was going to use this year as a practice for my sunflowers and pumpkins. So far, my sunflowers aren't anything to write home about, but my pumpkins are growing like mad. I've been giving them a can of Guinness every week and I think I've cracked it! (famous last words).

On a sad note, we were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Margaret Brooks this week. Margaret was a long-standing judge and friend of the Show, with the jam, pickle and chutney classes being her particular area of expertise. She was a delightful lady who loved being a part of the Show and we will miss her contagious enthusiasm. The Committee and I would like to offer our sincere sympathies to Margaret's family.

Carolyn Watts, Show Chairman,
01487 832682,
or email watts204@hotmail.com



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

This is to let you know that your Committee is alive and well, and coming to terms with this age of "virtual" meetings and activities.

If you have pictures of your own Stay At Home Street Party celebrations remember that you can post them on the CCAN website, we need to record this time in our village for the next generations to get a feel of what we all went through in this time of pandemic.

If you have taken more interest in history while you have been at home, please stay safe and join us when we are able to start meeting again.

Suffice it to say, Sawtry is expecting both to survive and to flourish in the months ahead. Be assured that your Committee is actively planning for the future.

In the meantime, stay well and stay safe.

The History Society usually meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road Sawtry at 7:30. However, after reviewing the Government advice we are suspending our meetings until further notice. The archive will also be closed for the foreseeable future.



Our AGM will go ahead when meetings resume.

Our trip in September to the Churchill War Rooms and the V & A Museum has been postponed until next year.

For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



Weekly Sunday Worship at 3pm - on Zoom

SUNDAY TEA BREAK SERVICES - 3PM

While we are unable to meet in our church building, we have moved online using the Zoom video conferencing app.

We would love you to meet with us for an informal hour of worship and fellowship (bring your own refreshments!)

Details of how to log in can be found on our website

www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk

Or via our Facebook page

Come and join us, all are welcome



Protecting God,

when we fall, you quietly pick us up;
when we fear, you gently hold on to us;
when the future looks bleak,
you nudge us onwards,
until at last we find ourselves
in the place you would have us be.

Amen

Bruce Thompson, Lincolnshire District Chair

Loving God,

Help us always to hold fast to the good,
See the good in others,
And remember there is just one world,
one hope,
One everlasting love,
with baskets of bread for everyone.

Amen

The Revd Barbara Glasson

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Monthly starting at 2.30pm - Open to all

Currently suspended

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

For more information, please contact Matt Coates on 01487 830345

Or email admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk



REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion
remember the fallen throughout the year



AUGUST

Private Charles Percy CHAPMAN	21 August 1915	Sawtry
Private Walter Henry BAXTER	3 August 1916	Conington
Private William James HIBBERT	18 August 1916	Holme
Private George William COOK	10 August 1917	Holme
Private Thomas BODDINGTON	14 August 1917	Old Weston
Rifleman Frank ABBOTT	18 August 1917	Old Weston
Private George William CULLIP	23 August 1918	Holme
Corporal Lawrence Pearson CLAMP	24 August 1918	Great Gidding
Private Wilfred Cyril BOSWORTH	13 August 1944	Wood Walton
Stoker 1 st Class Desmond Roy ROWELL	25 August 1944	Sawtry

SEPTEMBER

Gunner Horace GLOVER	14 September 1914	Great Gidding
Private James RICHARDSON	14 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Herbert Edward ROWELL	17 September 1914	Sawtry/Conington
Able Seaman William Bramich REID	22 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Edward HODSON	25 September 1915	Sawtry
Private John Robert ROBINSON	27 September 1915	Holme
Corporal John Francis EVANS	3 September 1916	Great Gidding
Private Charles SMITH	7 September 1916	Sawtry
Lance Corporal William Kisby ROWELL	11 September 1916	Sawtry
Bombardier Ernest RICHARDSON	21 September 1917	Holme
Private James Henry CROW	2 September 1918	Holme
Rifleman Edward PARKER	2 September 1918	Sawtry
Private J. STRINGER	20 September 1918	Winwick
Private Thomas PEACOCK	24 September 1918	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.*

Coming Soon to a Living Room Near You!

**An on-line Holiday Club for children of all ages
Starts Monday 3 August 2020**

FREE ADMISSION

Advance registration required at www.sawtrylightfactory.uk

For more details, call Matt on 01487 830345

Find us on Facebook @Sawtry Light Factory



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST LUKE PETERBOROUGH ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

**Sawtry Sunday Mass normally at the Methodist Church,
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX**

**** Currently Suspended ****

We are a friendly proactive community working closely with the other Church communities in Sawtry, as well as our Roman Catholic Parish Church of St. Luke in Orton Malborne, Peterborough.

Contact in Sawtry: Tony – tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com - 01487 830680

**Contact St. Luke's Priest-in-charge: Fr Jeffrey Downie for Baptism, First Holy Communion,
Confirmation, Marriage, Funerals, and all other inquiries -**

saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk - 01733 370877 -

<http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk>

Find us on:





ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY & ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON PARISH CHURCHES

I know this finds you all in different spaces of comfort, with many celebrating the continuing easing of lockdown and many fearful of it. At the beginning of lockdown, I used the analogy of us all being in the same storm but with different boats to navigate it with. This remains true, especially as we look to set anchor or moor our boats while the storm is still something unescapable. For some the storm is a force 12 hurricane and the pandemic very present and all-consuming with boats battered and in need of much repair, for others it is a very different experience and their boats intact. We have seen heartbreak, death, illness, loneliness, redundancies. We have also seen immense kindness, generosity, care, love and hope. As Christians in the church, we have held firmly onto the hope of Jesus and His light as a beacon to keep our focus and encourage forward momentum as we have journeyed together.

Kindness, a simple smile, a polite hello has gone a long way in providing a glimpse of light in very dark times. I have heard of people having a really tough day but had it brightened when someone walking stopped for a chat (socially distanced of course) or brought the bin in, or knocked to check in on them. These simple acts have made a huge difference. As lockdown continues to ease, it would be great if these acts of kindness are not lost and the hustle and bustle of life not distract us from the community we can make a difference in.

You may have noticed that our church buildings have been opened for Quiet Prayer and Peaceful Reflection Monday - Saturday each one taking it in turn to host. The church buildings are set out marking appropriate social distance, prayer prompts displayed and candles to light. Many of those using the space have commented on the comfort being in the buildings has been. As we move into the school holidays the timing of opening may change and you can see the latest programme at www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

Speaking of school holidays, it is my hope and prayer that all the teachers, support staff and those working behind the scenes are able to take an opportunity to rest and be fully restored for what I am sure will be an interesting start of the new school year. What incredible work our school staff have been doing under these extraordinary circumstances- THANK YOU.

Our services remain online and take place using Zoom, we have Sunday 10:30am service, Monday morning prayer, bible studies and weekly coffee times. You can also find out talks and prayers online at www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk or to can Dial-a-Sermon by calling **01487 800141** (standard network rates apply). We are in the process of accessing and planning our return to church services in our buildings and hope to have more news on this by the next edition.

Rev Becky Dyball

Email: revdyball@gmail.com; Mobile: 07444 574039; Office: 01487506217

Address: The Rectory, Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD



CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

Social Distancing from Pedestrians – in this time of social distancing, give a thought to the most unpredictable of road users i.e. the pedestrian. When we are driving or riding how much thought do we give to pedestrians and the potential risk that they pose to us? Pedestrians can fail to look properly, fail to judge a vehicle's path or speed, be impaired by alcohol, drugs or both, be suffering from an illness or disability (mental and/or physical), be careless or reckless when crossing a carriageway or using a pedestrian crossing, or simply be wearing dark clothing at night.

Pedestrians are so vulnerable to injury or death when involved in a collision with a vehicle or motorcycle. Why is that? It is because they have no protection from the impact. Car drivers have seatbelts, air bags and a vast amount of metal around them which is designed to absorb impact. Motorcyclists and cyclists have some level of protection from helmets, gloves and protective clothing.

A pedestrian struck at a speed of around (say) 15 mph is likely to suffer injury that can sometimes be serious. At speeds over 15 mph, the chances of serious injury or death are greatly increased and over 40 mph the likely outcome will be the death of the pedestrian whilst the driver will probably be physically unscathed. Even if the driver or rider is an innocent party, the mental damage can be long lasting.

You don't have to pass a test to become a pedestrian. You only need to be able to walk, run or stagger. Pedestrians have different priorities to other road users. They can be using their mobile phone, listening to music through headphones, watching what their dog is doing, talking to a companion or any number of other things. Rain also creates a degree of potential self-destruction by the pedestrian when they rush around with their head down, hood up or create an "invisibility cloak" by using an umbrella.

If you are in an area that pedestrians are likely to inhabit, keep scanning, especially, to the front and sides of your vehicle and also look under parked vehicles for the movement of feet as this will give you an early warning that a pedestrian could be likely to immerge into your path. Give pedestrians as much room as reasonably possible, or slow down.

Visit www.roadarc.org.uk for information on the car and bike training that is available.



AN EYE ON NATURE

There is something very special about Spring and the dawn chorus is a big part of this. What better way to celebrate than a wander in Aversley Wood. My walk was timed to watch the sun peep over the horizon for a glorious May dawn and I was there to celebrate National Dawn Chorus Day.

On arrival at the entrance, I was treated to an orchestra of sound with percussion supplied by several great spotted woodpeckers drumming on tree boughs. As I made my way round the network of paths, every bird was singing with great gusto, proclaiming territory, and hoping to attract a mate.

Sound when it travels through dawn air is 20% louder than later in the day so the spectacle was magnified. One area of the wood is very special as the early morning rays caught the bluebell patches beautifully, as if shining a spotlight on them. One important aspect of the walk was to observe without being noticed. I have found the best way to see mammals is to sit still and wait for them to emerge from the trees onto the paths. That morning I saw roe deer, hares, and a stoat, to add to the list of birds identified mostly by their song as they remained hidden in the undergrowth. It was not about lists though, just soaking up the beauty of our natural world in all its wonder.

All too soon the sun rose high in the sky and dawn was over for another day. The wildlife went into hiding as the first visitors arrived for their walks. It had been a very special two hours surrounded by the beauty of our local woodland full of peace and tranquillity. A time to forget all about the pandemic and escape for a while.

Martin Baker

The views expressed in this article are solely those of the author

For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust:

Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org

Or RSPB on 01767 693690, or visit www.rspb.org.uk



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Events and Local Seminars:-

Please contact for info

Classes:

- We should be able to fit two more weekly classes in at this time
- All classes at the moment are booked to suit our students any day and any time



SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE - EVEN THOSE WHO THINK THEY CAN'T RUN!

We have been lucky enough to have been authorised by our governing body, England Athletics, to be back running in groups of up to 6 in the last few weeks and at the time of writing, we are now authorised to run in unlimited numbers as long as we have our Covid Risk Assessment in place. As a club we have decided to extend to groups of 12 as an initial step back to normal.

Despite these restrictions, many of our members are back out running, Jeffing and walking regularly and the mental and physical benefits are clear to see. We currently have groups for walkers, for Jeffers (walk/run) of various ratios, for social runners and also for those who like to be challenged and are running longer distances and faster times.

We are lucky enough to have an EA qualified coach who has been working with the 6, 7, 8 and 9 min milers offering hill sessions, intervals, fartlek and much more. He is now also available for private coach sessions too.

Membership for the club is just £20 for the year. New Covid rules permitting, we plan to run our 10 week beginners course from September (for a max of 12 people) and so if you are interested in taking up or returning to running, please keep an eye on our website at sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or join our busy Facebook group or our Run Together page.

Enquires for the beginners group or for joining any of our general sessions can be made via phone to Nona on 07861740040 or by email to Jean at jeandrumm_1@btinternet.com.

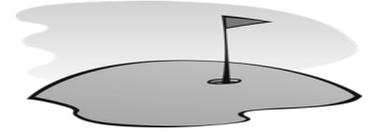
All abilities welcome.



Running - it's much more fun than you might think!

SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Sawtry Golf Society accommodate local golfers from scratch to 54 handicap, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf.



Recent News

After a break of three months due to the Covid issues, we are now back playing albeit under different conditions and playing catch up to get the league finished as quickly as possible, with four games to be completed for this season.

The delayed Stuart Elliot Memorial Competition was finally played on 20 June at Thorpe Wood. It turned out to be another family affair this time a Father and Son battle between John & Mark Lindsey, with dad John winning by a single point 39 to 38, Martin Holgate was third on 36 points.

A week later we found ourselves at The Woolfox Golf Course (formally Rutland County), and yet again another very close finish, this time Mark Torry managed to edge out Dan Cunningham and AJ Longford on count back as they all had 38 points.

On 11 July we had our Captain's Day and last "Major" for this year (The Green Jacket) played at Elton Furze. Finally the society's biggest Bandit, Kevin Medlock, managed to do what he had been threatening to do and put a round together and come out on top with 39 points, one ahead of Keith Phillips with the ever improving Phil Ward in third on 36 points.

With one game to go it is still very close at the top of the league, with long term leader Micky Bosworth hanging on to a single point lead over Keith Phillips. But there are only 7 points covering the top five, as we go to Pavenham Park Golf Club Bedford for the decider, so it is all to play for. Look out for the next edition to see who manages to win and become our club champion for season 2019/2020.

Membership is only £15 for the year, if you are interested contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632



SAWTRY COLTS

With Premier League professionals going back to their roots and playing in front of empty stadiums, it reminds me of the hard working Sawtry Colts officials who are busy beavering in the background ensuring all the paperwork is in place for the new football season, whenever that may start. Hopefully things continue improving and we may be able to return to Greenfield early in the new school year.

If seeing those pampered professionals on the pitch has brought any new converts to the beautiful game, now is a good time to get involved as most teams usually have a turnover of players between seasons, especially with the gap between last season and this being a little longer than usual.

Shout out to the U17 team, run by David May - they are our oldest team and they could do with a few new faces to freshen up the squad. David can be contacted via our lovely newish website - sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk - pop along there if anyone is interested in playing for any team - we have a multitude to choose from ranging from U7 to U17.

In the meantime, take care and hope to be telling you some Colts football scores in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

Brian Craig

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, not a lot has changed given the Coronavirus situation, although we have started a couple of competitions for those able to play. It is good to see those that are able to bowl.

Although not a great deal is happening, we do ask bowling members to support the Club and payment of reduced subscriptions are now due.

We also have new neighbours with the new houses behind the pub. Unfortunately, this means less off road parking down Blind Lane for those that did so previously. This is likely to mean more demand on the parking outside of the front of the Club. Members will need to be considerate of this next season when the green is in full use with league matches, and other clubs visiting us.

Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 01487 832854

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