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## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our readers & advertisers  
From everyone at the Sawtry Eye  
Thank you for your support throughout 2008

### LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
8 AM - 2 PM

OLD SCHOOL HALL, GREEN END RD, SAWTRY

TEBBITS FARM MEATS, AYR NURSERIES,  
LITTLE COMMON PRESERVES,  
HARVEST FOOD  
(pies, quiches and desserts),  
TOMS CAKES, COMPLETELY CHILLI,  
SIMPLY HERBS (soaps, creams etc),  
WOBBLY BOTTOM FARM (Cheeses)  
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#### REFRESHMENTS

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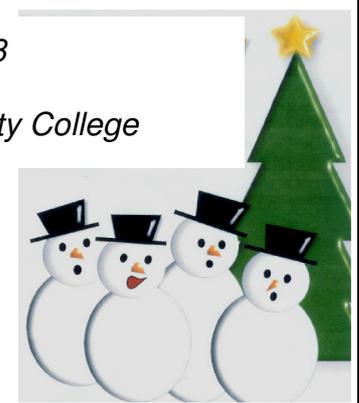
**2009 MARKET - 2 APRIL**

Vocal Academy  
& Friends

### Christmas Show

6 December 2008  
7.30pm

Sawtry Community College



Tickets £6.00  
Concessions £4.00  
Advance bookings 020 3287 1950  
Vashowtickets@btinternet.com  
Elaine or Viv - 01487 830480  
[www.vocalacademy.org.uk](http://www.vocalacademy.org.uk)

You can read the Sawtry Eye on the internet at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

### VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

At Sawtry Community College

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2008 - 3pm



### CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

At the Greystones

(Not at Greenways as previously advertised)

MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2008 - 6.30 pm

Everyone welcome

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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**Every Friday**

9 - 11.30am (Term Time)

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It's the place to be

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(Burns night January 25<sup>th</sup>)

Tasty morsels of minced lamb, oatmeal, herbs and spices

Sounds reminiscent of a Shepherds Pie?

But call it a Haggis and people cringe -

I really wonder why?

They'll willingly eat sausages

Made from piggy bits and pieces

Traditionally served up cooked in tubes

That once processed pigs' faeces!

Faggots go down just as well

And really taste quite yummy

Folk happily chomp on liver scrap

And consign *that* to their tummy!

Black Pudding is delicious too

Not many dispute that

Yet these are mainly made of *blood*

And little chunks of fat!

So why will no-one try just once

The Chieftain 'O the Puddin' Race

That keeps at bay the cold and chill

And puts a smile on the Scotsman's face?

For look how fit and strong it makes them

We know that - despite the sniggers -

For after consuming the Haggis

They don't need any knickers!

***Sue Fielding***

***Verses 1 to 5 - 27/02.96, Verse 6 - 19.01.05***

### **THINGS TO THINK ABOUT CHILDREN**

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

#### **ADVICE FOR THE DAY:**

Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

**AND FINALLY: IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE: "TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!**



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**Welcome** As one of our regular contributors says, this year has felt like there were only 100 days! Or maybe I'm just getting older. 2008 has gone passed in a flash and here we are advertising all those Christmas village events. Don't forget the village Carol Service at the College and, to get you further in the mood, the traditional Carol Singing event which will be in the garden at Greystones this year (details elsewhere in this issue).

While you've got your new diaries to hand, why not spend a few minutes going through this issue and writing in the details of those not to miss events. We've even got the dates of Feast week, the Carnival and the Show for 2009, so there's no excuse now for not getting your entries finished in time.

Most exciting of all (for us) is that this issue will be available on the CARESCO website ([www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)) as a download. Many thanks to Sawtry.net for hosting the Eye in the past. Why not spread the word to those friends and family that have moved away from the area and let them catch up on what is going on.

Happy Christmas

*Liz Coates*

**Liz Coates**  
 Co-Editor



*Sawtry Eye*  
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**SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR  
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**Autumn Term 2008**  
End of Term - 19 December

**Spring Term 2009**  
Start of Term - 6 January  
Half Term - 16 - 20 February  
End of Term - 3 April

**Summer Term 2009**  
Start of Term - 20 April  
May Day 4 May  
Half Term - 25 May to 29 May  
End of Term - 20 July

**Autumn Term 2009**  
Start of Term - 3 September  
Half Term - 26-30 October  
End of Term - 19 December

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>



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)

1, 15 & 29 December 2008  
12 & 26 January 2009

**COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE)  
& DRY RECYCLING**  
(Week Beginning)

8 & 22 December 2008  
5 & 19 January 2009

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.



**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)

**4 December 2008**

Wind, Words & Wisdom - from Bagpipes to Saws  
*Ian Burton*

**8 January 2009**

'It's not all Glamour' - *Deana Hudson*

**5 February 2009**

'My Work as a Magistrate' - *Brian Payne JP*

Visitors & New Members Welcome

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

Secretary 01487 832925

**Registered Charity No. 229016**

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

**BINGO - Eyes Down 7.30pm**

5 Dec 08 / 9 & 23 Jan 09 / 6 & 20 Feb 09

**Christmas Afternoon Tea**

Thursday 11 December 2.30pm - 4pm, £2.50  
Raffle, Bring & Buy & Books

**Coffee Morning**

Thursday 22 January 10.30am - 12 Noon, £1  
Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes & Books

**Contact for events 01487 831793**

**Farmers' Markets**

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

**HUNTINGDON**

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

**5 & 19 December 2008**

**9 & 23 January 2008**

**PETERBOROUGH**

From 9am to 4pm in Cathedral Square

**Thursdays 11 & 25 December 08**

**Thursdays 8 & 22 January 2009**

Farmer's 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.

Huntingdon Farmer's Market is organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership. For more information call 01480 388640 or email

**HuntsFarmersMkt@aol.com**

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4 December	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	Front Page
6 December	Playstop	Christmas Party	07926648638	6
6 December	Vocal Academy	Christmas Show	01487 830480	Front Page
7 December	Friends of Holme School	Christmas Fayre	01487 830342	6
9 December	All Saints, Sawtry	Christmas Coffee Morning	01487 830089	15
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13 December	Sawtry Infant School	Christmas Fayre	01487 830678	7
14 December	Churches Together	Village Carol Service	Any of the Clergy	Front Page
17 December	Sawtry Wine Makers	Christmas Social	01487 830020	13
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17 January	All Saints, Sawtry	Quiz Night	01487 830089	16
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22 January	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 831793	4
24 January	Sawtry Methodist Church	More Tea Vicar?	01487 834375	-
26 February	Sawtry WI	Soup & Pud Lunch	01487 831793	-
19 March	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 831793	-
2 April	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	-
9 May	CARESCO	Car Boot Sale	01487 832105	-
31 May	Sawtry Parish Council	Feast Parade	01487 831771	-
31 May – 6 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Feast Week	01487 831459	-
2 June	Feast Supper Committee	Feast Supper	01487 831316	-
6 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	01487 832410	-
12 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831332	10
3 October	CARESCO	Car Boot Sale	01487 832105	-

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to [caresco@sawtry.net](mailto:caresco@sawtry.net) 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.

## Prize Bingo

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

19<sup>th</sup> December

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

Contact Kath Allport on  
01487 831123



Registered Charity No: 1029997

**We wish you all a  
Happy Christmas  
and a  
Happy, Healthy and  
Prosperous New Year**

from the staff and committee of  
Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup

Thank you for all  
your support  
throughout the  
year.



## New to you at Nearly New Fridays, 9 – 11.30am (term time only)

Merry Christmas to you all and a very happy New Year. As it is the party season, we are looking for good quality party outfits for boys & girls and also gifts to sell. So why not have a pre-Christmas clear out.

In stock we have a wide range of toys, school clothes and adult clothing. Why not come and have a look and find a bargain?

To our existing customers, if you have any items or money to collect, please come and see us.

A big thank you to Jo Margetts for all her help through the year.

Best wishes

**Sarah Newson**

## Friends of Holme School present A GRAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Sunday 7th December, 11am - 2pm**  
Holme Primary School, Church Street, Holme

Including -

*Santa's grotto Tombola Raffle Christmas Gifts Games  
Things to make and Do, Ceramic painting  
Refreshments and much much more!!*

For more information please contact the school on 01487 830342

## TinyTots

Sawtry Methodist Church  
Green End Road, Sawtry  
Every Tuesday 09:30 - 11:00

Prices:

Parent & child = £1.00

Extra children = 50p

(Price includes refreshments for Parent and  
child)

First visit FREE

Toys for all ages up to 4 years  
Activities / crafts / cooking / songs  
Outings

*Please pop in and see us!*

## playStop Playgroup

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
4 - 6pm



At Sawtry Youth & Community Centre  
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX

Tickets on sale now £4.00 each,  
All ages welcome, under 1's are free.

Price includes Entrance, 1 visit to Santa's work-  
shop, meal & entertainment.



**For Tickets please contact Zoe on 07926 648638  
or Tiffany 07834 984830 or drop into the Centre**

## SAWTRY ST JOHN AMBULANCE

We are pleased to announce that Sawtry Badgers will have places for children aged 5-10 years from January 2009. Badgers are the junior section of St John Ambulance and take part in a large variety of badge work (not just first aid). Meetings are on a Monday from 5.30 to 6.30pm in the Youth & Community Centre, Green End Road. Ring Maureen on 01733 260969 for more details

## Visit Santa At Frosts, Brampton

Every weekend from 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Helped by his friends  
The Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions

Admission £4 includes a present

For breakfasts and  
teas with Santa  
ring 01480 453048

All proceeds go to  
local charities



## Welcome to the Sawtry Camera Club

We are a like minded group of photographers who  
like to try and improve our hobby.

We use film, digital and video formats.

All are welcome, young, old, male or female,  
novice or expert

(We hope to learn from the experts)

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the  
month at the Methodist Church Hall in

Green End Road Between 7.00pm and 9.30pm.

A free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit will  
welcome you.

For more information phone  
01487 830186, 830550 or 832251



## Sawtry Infant School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

Come and visit Santa in his Grotto, try your luck at the various games and stalls, buy your Christmas presents from the stallholders, enjoy some wine and a mince pie or relax and have a cake and a cup of tea. **Don't miss it!!!** You needn't miss lunch - hot turkey rolls will be available while the children browse at the Secret Shopping area. This is a "children only" room where they can buy all their Christmas Presents for friends and family for £1.20 each gift, fully wrapped and labelled.

Bring your mothers, bring your fathers, bring your aunts, bring your cousins and anyone else you can think of - **we look forward to seeing you all.** 01487 830678

### SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

The Astronomy Society meets at Greenfields  
Sports Building, Sawtry Fen 7.30pm for a  
7.45pm start. Everyone is welcome.

**19 December 2008**

A Christmas Social - At Stilton

**30 January 2009**

Annual General Meeting - No Guest Speaker

If the sky is clear you can look through tele-  
scopes at the moon, planets, stars and other  
objects, even see the nearest galaxy to us.

For more information please contact: -

Bernard Dean 01487 832251

Dave Woodhams 01487 831921

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT THE GREYSTONES

(Not at Greenways as previously advertised)

**MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2008 - 6.30 pm**

Your Parish Council warmly welcome you, your family and  
friends to come to a light hearted open air carol singing event  
on Monday, 22 December, 6.30 pm.

We have been welcomed by The Greystones and will use  
their garden; which will create a safe and festive atmosphere!  
We hope to have some background music, a PA system and  
song sheets and as it will be getting nearer to the 'special'  
day, we need lots of cheerful and excited singers to join in!  
Come along and we will be pleased to offer a glass of mulled  
wine, or squash and a mince pie, served by The Greystones  
on our behalf.

Let's make this a great start to the festive week and bring on  
some Christmas magic (sorry, snow cannot be guaranteed)!  
With thanks to The Greystones for their hospitality.

It has been mentioned to The Bell that we would like to hold a  
similar event at their premises in 2009 for those of you who  
would prefer an alternative location.

Any questions, please contact the  
Parish Council Office or  
Cllr Mrs Hannah Mulcrone or  
Cllr Mrs Amanda Burrige  
in the usual way.



### EYE ON THE NET

We're delighted to announce that the commu-  
nity news section of the Sawtry Eye is now  
available as a download from the CARESCO  
website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) by following  
the links. So next time you lose your copy,  
you can go online to check that all important  
date.

Our thanks to WebShepherd for doing  
the technical stuff.



## **SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY**

Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this year's firework display successful. Particular thanks must go to the staff at Paul Cox, Best Friends Vets, Coopers Garage and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Malcolm Racy for the work on the bonfire, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, also to the Sawtry Firemen and members of St John Ambulance Service for their attendance on the night.

The members of Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Angling Society and the committee and friends of Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association who helped set up during the day and worked during the evening deserve a special thank you. A particular thank you must go to Scott Mason and Ryan Berridge, two youth volunteers, who helped throughout the day.

Last but not least thank you to the 850 members of the public who came to Greenfield to enjoy the event.

## **SUE FIELDING**

Please may I say a big thank you to everyone who was thoughtful enough to send me commiserations after the death of my lovely wife Suzy, I received nearly 70 cards and letters, an indication of how popular she was. She had endured Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis for the last 3 years of her life and succumbed to its effects on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, her end was peaceful and serene.

Thank you especially to my next door neighbour, Ann Martin, and my mum Peggy Fielding, and Roz Rowland (WI President) for all that they did for Suzy whilst I was at work during the day. Last, but not least, Mr Nick Heywood, my boss, who allowed me any time off work that I needed to look after her.

In particular I would like to pay great homage to the doctors and nurses of Wellside Surgery in Sawtry whose unstinting support must be acknowledged, along with the Halo nurses, the Marie Curie nurses, the Macmillan nurses and the MS Specialist nurses that visited regularly to offer support and advice. To all these wonderful people, of whose existence I knew nothing about until Suzy became ill, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

**Alan Fielding**  
(Fen Lane, Sawtry)

*This was a poem that Suzy wrote a few weeks after her very first grand-child was born. It was written because she knew that she would not see My-Ling grow into maturity and it is my favourite of all the poems she wrote - even though it makes me unsteady afterwards.*

**Alan Fielding**

## **GRANNY'S DREAM**

*My dream was this*

*To pick you up and hold you  
And bounce you on my knee  
To tickle and make you wriggle  
To make you laugh with glee*

*To bang on drums to make loud noise  
And build with bricks or mould with dough  
To learn to count and ABC  
To draw and write and help you grow*

*To be there when you take first steps  
And catch you when you fall  
To teach you how to throw and catch  
And not to drop the ball*

*To run around, play hide and seek  
To swing you through the air  
To play all kinds of silly games  
Like tip and run, or 'dare'*

*To take you gently by the hand  
And using ideas and invention  
Journey to a magic land  
That was my intention*

*This was what I dreamed and hoped  
How I imagined things would be  
Alas we know it cannot happen, so  
All I ask is - remember me*

**Sue Fielding**

## **COFFEE MORNING THANK YOU**

On Wednesday 17th September we held our Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and this was a great success. A big Thank You to Sawtry Methodist Church who again let us use the hall for this event. Thank you also to the many people who helped in any way, those who helped on the Day, those making cakes, those giving raffle prizes and bring and buy items and a very big thank you to all who came and supported this fund-raiser.

With all this help we raised the grand total of £201 for Macmillan.

All your support is much appreciated.

**Ann Martin**

## **HALLOWEEN RECORD**

Jean & Des Skellon opened their door 72 times on Trick or Treat evening.

**Is this a record?**

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



*Or email caresco@sawtry.net with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'*

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

## GOOD SAMARITANS

Thank you to the unknown (to me) lady who found me collapsed on St Judith's Field at the end of October. Also to Jean & Mike who called 999, Brenda & Les who looked after Judy my dog, to John and my friend Hilda who rang my daughter-in-law. Thanks also to the kind man who covered me with car blankets and a jacket.

Thanks to all of you

*Jean Davies*

## MRS MOSS & OTTO

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May this year Fliss and I were in Sawtry. Mrs Ursula Moss called me into her house as she had some information regarding the P.O.W. camp along Woodwalton Road, Sawtry.

Ursula told me she married Herbert Moss in the Army Chapel in Germany 31<sup>st</sup> May 1947, so it was their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on the day I spoke to them. They came to England during the summer of 1947 and lived with Herbert's parents, and later found out that Ursula's brother, Otto, was in a P.O.W. camp in Buckinghamshire.

Herbert and his father went to the camp in Buckinghamshire and managed to get Otto transferred to the camp at Sawtry. By this time it housed German prisoners; earlier it had held Italian prisoners and before that it had been an Army camp. When Otto was there the camp was run by the Pioneer Corps. One of the Constable sisters married the C.O. of the camp. His nickname was Trees as his surname was something like Woods.

Otto began working for Jack Scotney who at that time ran the Durham Ox pub which was situated on the corner of St Judith's Lane. Mr Scotney also did some woodworking, which came in handy for Otto as he was a master carpenter and Mr Scotney gave him some work. Ursula's mother-in-law used to invite Otto to her house for Sunday tea, which was very nice for both of them. Ursula and Herbert's son was born in 1948 and Otto was one of the Godparents at his Christening.

There was an ack ack gun site across the Great North Road near Archers Wood. The crew who manned the guns is believed to have been billeted in the P.O.W. camp. Another ack ack gun site was in Glatton at the end of Infields Road in the spinney just past the last cottages which were then numbers 31 and 33. These two cottages are now one house.

I lived in number 31 with my family in the late 1950s before we moved to Sawtry, then in number 33 when I married Fliss in 1954.

*Harry Milford*

## ALEX GALE

Andrew, Ulli and Ben would like to thank all those who attended the service to celebrate Alex's life.

We would also like to thank all who have sent cards and provided us with so much support. We are proud that Alex touched so many lives.

Many thanks for the donations totalling

**£1, 744** which will be used for theatre workshops at Phoenix Special Needs School.

## CARNIVAL GENERATES OVER £670 FOR LOCAL GROUPS AND CHARITIES

With more figures still to come in, local groups and charities raised £672 at Sawtry Carnival 2008. This was a great success, and despite the credit crunch, we hope to do even better in 2009. Sawtry Carnival is an opportunity for young and old alike to come together for some fun and is an excellent vehicle for local groups to raise money for their own funds.

In 2009 Sawtry Carnival is on 6 June, and is the closing event of the revived Sawtry Feast Week (31 May – 6 June 2009). The theme for the Fancy dress competition is Film and Television. There will be a prize for the best costume in the parade, so start thinking about who you will come as now.

The carnival is organised by volunteers, and can be a lot of work for just a few people, so we are looking for more volunteers. If you can help with some of the planning, or help out on the day, we would be happy to hear from you. Please contact The Carnival Secretary, Gill Tanner, on 01487 832410 or come to the next committee meeting on Thursday 15 January at 7pm at the Old School Hall. Let's make 2009 the best year yet.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS.....

We have had a number of complaints from residents in Hatfield Road regarding persons playing football games on the green area situated on Deer Park Road, balls are being kicked and subsequently damaging fences and vehicles. This particular area is not a football pitch however, St Judith's Field is a more appropriate area to play football and other ball games. Please have consideration for residents as property is being damaged, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A local business has brought to our attention that during the weekends persons have entered the site grounds and have made skate ramps and dens using materials on the site. Please KEEP OFF all business premises if you do not have permission from the owner to be there, you can be liable for TRESPASSING. This is potentially a very dangerous situation where you can be injured.

If you need urgent police attendance call 999 or non emergency call 0845 456 456 4,

Regards,

**Pcso Emily Conroy & Pc Paul Sykes**

Emily Conroy PCSO 7174

Mobile – 07801741783

Mobex – 7110979

Email - emily.conroy@cambs.pnn.police.uk

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*to all our*  
**Customers and Drivers From**  
**Sawtry Volunteer Car Scheme**

We still need volunteer Drivers to help us provide transport for people in the Sawtry area who are unable to use conventional public transport for essential medical appointments such as doctors, dentists, hospital appointments etc.

A mileage allowance of 40p per mile is paid.

All applicants will be required to provide a Criminal Record disclosure at our cost.

For further information please contact:

**Lorrie Brooks**

**The Volunteer Centre, 48 High Street,  
 Thrapston, Northants NN14 4JH**

**Phone: 01832 733336 or 01480 411114**

**e-mail: info@tvcthrapston.co.uk**

**Fax:01832 734399**

**www.tvcthrapston.co.uk**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR FEAST WEEK?**

2009 sees the revival of Sawtry Feast Week. It will be the week after half term, starting with the Feast Parade on Sunday 31 May, incorporating the traditional Feast Supper on Tuesday 2 June and ending with Sawtry Carnival on Saturday 6 June.

Throughout the week, local groups will be holding open-evenings, exhibitions and other events to showcase the rich diversity that makes up our village community. You may be surprised at just what goes on!

A printed programme will be distributed ahead of Feast Week detailing what is happening where, so you can plan your week's entertainment. If you are part of a local organisation, this is a great opportunity to show what you do, recruit new members and raise funds. If you are planning an event for Feast Week, we will include it in the programme free of charge.

**For more information, please contact**  
**Cllr Austin Bambrook on 01487 831459**  
**or Cllr Amanda Burrige on 01487 831522**

**SAWTRY SHOW**

Next year's Show will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. So that everything is under one roof we are moving to the college, where there should be plenty of room for the displays and demonstrations.

The format will be similar to that of previous years, but with the inclusion of new classes/competitions which, hopefully, will attract your interest.

Committee:	Babs Sullivan (Chairman)	Enid Lawman
	Lisa Alderman	Hannah Lea
	Graham Chandler	Terry Puddifoot
	Sandra Deller	Janet Spencer
	Arthur Golder	Dick Tuplin
	Sheila Harland	Pam Tuplin

Please telephone Babs Sullivan (Tel: 831332) or the Parish Council office (Tel: 831771) if you would like to join this group to help organise the 2009 Show; or have suggestions for new competitions; for Committee meeting dates; plus details of the Craft classes. Winter is a good time for knitting and sewing before Spring allows for a different sort of sowing!

**Going Green**

We've got a new toy at home. For my husband's birthday recently he got an 'electricity usage monitor' which shows how much energy we are using at any moment in time and how much it is costing us in pounds and pence.

Even after the novelty has worn off, it has done wonders to make us think about everything we switch on. We spent ages trying to make it register zero by turning off everything in the house (it's amazing the things we forgot were plugged in) and then slowly switching the essentials, like the fridge, back on to see what happened.

There's nothing like watching the numbers zoom up when we put the kettle on to make us realise why we're told to only boil the amount that we need. Even the difference between an old fashioned bulb and one of the low energy ones is quite marked.

In our house we like to think we are fairly 'green' but our new toy has taught us a thing or two – even the kids are turning things off when not in use (we won't mention the time when the bread maker was unplugged mid-cycle!).

Our monitor came from The Ethical Superstore online and cost around £30 but they are available from various outlets and can be much more sophisticated (and expensive) than ours. Why not give one as an unusual gift or even pop one on your present list this Christmas. It can only save you money in the long run.

*Eco Apprentice*



## CARESCO Christmas Cards

Now on sale from the CARESCO Centre



**Price £2.50/£3.00**  
for a pack of ten



*Please support your local charity*

You can also help raise funds for CARESCO by doing your internet shopping through our webshop at [www.Buy.at/CARESCO](http://www.Buy.at/CARESCO) with any of the partaking retailers.



Getting a new mobile for Christmas?

Please donate your old one to CARESCO and help us to raise funds

Or visit [www.caresco.envirocharities.com](http://www.caresco.envirocharities.com) to sell your phone and we receive a donation.

### SAWTRY TREE WARDEN REPORT

Plans are underway for hedge planting at the Fishing Lake and alongside the sports fields. We also hope to renovate the small area of hedge bordering Fen Lane opposite the end of Chapel End. HDC will also be providing a few fruit trees for the Infant and Junior Schools.

Providing that I can secure a source of willow rods, the Infant School should have a willow fence around their 'quiet area', following on from the success of the Day Nursery's structure. The willow garden on the Junior's field has been managed with enthusiastic help from Zone 8 children after school. The Infant's Conservation Area will benefit from the planting of bluebells and the introduction of more rotting wood to boost the number of invertebrates – ready for the next creepy-crawly bug hunt!

Sadly, we have lost two elms from the Newton Road / St David's Way open space. They had been dead for a couple of years and were hollow when felled by HDC. The area still has a few elms, survivors of an historic avenue. Fingers crossed for the remaining large elms in the village. Meanwhile the horse chestnuts have lost their leaves damaged by leaf-miners, and should be fine next year. Only the young tree on the corner of Beaumaris and Moyne Roads is dead of bleeding canker, and should be replaced by HDC.

Most of the open spaces in the village are in fact owned and managed by HDC.

National Tree Week runs from 26 Nov to 7 Dec, again too early for tree planting! Look out for any events publicised on notice boards around the village, or phone me if interested in helping.

**Janet Spencer**  
01487 830527

### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

I am just in time, to catch the deadline for this Eye edition, to be able to announce the figure of the amount so far donated and make the equivalent comparison to the 2007 figure. The following figures represent the donations that the people of Sawtry / Winwick / Old Weston / The Giddings / Hammerton and Woodwalton have made for this year's Poppy Appeal, via House to House / Shops and Businesses and includes Gift Aid. In the two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday, you donated:

£3282-56 House to House / Shops & Businesses, plus £57-24 in Gift Aid, plus £348-83, totaling £3688-63. The equivalent figure for 2007 was £4224-71, a difference of £536.08 down for 2008 for that specific period. However, there were other donations during the course of the year from All Year Round Boxes that I had placed in Shops and Businesses which amounted to £81.46. Therefore, basically we are down by some £454.62 on 2007.

It was an anniversary year, i.e., 90 years from the end of World War 1, by which, it might have been expected that we would have been up on the donations but then we have been hit with a very serious down turn in the economy. That to me says that the generosity of the people of this district, has not been diminished by any means and I offer the thanks of myself as organiser, the Sawtry Branch Committee and of course the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for your very kind and generous donations.

My thanks go to all of the collectors that went out on cold evenings, with their Poppy Boxes to receive all of the donations. I will of course continue to keep you informed of any future donations received by way of any events during the rest of the 08 appeal year, which does not end until May 09.

The Legion are always looking for new members, particularly those of the younger generation, to bring in some fresh ideas and input for future events of fund raising for a very good cause. To that end I will be requesting the Ex Service and Working Men's Club to allow us to have Membership Application Forms available from the Steward or any member present.

Once again thank you all for your generosity.

**Allan Fowler - 01487 830806 /**  
**E-mail: [allan.fowler@uwclub.net](mailto:allan.fowler@uwclub.net)**  
**Poppy Appeal Organiser, Royal British Legion.**

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY - YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

With another year drawing to a close, thoughts turn to Christmas which has to start early in the library world! Our large collection of **Special Christmas Books** etc for children has just been brought out and we plan to have a box of them available in a 'cosy spot' where children can sit and browse through them. The special **Christmas Display** is festooned with star lights, which further brightens up the Children's corner! There will be craft materials available for making **Christmas Cards** too, so I do hope this will all add to the excitement leading up to Christmas.

Talk of Christmas and children prompts me to tell everyone again about all the free gifts that are available for children through the library. Firstly, through the **Bookstart Initiative**, any child from 2 - 3 years old can receive a colourful satchel containing books, posters etc. All you need to do to receive this, is to bring along to the library your child's red Health Book, and it is a delight to see little ones toddling off with their own special book bag! Even better, to see them come back again and again, and really enjoying books and library visits! To encourage them further, the **Bookcrawl Scheme**, for the preschoolers means stickers for every visit! Each child receives a little card for the stickers, and a collection of 5 stickers earns them a Certificate - there are 10 of these to collect, and then anyone collecting all ten, will receive a small 'Bookstart Bear'. We have over 90 children collecting already, but will really welcome more!

Don't forget the **Storytimes** for preschoolers, on the first Wednesday in the month, from 2.15 - 2.45. There are stories and songs and simple things to make. We do encourage really young children to attend, and if we can get enough carers and babies along, we will try and provide a **Rhymetime** session tailored especially for really tiny children. These sessions are free of charge and very informal, and a good way to encourage a love of reading, so, if you are thinking about it, do come along.

Christmas can be a very busy season, but do make the time to pay a visit-curling up with a book on a cold winter's evening, still strikes me as bliss! Or, if you are busy, listening to a book on CD or tape helps make all the many Christmas tasks pass more pleasantly.

So, to everyone, a really **Happy Christmas** and all good wishes for the **New Year** from all of us here at your library!

**Sue Simmons & Staff**

**Library Opening Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 4.00-7.00pm; Wednesday & Friday 2.00-5.00pm

**Christmas/New Year Opening Hours:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 4.00-7.00pm; CLOSED Weds 24<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>/Frid 26<sup>th</sup>: OPEN Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December 9.00-12noon; then, as normal except for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January which is a CLOSED day.

Tel; 0845 045 5225 (Call Centre-call any time 8.00am-8.00pm Mon to Sat for renewals and enquiries).

**Library Website:** [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

**HELP THE AGED WE WILL**



### RESIDENTIAL HOMES NEEDED FOR SENIOR CATIZENS

St Neots & District Cats Protection have a number of senior and elderly residents who are desperately in need of retirement homes with human companions who will take care of them. Who knows it could be a match made in heaven. All of these purrsioners have been given a clean bill of health, been neutered or spayed, vaccinated, micro chipped and treated for fleas & worms. In their twilight years these cats need a nice warm lap, some choice morsels and a little attention, that's not too much to ask, is it?

In return you will have a loyal friend to keep you company. It is possible that some funding may be available for certain cats in the event of unexpected veterinary treatment in the future - please ask for information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are able to offer a loving new home to any of these cats. It could be their last chance. Until homes are found for them, they will have to live in one of our cat pens. These are not designed for cats to live in them permanently and also these pens are tied up and we are unable to help the many needy cats who are on our waiting list.

TEL: 01480 476696, 07966 282005 OR 07970 257061

<http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

**Flu Vaccination:** If you fall into one of the following categories, the Doctors recommend that you receive the flu vaccination:

- Over the age of 65
- Chronic respiratory disease
- Asthma which has required hospital admission, or use of long term steroid inhalers or tablets.
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression
- Carers

If you fall into one of the groups above and have not yet received your vaccination please call our reception team on 01487 830340 and make an appointment with one of our practice nurses.

### Christmas / New Year Opening Hours:

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual – 8.00am to 1.00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Open as usual – 8.00am to 1.00pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Open as usual

**Patient Survey:** Thank you to those patients who took the time to participate in this year's survey. Please remember that I am always happy to receive feedback throughout the year regarding the services we provide, so please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments you may wish to make.

**Self Check-In:** Those of you who have attended recently will perhaps have seen our new touch screen which sits on the right hand side of the reception desk. All patients are welcome to use this automated system to check in for their appointments, and we hope that its introduction will help reduce the length of queues which can sometimes form at the desk. Of course, our reception team remain available as usual for all patients who prefer to continue to check in personally at the desk, and to deal with any queries you may have during your visit.

On behalf of everyone here at Wellside Surgery, may I take this opportunity to wish all of our patients and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With Best Regards,

**Mrs Claire Wright**

**Practice Manager - Wellside Surgery, Sawtry**

**Tel: 01487 830340**

## *SAWTRY WINEMAKER'S SOCIETY*



Sawtry Winemakers' hold a monthly meeting at the Old School Hall every third Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us but don't make any wine don't worry, bring your own plonk to enjoy a good evening and come and try home made wines that members have made. These are country wines made from ingredients you may have in your garden or can buy from the local shop. We have many Social Events throughout the year that are enjoyable and good fun. Come to any of the meetings and you will be most welcome. Sawtry Winemakers will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the next Farmers Market on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December and at the Sawtry Infant School Fayre on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December so do come along and have a glass of festive cheer.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Contact Eileen Gregory 01487 830020 and leave a message**

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Christmas Social at the Old School Hall - 7.30 pm	All welcome
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Wine Whist at the Old School Hall - 7.30 pm	All welcome

## SAWTRY CHORALE

I thought I would tell you about a year in the life of the Choir. I have been taking Choir rehearsals for coming up to 5 years; we've had quite a busy year!

The year started last October with our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebrations. The Birthday evening was a wonderful event with Choir members and guests enjoying an excellent buffet dinner and the Choir providing the entertainment. We were pleased that our guests included Dame Norma Major our patron, and Peter Davies the Choir's founder. A great time was had by all.

Soon after we went into our Christmas Concert programme. First item was the concert at Wood Green Animal Shelter. The Arena is packed with pets (mainly dogs) and their owners. Next – off to Hamerton Church to perform the Christmas Cantata 'Night of Miracles'. Then in the early new year, to Folksworth Church for an Epiphany Concert.

In April we were invited by John Steeden to take part in a variety evening at Sawtry Methodist Church called 'More Tea Vicar?' Back there again in June for our own Summer Concert. The Methodist Church always gives us a warm welcome, and we hold our rehearsals there every Wednesday evening. If any reader would like to join us – or even just see what we can do – come along on a Wednesday evening: we start at 7.45pm.

Next day we were off to Ely Cathedral for the Animal Blessing Service. There are dogs, cats and many other pets in attendance. They are just in the congregation. But then there are the 'working dogs'. Dogs for the blind, for the deaf, for the disabled and others. And at the end we even have a parade of all the working dogs and some llamas down the central aisle of the Cathedral.

In June the Hurstingstone singers joined in with us to put on a concert in St Ives Free Church in aid of the MacMillan Nurses Fund.

We are a 4-part mixed Choir. We sing all kinds of music: Popular, Old & New; Religious as well. You do not have to be able to read music to join us – we produce a CD for each individual part which Choir members say helps them a lot!

We also have our own social programme – which includes barbecues, cheese & wine – and we have even been known to 'go to the dogs' in Peterborough!

So now it's 'full circle' as they say. We are rehearsing for Christmas concerts – the first of which will be at All Saints in Sawtry. So look out for the posters and elsewhere in this issue for details.

May I finish by saying that we are a choir with 47 members. You will find a friend here. We sing. We work. We groan. We laugh. But most of all, we enjoy ourselves!

**Shirley Allen**

### SAWTRY CHORALE WINTER CONCERTS

Sawtry All Saints Church and Old Weston (St Swithin's) churches will be echoing to the sounds of a truly memorable Winter Concert, provided by members of the Sawtry Chorale on two successive Fridays in December - 12th and 19th.

Both programmes will include popular Christmas hits such as 'White Christmas' and 'Chesnuts roasting on an open fire' together with a number of well know and some less well know but very beautiful carols, including 'Silent Night' and 'Carol of the Drum'.

**Sawtry All Saints Church - 8.00 pm, Friday, 12th Dec 2008.**

Full price tickets at £7.00 (£5.00 concessions and free for children under 16) are available from; June and Peter Davies, Sawtry- tel; 01487 830089.

**Old Weston (St Swithin's) Church - 8.00 pm, Friday, 19th December 2008.**

With newly installed heating in the church everyone is guaranteed to be warm and cosy, while getting into the mood for Christmas!

Full price tickets at £5.00 (£4.00 for children under 18 and other concessions) are available from: Stas' and Julie, Northfield House, Old Weston - tel; 01832 293185, or Tony and Pat, Great Gidding - tel; 01832 293385.

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Two billion people – a third of humanity – still survive on less than \$2 a day. Unfair trade rules keep them in poverty, but they face the global challenges of food shortages and climate change too. Fairtrade is a people's movement for change that aims to tip the balance of trade in favour of poor producers. We all need Fairtrade more than ever and we all have the power to create positive change for people and planet.

***Make it happen. Choose Fairtrade.***

Take part in Fairtrade Fortnight 2009 and play your part by joining a powerful global movement for change! Look out for details of events in Sawtry to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. The next meeting of the Sawtry project group is on **Wednesday 14 January** at the Old School House at 12.00. Please come along if you would like to be involved in promoting Fairtrade within the village.

**THE SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY...and the SAWTRY COMMUNITY ARCHIVE**

They say that what goes around comes around and how true that seems where planning applications are concerned. The January 2008 application to build hundreds of houses in Gidding Road was withdrawn and we understand a similar October 2008 application by Fox Land may be decided in January 2009 - but, by coincidence, the Community Archive team recently received details of an almost identical application from Hunting and Marshall for the same site but dated 1987 - 21 years ago!

This was for 300 houses, including sheltered and starter homes, playing fields, a sports pavilion, shopping centre and leisure centre and the developers promised to expand the Junior School and to improve the drainage systems. This application provoked considerable resistance in the village – a *Sawtry Monitoring Team* seems to have coordinated very strong opposition that was voiced at four open meetings and, fortunately, they won the day and the development was rejected.

We plan to include some of this information on the Digital Archive ([www.ccan.co.uk](http://www.ccan.co.uk)) and would love to meet anyone that was actively involved – either for or against – so that more details can be added to this ongoing saga! Meantime will the new application be approved?

And some good news – Sawtry is not sinking – or at least not by much! You may remember our last report asked if anyone knew of any “benchmarks” in Sawtry, other than the one in Tort Hill. These are the locations used by surveyors to plot heights above sea level. We contacted the Ordnance Survey organisation and they advised of at least five in the village with the last survey at Tort Hill showing a height of 32.4ft – so it has only sunk by about 5 inches in almost 150 years!

In October the SHS enjoyed an excellent talk by local historian David Hufford about the important but little known 19<sup>th</sup> century local architect Robert Hutchinson. This produced some unusual facts; for instance it seems that the stone-built Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon was once faced with brick and it was only during Hutchinson’s rebuilding in 1876 – partially paid for by the dramatist Dion Boucicault as a memorial to his son, who died in the tragic railway accident at Abbots Ripton in the same year – that the original stonework was revealed.

Hutchinson’s other work in Huntingdon included the grandstand at the old Portholme Meadow race-course, the Militia Barracks in Cromwell Square, now a retirement home, the old Corn Exchange – later the Grand Cinema, eventually burnt down and replaced by Woolworth – and the Chapels and Cemetery at Priory Road, where he was buried in 1894. The saddest thing about Mr Hufford’s talk was that so many of Huntingdon’s beautiful old buildings no longer exist.

Why was early history called the dark ages? - Because there were so many knights!

**Allan Bamford**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

We meet at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thurs of each month, at the Women’s Institute, Gidding Rd, Sawtry

**December** – no meeting

**15<sup>th</sup> January**

*“Malta and Gozo” - Mrs Audrey Cobley, (who lived there during WW2 )*

**19<sup>th</sup> February**

*tba - Mr Robert Burn Murdoch (The Norris Museum, St Ives)*

Everyone is very welcome (*We still welcome items of local interest for the Community Archive*)

**For more information please contact: *Marilyn Gautreaux, 07984 945387***

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH SAWTRY - FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Church Bazaar Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Thank you to everyone who helped, supported, donated and bought at the event. We raised just over £1000, a wonderful result.

**Coffee Morning Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30-noon, 25 St. Judith’s Lane**, the home of Mrs. Doreen Pattinson. All are welcome to this wonderful social event. Admission is £2-00 to include delicious cake, coffee and chat! There will be a Bring and Buy stall and Raffle.

**Sawtry Chorale Christmas Concert, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00pm All Saints Church**  
 Tickets are now on sale for this seasonal concert in which Chorale will sing some favourites old and new and everyone will have the chance of singing along too. Admission £7-00. Concessions £5-00. Under 16s free. Interval refreshments will be available.

Further details for both events are available from Pete and June Davies on 01487 830089. Tickets for the concert are also available from members of Sawtry Chorale and Sawtry All Saints Parochial Church Council (PCC).

## Sawtry Methodist Church

Green End Road, Sawtry, Tel 01480 819228

### Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am  
 Sunday School at 10.30am  
 Evening Communion at 6.00pm  
 (first Sunday of the month)

### Special Services

#### All Age Worship

21<sup>st</sup> December - 10.30pm  
 Led by the Youth Fellowship

#### Carol Service

21 December - 6pm, Led by Rev Pam Siddall

#### Crib Service

Christmas Eve - 4pm, Led by Rev Pam Siddall

#### Christmas Day

United Service with All Saints - 10.30am  
 At the Methodist Church  
 Led by Rev Pam Siddall &  
 Canon Malcolm Griffith

#### Covenant Service

11 January - 10.30am, Led by Rev Pam Siddall

#### All Age Worship

18 January - 10.30am, Led by Decca Riondino

#### United Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
 25th Jan - 4pm  
 At the Methodist Church.

*All are welcome*

#### Youth Fellowship

7.30 - 9pm Sunday evenings

Fellowship, social and bible study groups meet  
 at various times through the week.  
 Please contact Pam for more information

#### Saturday Coffee Morning

9.30 - 11 am  
 with Cakes, Traidcraft goods &  
 bric-a-brac on sale.

## All Saints' Parish Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### December

7<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Christingle Service  
 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Holy Communion  
 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30 am Family Nativity Service  
 6.00 pm 7 Lessons and Carols  
 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion  
 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Holy Communion (Said)  
 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Carols for All

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Family Worship  
 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Holy Communion  
 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Morning Prayer  
 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Holy Communion

#### SAS SUNDAY CLUB

For all children aged 4 - 10. We meet on De-  
 cember 14<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January at  
 10.15 am at the Rectory.

#### SEEKERS CLUB

For Young People aged 10 plus, meets on De-  
 cember 5<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in  
 Church.

#### BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Meet on Tuesdays at 7.45 pm on January 6<sup>th</sup>  
 and 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays at 10.15 am on January  
 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rectory.

#### 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!

*FOR FURTHER DETAILS*

*RING THE RECTOR:*

*Canon Malcolm Griffith 830215*

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

*Do look at our websites:*

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

*[www.sundayclubonline.co.uk](http://www.sundayclubonline.co.uk)*

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SAWTRY - FUNDRAISING NEWS

### Advance Notice

The annual Quiz will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January in the Old School Hall at 7.30pm with Pete and Pat Ayres as Inquisitors-in-Chief. Tickets will be available early in the New Year at £6-00 per head to include supper. This is a fun event where teams of people are encouraged to come along. Book the date in your diary, get a team together and be ready to buy your tickets! Further details from Pete and June Davies on 01487 830089.

# St Nicholas Parish Church

Church Road, Glatton

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### December

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	Family Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 pm	Midnight Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Sing your favourite Carol

### January

4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion

### **NEW YEAR'S LUNCH**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 pm. Do come along to this enjoyable event in Glatton Village Hall. Tickets £8 from 831651. All proceeds to the Church.

### **GLATTON ADVENTURERS for 4 – 11s**

Children are welcome to join this group which meets on December 7<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am in Glatton Village Hall. More details from Shirley Dewar – 831651.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith  
Tel: 01487 830215 Email: rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk

## GLAMOROUS CHRISTMAS

Sometimes we glamorize Christmas. We romanticize the stable and the manger. To put it in modern terms, being born in a stable would be like being born in a garage out behind someone's house. It wasn't first class treatment. It was hardly even second best. And the shepherds weren't well dressed people. They were more like the outcasts of society. They were rough, under-educated and shunned by society. And yet, those were the first people whom God chose to hear the announcement of the birth of his Son, Jesus. Yes, there was no room in the inn for his Son, so he had to find a birthplace in a most unlikely spot. And he chose shepherds to be the first to hear the Good News. What does all of this tell us about God? What does this tell us about Christmas? What does this tell us about ourselves?

It reminds us that God sees things quite differently than we do. He sees deep beneath the surface appearances of life. He sees into the very heart of things. Whether a person is rich or poor, highly educated or not, this does not matter nor is it important or impressive in God's eyes.

What makes a difference is what is to be found deep down within our human hearts. Is there greed, violence, anger, jealousy, or lust within us? Or is there goodness, gentleness, forgiveness, and hope? God sees beauty in the stable, and he can see beauty in any other place as long as goodness is present.

Moreover, God does not want to intimidate, frighten, or overwhelm us. If he wanted to behave in that manner, he could have sent his Son as a mighty warrior at the head of a vast army, conquering all that stood in its way. But God's ways are not our ways. Instead of an army, he sends a carpenter, Joseph, and his young wife, Mary. Instead of a mighty warrior, he sends a newborn baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Instead of forcing us to bow down in fear, he inspires us to rise up in love.

It is too good to be true? Can we really believe that God loves us with all of our flaws, faults, and shortcomings? Yes, that is the message of Christmas. That is the message of the stable. That is the message of the star and the angels. God loves us more than we can imagine!

**Fr John Warrington**

## REMEMBRANCE

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

### DECEMBER

Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

### JANUARY

Private Frederick ROSE	7 January 1916	Winwick
Private Charles JARVIS	21 January 1917	Hamerton
Bombardier Thomas Eric DRING	25 January 1942	Sawtry

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT LUKE'S

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

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

Parish Priest: Fr. John Warrington

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### Services and Events

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 & Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 10am at St Luke's Church  
Tuesday: Mass at 7.30pm in Yaxley (for the Venue please phone 01733 370877)  
Saturday: Mass at 9am at St Luke's Church

For further information and Parish News please visit our Parish Website: [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk)

### Christmas Services

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

*First Mass of Sunday - 6pm at St Luke's Church*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

*Sunday Masses*

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

**Christmas Eve**

*Children's Christmas Mass - 6pm at St Luke's Church*

*Service of Carols & Readings - 11.30pm at St Luke's Church*

**Christmas Day**

***Midnight Mass at St Luke's Church***

*Masses for Christmas Morning*

**9.15am at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry & 11am at St Luke's Church**

***Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year***

## REMEMBRANCE

### THOSE FROM WORLD WAR 1 WHOSE DATE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN

Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

### THOSE FROM WORLD WAR 2 WHOSE DATE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN

Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston
John Thomas COLBERT	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.

## SCENT AND POLLINATION IN THE GARDEN (PART 7)

### The Magnolia Family

You could not ask for better plants to provide not only scent and pollination in the garden, but fantastic colour too. Named after Pierre Magnol (1638-1715), professor of Botany and Director of Montpellier Botanic Gardens, France. Family Magnoliaceae. This is one of the largest plant families containing around 125 species of evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees.

In short the Magnolias are one of the most ancient plant families known, with samples of the plants being found in fossils from about 100 million years ago. They have changed little over time being long lived and belonging to the angiosperm genera (Flowering plants). Their natural habitat is the moist forests of the northern hemisphere in eastern North America and Central America and in Asia from the Himalayas to Japan and Sumatra.

Magnolias are easily described, from their large shiny evergreen leaves to their giant saucer shaped flowers with whirls of smooth, fleshy petals, and numerous spirally arranged stamens and styles, and with some of them being beautifully fragrant and with a touch of spice to boot. Some Magnolias have a very faint scent, mainly this includes the Lily-flowered and popular Tulip types but other Magnolias are strongly scented, such as, **M.grandiflora**. **M.denudata**. **M.sieboldii**, **M.virginiana**. **M. wieseneri** to name but a few.

I like colour and scent in my garden designs, but also I like too have scent wafting around the garden too especially on warm summer evenings. I get this with my magnolia Grandiflora x Exmouth which grows on the back wall of my kitchen and gives me beautiful scent as I walk out into my garden throughout the year.

Really you need space to appreciate these fantastic plants also to give them the best chance to show off their full form and magnificence to their best effect. The siting of magnolias is an important fundamental when deciding on growing these plants. It is no good just planting them anywhere in the garden; they will require specific locations to succeed. Try and decide this first when planning where to put your Magnolias.

Although Magnolias are frost hardy some Magnolias will require protection and a warm location and must really be protected from the effects of wind damage. Early flowering Magnolias can be damaged by late frosts so this should be remembered when acquiring your plants. Ask questions of your plant supplier, they should know if they're any good and give you the correct advice. Magnolias are not cheap plants especially flowering sized ones.

Most magnolias will thrive in humus rich moisture holding soils which are natural to acid but some are tolerant of alkalinity. Loamy soils with plenty of added organic matter will be ok. Remember these plants are surface rooting having shallow roots and these therefore need to breathe; therefore do not plant them too deeply or they will suffocate. Be careful when planting magnolias as the plants roots are brittle and can be easily damaged.

Do try and prepare an adequate planting hole for them first, loosening the sub-soil and then by adding well rotted compost- humus to it, like well rotted leaf mould plus adding some of this to the excavated soil as well. Preferably unlimed compost. Plant level with the soil in the autumn as the soil is still warm at this time of year. Mulch well in spring adding a small amount of suitable dry fertilizer to it mixed into the top 10cm. Foliar feed in the first year to help the plants to establish themselves. Prune only to shape the plants.

Magnolias are remarkably free from pest and diseases. Only defective planting and plant management may adversely affect them. Look out for lime-induced Chlorosis and treat accordingly. On alkaline soils mulch with lime-free mulches using well-rotted compost or leaf mould.

Next time Part 8. Rhododendrons, until then good growing.

**Plantsman**

## ST JOHN AMBULANCE DIVISION

### To recruit new members or relocate to Peterborough?

Adult members have recently been in discussion with senior staff from Cambridgeshire HQ following a decrease in membership. This is due to members moving away from the area or leaving because of work commitments. The group have been given 6 months in which to turn the situation around and recruit more people from the local area (currently only 2 of the regular 8 members are from Sawtry). Should this fail then the alternative would be to relocate to either Yaxley or Hampton or combine with the Peterborough Division.

The Division is offering a number of first aid taster sessions – to give people an idea of the sort of training they can have and what the division does. These will take place over 2/3 Monday evenings and a separate first aid training course in Emergency or Basic First Aid offered on a Saturday - during January. Membership of the division does not mean that you have to wear uniform and go on public duties but many members after training decide to do this. Also we do not just do first aid every week; there are often guest speakers and other activities.

If you are interested in learning more or booking on to either the Monday or Saturday courses please contact John or Maureen on 01733 260969 and leave your contact details.

Sawtry has been very fortunate to have its own division. The current group restarted 8 years ago following a large gap when leadership was not available and the previous group closed. St John Ambulance Adult Division provides a real service to the local community not just at public events but also by providing low cost training in first aid to local groups and members of the public and it would be a loss to Sawtry if they were to relocate.

## SCORES ON THE DOORS

### Before you fork out!

Have you ever wondered how hygienic your local restaurant or takeaway is? All of us expect safe, hygienic food and there is real public interest in food hygiene standards but how do you know? Well, now you are able to see how our Food Safety officers rate the hygiene in your favourite café, restaurant or takeaway by visiting the Scores on the Doors website.

### How the scheme works

Currently food businesses are routinely inspected by our food team to ensure compliance with nationally-set food hygiene regulations. Each inspection results in the business being risk rated against these standards. That rating informs the frequency of inspection. This will not change.

The new scheme will apply a 'Scores on the Doors' star rating based on the level of compliance. The key areas assessed are:

- Confidence in management - the ability of the food businesses' managers to maintain or improve standards of food hygiene
- Food hygiene practices - cleaning standards, prevention of cross-contamination, temperature control etc
- Structural compliance – the standards of maintenance, repair and cleanliness.

The higher the level of compliance the higher the star rating, i.e businesses rated 5 stars are excellent and those rated 0 stars are very poor. Certificates and window stickers will be provided to all businesses. Businesses do not have to display their certificates but all businesses with a Star Rating will be available for the public to view on the Scores on the Doors web site. The hygiene rating represents the situation found at the time of the inspection and therefore the score may not be representative of the overall long-term food hygiene standards although previous history is considered as part of the scoring.

### Why this is a good idea

The general principle of Scores on the Doors is to give the public easier and more convenient access to information for which they currently have to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 .

Initially only relevant businesses inspected since 1 January 2007 will be listed on the website.

For further information about the scheme please contact a member of the environmental and community health services food team on 01480 388302 or visit the website at <http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk>

*(Taken from the Hunts District Council website at [www.huntsdc.gov.uk](http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk))*

**NEW APPROACH TO SOCIAL CARE PUTS CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESIDENTS 'IN CONTROL'**

Cambridgeshire County Council has recently finished consulting on a new approach to the provision of social care for adults living in Cambridgeshire who have social care support needs.

Called Self-Directed Support, the initiative is part of a national programme of change that will transform social care services. It puts social care service users, including those with mental health problems, in direct control of the resources available to them. This enables them to meet their individual support needs and personal goals.

Cambridgeshire County Council plan to begin introducing Self-Directed Support, via a project called '**in Control Total**', from April 2009. The move to the new system will be phased and help will be available to assist service users and their families with the changes.

**What will the changes mean?**

Self-Directed Support means that, in the future, adults living in Cambridgeshire who are eligible to receive social care support will be given a Personal Budget that they decide how to use to meet their support needs. This will mean they have more flexibility to plan their own support instead of a package of care being organised on their behalf.

The approach has already been trialled with a small number of service users with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire and has also been adopted by other local authorities. Feedback from those using the new system is generally positive.

For service users who do not wish to receive their Personal Budget directly, or if it is felt not in their best interests to do so, there will be a choice of ways for the funding to be provided. More information about the introduction of Self-Directed Support and Personal Budgets, stories about individuals already using this system, and the results of the consultation can be found on the County Council's website at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

You can also find out more by contacting the Council's Transformation Team on 01223 699650 or emailing [in.controltotal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:in.controltotal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**THE ENERGY DOCTOR WRITES...**

Are you confident you have the best deal available for your gas and electricity? At any one time there are over 600 tariffs available so it can be hard to know for sure.

Savings are available without needing to change your energy supplier. Dual fuel tariffs; the practice of buying both your gas and electricity from the same supplier, is often rewarded by a discount in the price. Paying by direct debit, paperless billing and "internet only" accounts can also offer further discounts. Households who use pre-payment meters to help budget fuel cost, could find changing payment to direct debit or a payment card account will reduce their bill.

The variety of internet based price comparison sites has now given customers the power to compare different fuel companies. But with so many on the web which are the best to use? The newly formed Consumer Focus ([www.consumerfocus.org.uk](http://www.consumerfocus.org.uk)) brings together Energywatch, Postwatch and the National Consumer Council. Its aim is to campaign for a fair deal for consumers and it has links to 12 accredited comparison services. To get the best from this you will need to know the amount of energy you are using. This information will be on your bill or statement but it can be estimated from the amount of money you pay. It is worth searching against price and customer satisfaction to get a clear picture of what is on offer. If you don't have internet access at home just pop into your local library where there is free access for all.

Each supplier offers Social Tariffs aimed at qualifying households with a low income, those who are disabled or aged over 60. In addition to enhanced customer service there can be some financial benefit! These tariffs may be extended to include all lower income households so it will be worth looking out for new offers.

For those of you interested in the environmental impact of your energy choices, Green Tariffs are increasingly available. At present, there is no agreed definition of Green Tariffs, but it is generally classified as when some proportion of the energy generated is from renewable energy sources such as solar panels or wind turbines. More detailed information can be found at [www.greenenergyswitch.com](http://www.greenenergyswitch.com).

Remember if you do have problems paying you bill contact your supplier as soon as possible. There are also charitable trusts that can help people in difficulty.

To really ensure that you are getting the best deal and avoiding unnecessarily high bills follow these easy tips:

- Check the bill or statement when it comes in, if it is an estimated bill read the meter and request an accurate bill.
- If you are paying by direct debit / standing order increase payments when the price changes to prevent a debt accruing which will cause a large payment hike later.
- If you are not using a device switch it off!
- Use your heating controls to prevent over heating. By reducing your room temperature by just 1°C you could cut your heating bills by up to 10 percent.
- Call the Energy Saving Trust Act on CO<sub>2</sub> helpline on 0800 512 012 or visit [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) for free impartial advice on the changes you could make to minimise your fuel bills.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

### HOW TO SURVIVE THE CREDIT CRUNCH

Household finances have been badly stretched in the past year as the costs of energy, food and borrowing money have soared. But there are ways to help yourself and organisations to help you cope if you are struggling. Here are some simple tips to help you get on top of things:

#### 1. Don't bury your head in the sand

Ignoring your debt problems will only make them worse. Don't ignore calls or letters from the people you owe money to (your creditors). Contact them to explain why you're having problems. The sooner you do this, the more options you'll have for solving your financial problems.

#### 2. Get advice

There are many organisations which offer free and independent money advice such as Citizens Advice, Shelter, National Debtline, and the Consumer Credit Counselling Service. Their debt advisers can assess your situation and work out the best course of action for you.

#### 3. Pay your priority debts first

There are some debts you need to pay first before others, because the consequences of not paying them can be much more serious. For example, mortgage or rent debts are a priority as if you don't pay these you could lose your home. Debt advisers can help you plan your budget and pay your priority debts first.

#### 4. Pay what you can each month

Work out how much money you've got coming in and going out of your household on essential expenses like food and bills. Then work out how much you've got left over to pay your creditors. If you can't afford to pay back all the money you owe, work out how much you can afford and offer to pay this. A debt adviser can help you do this.

#### 5. Maximise your income

Are you getting all the money you're entitled to? There may be benefits or tax credits you can get such as Pension Credit or Disability Living Allowance which you haven't claimed. Working Tax Credit is an in-work benefit which is not just available to people with children. You might be able to get it if you work enough hours and are disabled or your income is low enough, even if you don't have children. You may be able to get Council Tax Benefit or Housing Benefit to help you pay your council tax and rent. You don't necessarily have to be out of work to get these benefits. You may be able to get help with your health costs such as prescription charges and dental costs. You may be able to claim help with education costs such as school meals and clothing.

You may be able to get a grant to help you pay for things like fitting home insulation and improving energy efficiency. This can help cut down the fuel bills.

Your gas and electricity supplier may be able to help you if you have fuel debts. To find out if you can get help, visit the British Gas Energy Trust website at: [www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk) or the EDF Energy Trust website at: [www.edfenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.edfenergytrust.org.uk).

There are also some charities which give grants to people to help pay their bills or buy essential items. You can find a list of these charities on the Turn 2 Us website at: [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk).

#### 6. Make savings on your household expenses

Look carefully at your spending and see if there is anything you are able to cut down on. For example, you could shop around for a cheaper gas or electricity provider, or look at cheaper mortgage or insurance providers. You can find more information about changing your gas and electricity suppliers from the website of the consumer watchdog, Consumer Focus at: [www.consumerfocus.org.uk](http://www.consumerfocus.org.uk).

To find out more about how to save money on financial products such as mortgages and insurance, go to the website of financial watchdog the Financial Services Authority at: [www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk).

#### 7. Think twice about taking out a loan to pay off all your debts

You may end up paying back a lot more than you borrowed and at very high interest rates. You may not be able to afford the repayments and the loan may be secured against your home which you could then lose.

#### 8. Facing possession proceedings? Don't panic

Always attend the court hearings yourself. Court proceedings do not mean that you will automatically lose your home. The court process acts as a final check to make sure repossession is the last resort. Some courts have advice desks which can provide last minute assistance.

#### 9. Take care with "mortgage rescue schemes"

Selling your home and renting it back might seem like a quick fix to your debt problems. But, many of these schemes offer very little security. You could end up paying very high rent or even being evicted. These schemes are also not regulated so you will not have access to the same protections as a mortgage holder.

#### 10. Don't abandon your property

If you are struggling with mortgage repayments you may be tempted to send the keys to your lender or abandon your property. Don't do this without advice. You could still be responsible for the debt on the property and may be pursued for it years later.

**Further help:** [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk); [www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk); [www.nationaldebtline.co.uk](http://www.nationaldebtline.co.uk); [www.ageconcern.org.uk](http://www.ageconcern.org.uk); [www.lawcentres.org.uk](http://www.lawcentres.org.uk)

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

## Sawtry Ladies Hockey Club

Sawtry Ladies have had their best ever start to a hockey season. Of the ten games we've played so far we've won 7, drawn two and lost one. Having been top of the Division One table all season, a loss against a Cambridge side put us down to second. The crucial match against Saffron Walden who are top of the table takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (after the deadline for this issue). We're also second in the Cup and need a big push to leap frog a strong March team in the New Year to get into the Cup final.

Two of our most senior players retired at the end of last year, so this season the defence has a new look. We've also had a couple of players injured as the season has progressed and the younger players have stepped up to the mark and played with great maturity. We are a one-team club and to hold our own against club sides who have the pick of three or four teams is a great achievement.

Our final match before Christmas is on December 6<sup>th</sup> so we've a long break until our first game in the New Year which is away at Huntingdon on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will, as always, have an abstemious Christmas - thinking only of our hockey form and so refusing that last Mince Pie!

We have a warm welcome for new players, if you'd like to join us give Karen a ring on 07834 776815. We train on Thursday evenings from 8 -9pm on the Astro pitch at Bushfield Sports Centre in Orton, Peterborough and we play our home games there at 11am on Saturdays.

## Sawtry Football Club

Proudly Supported by Greystones Public House, Valve Tech and Heatforce

It was a busy off season for the Club as a new Saturday Reserve Team was formed due to the demand of players in the village. During pre-season we were getting a high turn out of players coming to training which was a promising sign. After a few pre-season friendlies giving the lads the opportunity to get to know each other and start to form the basis of the team, they started their journey into league football, starting out in Peterborough and District League, Combination Division Three. As with any new team, it will take time for things to progress and develop. It has been a tough start in the league, with the team winning one game, drawing one game and losing three games. In the cup they have fared better. They lost out on penalties 4-2 against Netherton in the PFA Minor Cup, but won 2-0 against Hemingford in the Hunts Lower Junior Cup. They have been playing good football and been the better team in most games, but the results have not gone their way in this early part of the season. But the team is made up of a great bunch of lads, with a good mix of young and slightly older, with a good team spirit and under the guidance of manager Vince Gosling I'm positive the team's results will improve and they will develop into the team their potential deserves.

The Saturday team, under the guidance of Dave Chisnall and Mark Holliday have got off to a great start to the season. With the addition of a few new faces and a much improved team spirit they have started their league campaign with four wins, one draw and one defeat (which was the first game of the season) in their opening six games, and have gone on a seven match un-beaten run up to the beginning of November. They are the league's second highest goal scorers with 24 goals, with a special mention for Danny Holliday who has scored 15 goals in all competitions to date. They have also progressed through to the next rounds of the PFA Challenge Cup and the Hunts County Junior Cup.

The Sunday team moved from the Peterborough Sunday League to the St. Neots Sunday League, being placed in the top Premier Division for this season, and they didn't get off to the best of starts. They lost their first three games, and we all thought it was going to be one of those seasons. But they have started turn the corner, winning their last two league games, and thumping Catworth 10-0 in their bid to retain the Hunts Sunday Benevolent Cup.

At most of the home games on a Saturday over at Greenfields we have a club 'coffee shop' open for business with hot drinks and bacon rolls for sale, a must in the winter months of the football season! If you get the opportunity, do come over to Greenfields on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to support your village team.

**Richard Patchett**  
**07939 258032**

## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Would like to thank the following for all the donations to the Auction & Raffle that they provided for the Charity Night in aid of CARESCO on Saturday 20th September.

With your help we raised £1,300.05 - Thank you very much.

*Printing Matters*

*Sawtry Angling Society*

*Nene Valley Railway*

*Sainsburys*

*Posh*

*Elton Furze Golf Club*

*Paul Cox*

*Corika*

*Oakham Ales*

*Scott Heating*

*Autocare Services*

*Spirotech*

*Jeffrey Mills*

*Sawtry Village Glass*

*M & S*

*Coca-Cola Schweppes*

*Duncan McWilliam*

*Tina Allen*

*Alan Reader*

*Sawtry Golf Society V's Greystones - two's*

*Munchtastic - Gill Tanner*

*Spiceland*

*Burghley House*

*Marriott Hotel*

*Greyhound Stadium*

*Addison Arms*

*Vanity*

*Headbangers*

*T W Dry Cleaning*

*Angel Cakes*

*Rumours*

*Gap Sports*

*Lakeside Lodge*

*Balti House*

*Venture Photographs*

*Rita Blandford*

*Jim Doherty*

*Jan & Stuart Elliott*

*Tommo & Mags Tomsett*

*Money*

Also thanks to *Louise Langley* for all her help with the catering. Thanks to *Ron Tunstall, Mark Keightley & John Hedington* for the superb disco.

Also a huge thanks to the leaflet distributors: *Stuart Elliott, Duncan McWilliam, Alan Reader, Dave Harwood, Joe Langley, Sophie & Hannah Hedington, Alex Keen*

This event was greatly supported and we hope to repeat this again. Thank You Sawtry.

**Kind regards**

**John & Jacqui Hedington - On behalf of Sawtry Golf Society**

## SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

The last newsletter of '08! Somebody said to me recently, that they were sure that there were only 100 days in the year now - it does seem like it. The next missive will be in 2009, and we will be past the half way point of the indoor season.

This is always a quiet time of the year socially, and a lot of the club activity has been directed at organising the Presentation Dinner/Dance and the subsequent AGM. Before that, however we had another of Geoff's great lunches, which was attended by approximately 50 members and friends - these events are becoming more popular and I suggest that you keep in touch, and book your seats if you want to be there. The next one has yet to be finalised, but it has been suggested that we hold a Burns Supper on 24th January. Whilst on the subject of catering I'm sure that you will all be interested to know that the Club catering facilities have been awarded three stars by the Environmental Health authority of the HDC, which I am told is better than some more well known establishments - Perhaps we should go for a Michelin star next?

The Annual Diner/Dance was again well attended (about 100 were there) in spite of a late change of date and caterers - I must complement the college staff for the excellent meal and service. The evening went very smoothly and was a great success, due in no small part to Kevin's compere act ably supported by 'Captain Birdseye' and his sheepdog.

By the time that this is read by yourselves, changes will have taken place and Sue Rayson and a new Treasurer will be in post. We wish Sue a happy year and I am sure that she will be an excellent Representative of the club. As most of you know David resigns this year after some 14 years as Treasurer, and will be a hard act to follow. David has been treasurer during a period of substantial changes to the Club, and has guided our finances through two major developments to the premises; firstly the changing rooms and stores at the southern end of the building, and the more challenging project of the new kitchen and bar area. He leaves his post with the club in far better than when he started - Thank you David!

Finally keep in touch and make sure of your place at the Burns Supper! A joyous Christmas and a happy new year to you all.

**KIP**

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## Sawtry MotorCycle Club

This month everything is changing for the Sawtry Motor Cycle Club. For a start, Simon is having a break from writing this piece. Big changes are afoot for all aspects of the bike club, we've been going for nine years now and it's time for a critical look at ourselves ready to re-launch for our tenth year coming up.

By the time you read this the existing committee will have been summarily sacked at the AGM and a new committee put in place with the task of making the club a more open, friendly and accessible group of people who share an interest in all aspects of motorcycling, motorcycle ownership and motorcycle sport etc.

We will be organising more ride-outs that are suitable for most riding styles. These are happening already with regular gentle rides out to one day bike shows most Sunday afternoons that are happening all around the local area (50 mile radius). We'll still organise track days for those that want to push their skills to the limit in a safe environment, and have outings to the big racing events throughout the year. We will still organise trips like the Lake District long weekend, the Isle of Man TT 'week' and the Nurburgring that Simon wrote about in the last issue. We will still have our regular Christmas do, normally themed, and a summer BBQ even if we don't have a summer (again!).

We'll be meeting up with other clubs in the area for social visits. We'll even be putting the price of membership down to the price of a gallon of fuel too! What we need is for new members to get signed up and join in, new ideas, people who want to get involved and people who just want to get out and ride. All are equally welcome.

It doesn't matter what size or type of bike you have or what your level of experience is, everyone is welcome. Club members come from all walks of life from Local Government, maintenance, agriculture or engineering and have a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw from. Do you need to know about the new bike test, or perhaps the best chainlube, perhaps you want to know how to change suspension bushes – someone will be able to help.

We have members with cruisers, tourers, sports bikes, naked retro, commuters, customs and streetfighters – all sorts. With petrol being so expensive, now is a perfect time to either get back on a bike or even get on a bike for the first time. Bikes can do many more miles to a gallon than the most frugal of cars so it makes sense in these lean times and they are much more fun too of course!

There are more bikes in the village than ever before so if you have put off coming to see us at the Greystones on a Tuesday because you've heard about 'that lot in the local club' then come and see the new, revamped 'us', and judge for yourself.

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*Thanks for that Dunc, just a few words from me. By the time you are reading this we will have had our Xmas Do and hopefully there will be a few pictures on the website (<http://www.sawtrymcc.co.uk>). As Dunc mentioned 2009 will be our tenth year so we are hoping to do something to mark the occasion. Any suggestions? There has been talk of a return to Germany or even a blast down to Spain. Hopefully there will be a few trips out to some summer bike shows.*

*There are quite a few bikers in Sawtry and we'd like to see a few more of you on a Tuesday night. If you are thinking of taking up biking for pleasure or just to save a bit of money on the car tax and petrol bill then pop down for a chat. The club has contacts with the local bike shop and can usually get you a good deal, and we can recommend a good training school as well. That's all for now apart from wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas from all of us at the Sawtry Motor Cycle Club.*

**Simon S**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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