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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 2010



Come and join us for an afternoon
of **Christmas** craft activities,
celebration and **food**

For families of all ages
Children must be accompanied

On Sunday 5th December, from 4pm

At Sawtry Methodist Church, Green End Road

FREE

(But donations welcome)

For more information, please contact
Jean on 01487 830015 or Angela on 01487 830450

Sawtry Christmas

Everyone is welcome to
join in the village celebrations:

Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College
Fen Lane, Sawtry
Sunday 12th December
Starting at 3.00pm

Followed by refreshments



**Carols on
The Green/Greystones**

Monday 20th December
Starting at 6.30pm

You can read the Sawtry Eye on the internet at www.caresco.org.uk

LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Thursday 2nd December

8am - 2pm

Old School Hall, Green End Rd, SAWTRY - Stalls inside and outside
Local people producing goods using local ingredients who sell directly to you.



Cakes, eggs, flour, floral decorations, honey, meats, pies, plants, vegetables and more...

Café corner in Old School Hall, Mulled Wine, Hot Beef Rolls

Sawtry Parish Council 01487 831771



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at the CARESCO Centre

A warm welcome for coffee and a chat.

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Everyone Welcome



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Lunch Club

Cooking for one boring?

Microwave meals boring?

Eating alone boring?

Ladies and gentlemen you deserve better
You deserve a fresh wholesome home-cooked meal

We meet every Monday and Tuesday
at 10.30am to 1.30pm
at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

Come in for a chat and a two course meal including tea and coffee for only £3.70

For more information about
Lunch Club and its activities
Call Lyn at CARESCO on
01487 832105





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Welcome

Well there's no ignoring it any longer, the Christmas season is almost upon us. To help with your preparations there is the local produce market, ably organised by Sally, early in December for those special foods and some early presents. We also have details of various Christmas Bingos and other seasonal activities to get you in the mood. Don't forget the village carol service at the College which is always a lovely event and my personal favourite the carols singing on the Green (well Greystones anyway), which is when my Christmas really begins.

We've details of a new American Football group who now meet regularly and lots more from our regular sports clubs so there's no excuse for not getting any exercise this winter. We're so fortunate to have the District Council run Leisure Centre so close to hand, why wait until the New Year to start that new fitness regime?

I know one young man who is waiting hopefully for it to snow like it did last year so he can use his new sledge. If it does, don't forget to take some photos in readiness for the Sawtry Show 2011!

Happy Christmas from the Sawtry Eye team.

Liz Coates - Co-Editor

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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Autumn Term 2010
End of Term – 17 December

Spring Term 2011
Start of Term – 5 January
Half Term – 21 – 25 February
End of Term – 8 April

Summer Term 2011
Start of Term – 26 April
May Day 2 May
Half Term – 30 May – 3 June
End of Term – 22 July

Autumn Term 2011
Teacher Training Day 5 September
Start of Term - 6 September
Half Term from 24 - 28 October
End of Term - 16 December

Two training days have been selected
Monday 5 September 2011 & Tuesday 3 January 2012

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details. Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



Sawtry WI

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

2nd December 2010

Mrs Christine Clarke – Theatrical Make-up
Speaker is new to us but very good reports from other WI's

6th January 2011

Mrs Carole Lovell – 'Fleece & Fur!'
Another speaker who is new to us but very good reports from other WI's

3rd February 2011

David Shuttleworth – 'Quite frankly, I don't give a damn!'
Come and find out about what!!

Visitors & New Members Welcome

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

Secretary Ann Watson 01487 834035

President Margaret Geary 01487 832925

Registered Charity No. 229016

Sex Shop Licensing Hearing

A date for the all-day hearing has been set for:

Thursday 16th December

At the Burgess Hall, St Ives
Starting at 9am.

Residents are invited to attend.
If you would like to attend but need help with transport, please phone Keith Walters on 01487 830674



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)

13th & 27th December 2010
10th & 24th January 2011

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

6th & 20th December 2010
3rd & 17th January 2011

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
In Aid of the WI Hall

Bingo

10th Dec 2010 - Christmas Bingo
7th and 21st January 2011
4th and 18th February 2011
Eyes down 7.30

Coffee Mornings

Thursday, 20th January 2011
10.30am to 12 noon
£1.00 on the door
Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books/jigsaws

Soup & Pudding Lunch

Thursday, 17th February 2011
12 noon to 2pm
Tickets £3.50, available from Margaret Geary (832925)
Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books/jigsaws

Contact for events Ann Watson
01487 834035
Charity Number 229016

2010	Group	Details	Contact No	Page No
2 December	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	Front Page
5 December	Sawtry Methodist Church	Messy Church	01487 830015	Front Page
9 December	British Legion	Bingo	01487 831980	-
11 December	Sawtry Chorale/All Saints	Concert	01832 293385	16 & 21
11 December	FOSCC	Christmas Bingo	01487 830303	-
12 December	Sawtry Parish Council	Village Carol Service	01487 831771	Front Page
19 December	Sawtry Tang Soo Do	Christmas Championships	01487 830601	25
20 December	Sawtry Parish Council	Carols on the Green/Greystones	01487 831771	Front Page
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22 January	All Saints Church	Quiz Night	01487 830215	21
12 February	Sawtry Winemakers	Valentine's Dance	01487 830020	12
17 February	Sawtry WI	Soup & Pud Lunch	01487 832925	4
26 February	Sawtry Methodist Church	More Tea Vicar	01487 834375	-
28 February	Sawtry Fairtrade Group	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight	01487 830345	-
7 April	Feast Supper Committee	Bingo	01487 830571	7
5 June	Feast Committee	Feast Parade & Service	01487 831771	-
7 June	Feast Supper Committee	Annual Feast Supper	01487 830571	-
11 June	Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	01487 832410	9
17 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831332	9
21 October	CARESCO	Barn Dance	01487 832105	-

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

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

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

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

3rd & 17th December
7th & 21st January

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.

For more information call 01480 450250
or email FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk

PETERBOROUGH

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

Organised by Peterborough City Council.

For more information call 01733 452217
or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk

RAMSEY

Weekly on Sundays from 9am to 2pm June-October

For further information please contact
The Ramsey Town Centre Partnership:

Tel: 01487 813612 email: www.ramseyfarmersmarket.org

OUNDLE

Every 2nd Saturday from 9am to 2pm
Market Street

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council

Tel: 01832 272055, email: otc@lineone.net

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

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

Prize Bingo

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

3rd December

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

Contact Pat Ayres 01487 832503

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

from

TINY TOTS

Methodist Church,
Green End Road, Sawtry



Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday term time
9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

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

£1 per family, First visit FREE
Includes refreshments

Come along and make new friends
New members welcome

For more information call
Elaine 01487 830048
Eileen 01487 830020



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

You are invited to view

Saturdays

9.30 - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry

Traidcraft plc is a Fairtrade company who sell crafts, foods and papers from the Developing World.

No obligation

Held during weekly coffee morning, why not stop for a Fairtrade tea or coffee?

Contact - Liz on 01487 830345

Or visit www.traidcraftshop.co.uk



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 Rd
Between 7.30pm 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

BINGO

Feast Supper Bingo

Thursday 7th April 2011

At Sawtry Ex-Service Mens Club



7pm Doors Open

7.30pm Eyes Down

For more information
please contact 01487 830571

COME LINE DANCING

Learn to line dance, no partner required.



All ages welcome, come along and make new friends, enjoy yourself and keep fit at the same time.

We are a friendly sociable class, dancing to all types of music; country, pop, contemporary.

Held at Sawtry Community College, Fen Lane, Sawtry

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

Term Finishes 8 December 2010
New Term Starts 12 January 2011

7 – 7.30pm Beginners' Class
7.30 – 9.30pm – Improvers

£3.50 per session

Contact: Angela Foster – 01480 891283
Keith Geary – 01487 832925

Or email: johnangie.foster4@virgin.net

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Shared Tea

On 23rd January at 4pm

Christians Together in Sawtry have decided to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a sharing tea at 4pm in the Methodist Church Schoolroom.

Please bring along something for the tea table and enjoy a happy afternoon together with all your Christian friends from the village.

Christmas Cards



Available for sale from the
CARESCO Centre



Prices £2.50/£3.00 per pack

All proceeds will go towards the work of CARESCO



Letters ...

GWYNNETH CUSTANCE

We would like to thank everybody who attended the service at Sawtry Methodist Chapel on 26th October and the Reverend Pam Siddall who helped us celebrate the life of Gwynneth. Hugh would also like to thank all the family and friends for their cards and support.

A big thank you for the donations for the Pancreatic Cancer Fund and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Hugh Custance & Family

KEN CHAPMAN

Margaret, Deborah and family would like to thank everyone who attended Ken's funeral service and for all the support and cards sent to us at a very sad time. Thank you to Canon Malcolm Griffith for the help he gave arranging the funeral. Thank you also to Dr Williams and the nurses for the care they gave to Ken.

Judging by the amount of cars and people attending the service, Ken had an awful lot of friends.

Our thanks go to Mick Rayson, Geoff Osbourne and the ladies of Sawtry Bowling Club.

Thank you all for the donations in church for Thorpe Hall which amounted to £550. We have delivered it and received a big thank you. Thanking you all once again.

Margaret, Deborah & Family

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year I was unable to run the MacMillan Coffee Morning myself and Angela Newell kindly agreed to do it for me and what a great job she and the team did. My thanks Angela. A magnificent £358.80 was raised.

My thanks go to the Sawtry Bowls Club who ran a coffee morning and donated the profits for MacMillan this is much appreciated. My thanks also to the many who helped in any way, helping to make the coffee morning go with a bang. The cake makers all donated their cakes, many thanks for this too. My thanks also to the Sawtry Methodist Church who kindly let us have their hall for this event it is much appreciated. Last but not least a big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning for without you all we couldn't do any of it. THANK YOU.

Ann Martin

DISABLED PARKING

I would just like to raise the issue of disabled parking in the village. My wife is disabled and has great difficulty in walking any distance at all but she likes to keep her independence and pop to the Coop in the village for her shopping.

On numerous occasions a vehicle not entitled to be there has occupied the disabled parking slot. On several occasions she has raised the subject with the driver in question only to be met with foul language. On one occasion the local PCSO was involved and the driver had a home visit. No apology or fine. There is a £75 for illegally parking in a disabled parking bay.

Please could people be more courteous and respect the rights of the disabled drivers. Believe me, my wife would much rather be in good health and be able to walk to the shops.

Simon Sutton (Sawtry resident)

THANKS TO SAWTRY CLUB

We would like to say a very big Thank You to the Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club, the Entertainments Committee, Bar Staff and all the helpers for the wonderful afternoon they gave us on Sunday 14th November. It was great entertainment, a lovely tea and everyone enjoying themselves made it so special. Such a lot of work must have gone into making this such a special occasion. It is much appreciated.

Ann and Tony Martin

PICK UP A PENNY

Thank you to everyone involved in the recent promotion saving till receipts at Sawtry Co-op. We were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £583.12 which, when you think about it represents a lot of receipts. We are grateful both to customers for leaving their receipts and to the staff who had the unenviable task of counting them all.

Liz Coates - Manager, CARESCO

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Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

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TO ALL OUR NEARLY NEW CUSTOMERS

Many thanks for all your items over the last few months. They are really helping to make CARESCO a lot of money.

We are now inundated with items to sell and the rails are bursting so we have therefore decided that Friday 3rd December will be our last day for accepting items to sell for 2010. Items will be taken in and stored if need be but they will not be priced until we come back after the Christmas break.

This will give us a chance to sell as much as we can and have a good sort out ready for your items in the new year.

Please remember that we do only accept 5 or 6 items every week.

**Many thanks
Nicole, Gill and Clair**

SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2011

The Sawtry Carnival Committee met for the first time in October in preparation for next year's Carnival. Every year the event has got bigger and more varied and feedback has been getting better and better. This year we are looking at ensuring there are some free activities and entertainment for the youngsters that will be paid for from last year's proceeds because we all know money is tight and we'd like to keep the costs down for people attending in some way. Unfortunately we have lost some valuable and active members from the committee due to work and family commitments. So, new volunteers are desperately needed to help with the preparations or running the event on the day to make sure 2011 will be as successful as recent years.

Being on the committee isn't a huge pile of work but it's the new ideas, skills, knowledge and contacts that will help.

Good at selling? Anyone with any experience, enthusiasm or interest in selling can help by selling Grand Draw tickets or getting local shops to sell them for us. Fancy a challenge? How about liaising with local businesses to secure generous prizes for the draw or sponsorship for the event in the programme.

Volunteering can be just a couple of hours on the day making sure traders know where they are going, and visitors know where to park for example.

Good at organising? Keeping track of the site plan and allocation of space for clubs and stalls on the site takes some tact and a little firmness at times and if that's you then let us know.

The committee has agreed that there will be a Carnival next year but without new people becoming involved to help make it happen there is no guarantee that there will be one in 2012 and it would be such a shame if the Sawtry Carnival folded like the St. Neots and Huntingdon Carnivals already have.

On a cheerier note it would be great to have suggestions for a theme this year and if anyone has any ideas for events or activities please let us know by contacting Gillian on 01487 832410 or come along to the meeting in the new year on January 18th at the Old School Hall in the Study at 7pm.

Hope to see you there or to hear your ideas that will help make 2011 the best carnival yet.
The Sawtry Carnival Committee

SAWTRY SHOW 2011

The date for next year's show has been set for Saturday 17th September. Plenty of classes for all ages as usual, so this is the time to think about those art and craft projects over the winter evenings, and plan your fruit and vegetable growing for spring. Soon it will be time to buy Seville oranges for home made marmalade – try to keep one jar back for September!

The committee will meet on 17th March to finalise the classes and the schedule.

For any queries, comments, or suggestions, or to join the committee, call the Parish Office on 831771, or Babs Sullivan (Show Chairman) on 831332.

Sawtry Show 2010 – Camera Club Competition

The winner of the 'What is it? Where is it in Sawtry?' photograph competition organised by the Camera Club was Mrs Julie Hill of Windsor Road.

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Flu Vaccination – All patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease or asthma which requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who are pregnant and have not previously received the H1N1 vaccination
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our practice nurses.

Online Appointment Booking – We introduced an online appointment booking in May of this year. This method of booking a consultation with a GP is proving very popular and we would like to thank all of those patients who have taken the time to let us know how pleased they are with the introduction of this facility. If you are not already registered to use the online booking system, but would like to do so, please contact our reception team who will be able to provide you with your personal log in details.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLINE APPOINTMENTS NEED TO BE BOOKED VIA A DEDICATED WEBSITE, NOT THE SURGERY WEBSITE.

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Friday 24 th December	Open as usual
Saturday 25 th December	Closed
Sunday 26 th December	Closed
Monday 27 th December	Closed
Tuesday 28 th December	Closed
Wednesday 29 th December	Open as usual
Thursday 30 th December	Open as usual
Friday 31 st December	Open as usual
Saturday 1 st January	Closed
Sunday 2 nd January	Closed
Monday 3 rd January	Closed
Tuesday 4 th January	Open as usual

As per usual, at any time when the surgery is closed, emergency GP services will be provided by

Urgent Care Cambridgeshire – 03301 239131



Requests for repeat medication take two working days to process so please submit your requests in plenty of time to take account of the above opening hours.

On behalf of all the Partners and Staff at Wellside Surgery, we wish all of our patients and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

With Best Regards,

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

UPTON VILLAGE GARDENING CLUB

Someone must be smiling on us – we have a volunteer for the post of secretary; her name is Janet Tranter and she lives, with her husband, in Upton.

So now the Gardening Club is being restarted and the first meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th December at the Village Hall. This will be more of a social meeting and will give Janet the opportunity to meet the members.

The Hall has been booked for the normal 3rd Wednesday of each month and the first speaker will be our traditional favourite Geoff Hodges on the subject of 'Grow your own Food', a very apt subject in these difficult times. Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

KIP

For further details please contact Ian Plum on 01832 293599

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Storytimes

Our Storytime Sessions (aimed at children aged 18 months to 5 years) are now continuing on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 2.15 – 2.45. Please come along and join the fun.

Family Learning Day

During half term we held our family learning day on Wednesday 27th October. We had a theme of Halloween and nature activities which included making ghosts, creating Halloween pictures and making bats out of handprints some children using that idea also made spiders.

The nature activities were making frogs and flowers using CD's that were no longer needed.

We also had Amanda from the Wildlife Trust who made Bat masks with the children and she also brought along items of nature including a snakeskin and a preserved bat.

I would like thank everyone that supported this event, we had a total of 27 children attend and their parents and everyone seemed to have a really good time.

Thomas The Tank Engines Birthday.

To celebrate Thomas's 65th birthday we held a special storytime on Thursday 28th October. We had a selection of stories, sang rhymes and did an activity. The children and their parents also enjoyed a slice of birthday cake and again I would like thank everyone who came along and joined in the fun.

New to the library.

We now have a small collection of jigsaws you can borrow from the library free of charge.

Memory Wall

If anyone has any old photographs of Sawtry or of the Library when it first opened could we please photocopy them so we add them to our Memory Wall. This will be on display in the Library until the end of January 2011.

Christmas Opening Times For Cambridgeshire Libraries.

Sawtry Library will close at 7pm On Thursday 23rd December and will not reopen until Tuesday January 4th at 4pm.

Other Cambridgeshire Libraries will close at 1pm on Friday 24th December and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2011. Cambridge Central will be open between Christmas and New Year but will close at 5pm.

So come along to the library and make sure you have plenty of reading material.

Sawtry Library Opening Hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4.00 - 7.00
Wednesday	2.00 – 5.00
Thursday	4.00 - 7.00
Friday	2.00 - 5.00
Saturday	9.00 -12.00

To renew books: 0345 045 5225

To renew or request books www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

We the staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to Thank everyone for their continued support.

Pam, Manju and Debbie.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our readers & advertisers,
From everyone at the Sawtry Eye

NEWS FROM SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL

As I write this article for the Sawtry Eye, the autumn term is beginning to draw to a close here at Sawtry Junior School. We have a lot to look forward too, especially the Lower School Christmas Production. We would love to see you at our performances on 7th and 8th December, just contact the office for further details.

The staff have worked hard to make the curriculum more creative this term. Lower School have been following the theme of Faraway Places. The children began the theme with a beach party and will end the theme with a carnival to celebrate all the excellent work which they have been doing. Upper School have focussed on Castles. They began their theme by unearthing the ruins of a castle in the grounds of the school and will end the theme by creating a visitor centre and displaying all their work they have produced.

I wonder if you might be able to help us with next term's topics? We would love to hear from you if you have any experiences from World War 2, Lower School's theme, or Antarctica, the Upper School theme. Perhaps you were evacuated during the war, or even served in the war, or have some war-time memories? Have you been to Antarctica perhaps, or know anyone living out there – maybe a school you could put us in touch with? Please give us a phone call or email us.

We have been doing a bit of a clear out in the school and have several computer desks that we would be glad to give away to a good home! They aren't very old but we don't really need them any more as we use laptops round the school rather than desktops. Please contact the office if you feel you could make use of the desks, you would need to arrange collection. First come, first served!

Perhaps you might also be able to help me with one other thing. We have two vacancies for Community Governors. It would be really good if these vacancies could be filled. If you think you might be able to join our Governing Body then please get in touch with me, we'd love to hear from you. There is quite a big time commitment of roughly 20 hours a term attending meetings, reading papers, visiting school, attending training courses and writing reports. However, I think you would find it really rewarding and we would love more people from the Sawtry community to be involved in the work of the Junior School.

I realise that I am nearing the end of my second year here at Sawtry Junior School. I cannot believe how fast the time has flown. Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2011.

If you want to get in contact with us then we'd love to hear from you. Contact either office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk, head@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk or 01487 830204.

Steve West, Headteacher

SAWTRY WINEMAKER'S SOCIETY



Sawtry Winemakers wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our monthly meetings are held at the Old School Hall every third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to join us at any events listed below you will be made most welcome. Our new programme of events is out now!!

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| 15 th December | Christmas Social Evening |
| 19 th January | Wine Whist |
| 12 th February | Valentines Dinner Dance at Glatton Village Hall |
| 16 th February | Visiting speaker on local history |
| 16 th March | Social Evening (a 2 course meal cooked with wine) |
| 20 th April | Commercial Wine Tasting |
| 18 th May | Greyhound Racing and Meal |
| 15 th June | Treasure Hunt |

Contact Eileen on 01487 830020 if you would like any further information

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 The Flower Patch, Best Friends Vets, Coopers Garage and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Mr Racy for the work on the bonfire, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, also to the Sawtry Firemen for their attendance on the night and Dave Whiskey for music and public address services. Thanks also to Samuel Johnson and East Anglian Galvanising for making their car parks available for use 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.

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

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY & THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

How was Halloween for you – were you brave enough, when those masked pint-sized, black-clad, bag-waving ghostly-ghouls rang your doorbell – to answer the door? Or were you even braver and asked for a “trick” rather than giving a “treat”? Celebrating the change from autumn to winter Halloween has long been a time of superstition - a day when the dead could return and on the ancient holiday of Samhain Celts would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts!

Whilst not exactly at Halloween, the History Society had its own minor brush with the supernatural when just before our October meeting, the speaker called off his planned talk on “Sutton Hoo” to instead face a possible *Sudden “Boo!”* during one of the *Ghost Walks* he conducts around Peterborough - for his replacement that evening was ill! We will re-arrange Stuart's talk for sometime in 2011 but were lucky that Katie Davenport Mackay volunteered to give a talk on “Durobrivae” – the major Roman settlement at Water Newton.

The first English townships were very small but the strategic importance of the Roman fort at Water Newton, on Ermine Street, meant this quickly developed into a very large settlement during the 1st Century. As well as simple shops the town soon included a forum, baths, inns, and a temple, and developed industrial activities to supply the army's needs for clay pots, iron and bronze military items. Salt from the fens allowed soldiers to receive part of their pay in salt – the origin of our word “salary”. However by the 4th Century the Roman influence in the area diminished, Durobrivae declined and was eventually abandoned. However major archaeological finds that prove its size and importance, include a large amount of exquisite silver objects now known as the “Water Newton Hoard”.

Coincidentally our November talk also mentioned the Romans – sliding around on the Fens 2000 years ago wearing “bone” skates tied to their feet! Skating became really popular after the Dutch introduced metal skates in the 17th Century, possibly when they were helping to drain the Fens. The front of the skates were curled up to help them ride over the bumps and ridges on the flooded and frozen water meadows where most people skated. In the 18th Century racing became popular with William (“Turkey”) Smart and his family becoming National and International champions. In the 19th Century Fen skaters at Bluntisham invented a form of outdoor ice hockey, using a ball instead of a puck, and this sport, now known as “Bandy” is still played Internationally. Fen skating depends on thick strong ice, rarely seen nowadays, and Bob Burn-Murdoch's talk included images of skating during severe winters of the past. For instance the winter of 1891 when during 55 days of continuous frost the frozen river at St Ives supported a horse and cart during the skating festivities! Wish we had such cold winters? Brrrrh!

During December we are supporting the *BBC High Street Memory Wall* project in the Sawtry Library so take along your pictures and memories of our High Street – old or new – and become a part of local history!

In December we hope to visit the Ramsey Rural Museum, 20th January will be about the Victorian “Swing” riots in Huntingdonshire and 17th February will be a slide show on “Sawtry at War”. Meetings start at 7.30 in the WI Hall, Gidding Rd. All are welcome – non-members £1.50.

And a fascinating fact - China may have the world's most powerful computer. It is claimed to calculate at more than “2.5 petaflops” – and a “petaflop” is one thousand trillion calculations a second!

Allan Bamford, Sawtry History Society

Secretary - Marilyn Gautreaux – 01487 834551

TREE WARDEN REPORT

At the Junior School plans are afoot for planting a copse of native trees on the field, and fruit trees in the vegetable garden. The Garden Club has been busy planting daffodils, weeding flowerbeds and sowing seeds. The Eco School Club will be looking at the school grounds as part of their investigations into making the school as environmentally friendly as possible.

Beaumaris Road will see a new copse of trees planted partly by Huntingdonshire District Council, and myself with the Brownies. HDC have provided the Parish Council with two big sacks of daffodil bulbs to support Sawtry in Bloom, so these will be planted wherever is suitable, to brighten up the village in spring.

National Tree Week runs from 27 Nov to 5 Dec.

It is such a shame that somebody thought it was fun to break the Tulip Tree on the Green. One act of vandalism destroyed a tree which could have given pleasure and shelter to villagers for decades.

Janet Spencer 830527

Going Green

Christmas is such a time for excess it can be hard to put even a green tinge on it. With a young family and all the fun over the holiday, it's too easy to forget the environment. Here are some tips we've found useful in our house over the festivities:

- Make sure that your wrapping paper is really paper, preferably recycled, and when presents are all unwrapped put it into the recycling bin.
- Consider giving charity gifts to those who already have everything – Oxfam does a wide selection, as do many other charities – I gave my brother a toilet the other year! These can be brilliant for teachers' presents and saves them from a mountain of toiletries and chocolate. The money goes to do some good and stop some of those unwanted gifts.
- If you don't have anything on your present list, why not ask for a charity donation? If nothing else, it won't need endless dusting, won't make you fatter and won't run out of batteries by Boxing Day.
- Why not organise a communal Christmas card at work or your club? Get everyone to sign a large card to everyone else instead of sending individual cards & encourage them to make a donation to a charity of the money they have saved. If you do buy cards to send, make sure they come from a charity where possible and are printed on recycled card.
- Try not to over cater, people can only eat so much! It costs a lot of money and only gets wasted in the end.
- If you are giving someone a gadget that requires batteries, give some rechargeable ones as well. They can be used again & again.
- Don't forget you can now put all those empty glass bottles in with your other dry recycling.
- If we were braver & not so pathetic, we'd have one of our excess ducks for Christmas dinner. Hatched only a few yards from the front door, impressively low food 'miles'. Sadly I don't think anyone in our house would eat any if I could manage to do what's necessary to get it from running free in the garden to the oven!

In the end it's the old Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – use less in the first place, use it again where possible and recycle what can't be reused. Try and get your grey bin as empty as possible over the Christmas break!

Have a good, Green, one.

Eco Apprentice

LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Thursday 2nd December - 8am – 2pm

Old School Hall, Green End Rd, SAWTRY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

What kind of greeting are you going to put in your Christmas cards this year? "Happy Christmas", "Love from", "Seasons greetings", "Haven't seen you for ages", something amusing?

Christmas is about greetings: An angel appears to Mary and says "Peace be with you"; Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist is told "Don't be afraid"; Elizabeth says to Mary "You are most blessed among women"; Angels appear and sing "Glory to God in the highest".

Christmas is a time for renewing friendships, to greet those we have forgotten, a time for saying sorry for past hurts with some simple words of love.

Jesus said "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving". Why not make a special effort this Christmas to reach out and greet someone who is housebound or lonely?

God came down to this earth at the first Christmas to share his life with us. We respond every time we greet another person with love and concern. Let's do it!

A Peaceful and Happy Christmas

Canon Malcolm Griffith
Rector of Sawtry and Glatton



www.ssbpartnership.org

Having been established for 18 months the Sawtry and Stilton Business Partnership are looking forward to expanding their membership to include all types of trades.

They are pleased to have Safe Local Trades as a member which has a reputation for giving the public the possibility of choosing vetted businesses from its extensive list of professionals.

The aim of the SSBP is to bring the residents closer to their local trades. With many reputable business men and women working out of this area it follows that they should be able to reach their customers rather than lose out on work which may be given to traders from outside the towns.

6000 copies of the SSBP Local Directory were distributed to Sawtry, Stilton and surrounding villages during late summer plus the web site www.ssbpartnership.org has 24 /7 details of all members to view.

If you would like to find out more about how the SSBP could be of benefit to you please take a look at the site. Plus if you have a business locally do contact us and ask for details as to how you can become a member of our group and promote your service to your community.

To discuss any aspect please call Ralph Maloney on 01487 832683 or Dave Blackett on 01487 831852.

The SSBP striving for local commerce within the community.



DO YOU WANT FASTER BROADBAND WHERE YOU LIVE?

BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. Whether you're big on social networking, gaming or streaming video, with download speeds of up to 40Mb* your life will be transformed.

The Race to Infinity is giving people the chance to vote online for their area to become one of the first to enjoy fibre optic broadband.

The five areas which have the largest percentage of votes by 31st December 2010 will win the chance to bring fibre optic broadband to their area and BT will give a donation of computer equipment worth £5000 to a local community project.**

To vote for your area and help spread the word, visit: bt.com/racetoinfinity

Winning exchanges will be enabled by early 2012 subject to availability, survey, terms and conditions.

Exchanges need 1, 000 premises to be eligible to be one of the winning exchanges. One vote per address. Race ends midnight 31st December 2010.

*Top speeds affected by various factors including distance from the cabinet and internal wiring.

**£5000 of computer equipment will be given to a community project of BT's choice. Once winning exchanges are announced submissions from the local community will be called for and judged by BT.

SAWTRY CHORALE



Christmas is coming!

Rehearsals for the Christmas concerts are well under way. Shirley Allen, our Musical Director, has designed a varied programme of seasonal pieces, old and new, traditional and popular, to inspire and entertain in the weeks before Christmas. Come along and enjoy a musical evening sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. We look forward to singing for you.

Our Christmas concerts this year will be held at

- All Saints' Church, Sawtry at 7.30pm on Saturday 11th December. Tickets cost £5.
- All Saints' Church, Little Staughton at 8.00pm on Friday 17th December. Tickets £6 (£4 concessions).

Tickets for the Sawtry and Little Staughton concerts will be available in advance from the respective church or from members of the Chorale. Some tickets may also be available on the door.

We are also taking part in the Wood Green Animal Shelter Christmas Concert at 7.15pm on Thursday 9th December. Wood Green tickets can be purchased on-line (www.woodgreen.org.uk) or on the door.

Finally, we are looking to expand the tenor section of the choir. If you would like to sing tenor with Sawtry Chorale please come along to rehearsal to the Methodist Church Hall (next to the Methodist Church) in Green End Road, Sawtry at 7.45pm any Wednesday during term-time. You will be made very welcome. Alternatively, contact any member of the Chorale.

Hazel Rea - Publicity Officer, Sawtry Chorale

TORT HILL DISTRICT GUIDES & BROWNIES

As our 100 years of Guiding came to an end on 20th October a coach full of excited children set off for Parnwell in Peterborough for the closing ceremony. What a wonderful event with singing, a film show highlighting Guiding events that have taken place throughout the year and an X Factor singer, Nicole Lawrence who sang to an excited and enthusiastic audience. The evening ended with all the girls and their Guiders renewing their promise along with Guides, Brownies & Rainbows all over the country at the same time led by the Chief Guide. What a truly memorable evening for all who went and something to treasure for many years to come.

Before I give my news from the units I must apologise to the 4th Sawtry Brownies for calling them the 3rd Sawtry. We have two packs, 2nd & 4th and as you have guessed we did at one time have four packs. My apologies!

One Rainbows have been busy with lots of activities since I last reported. They have had a disco, gone ten-pin bowling, been to Activity World, Peterborough Museum and had a sleepover. During their weekly meetings they have raised money for the Haiti Appeal and Magpas, learnt new games and songs, worked towards badges and generally had lots of fun.

2nd Sawtry Brownies have welcomed seven new girls this term and have also forged links with Brownies from 1st Norton Brownies in North Yorkshire and have received their first pen pal letters. They have worked as a pack on Crime Prevention and Communication badges and did some excellent pumpkin craft. On 16th November 13 brownies turned up at Mellors Court to sing campfire songs to the residents and I know the evening was enjoyed by everyone. It was so nice to see the Brownies chatting to our older folk. Thank you girls.

4th Sawtry Brownies have not been idle. They have learnt how to do sign language for the deaf & enjoyed an evening of food tasting and games but with a difference. They were blindfolded to understand how difficult it is for a blind person to manage. They have been fundraising for their unit and had great fun on their fireworks evening with candles and marshmallows as refreshments.

Sawtry Guides' main outing was to Alton Towers. They arrived on the Saturday in pouring rain which continued for most of the day. The day ended with a campfire, a hot chocolate drink & marshmallows before crawling into their sleeping bags in their tents with lots of laughing and jokes. Sunday proved to be a lovely sunny day and all who went arrived home tired but having had a great weekend.

***That's all for this time
Wise Owl***



REPORT ON FAIRTRADE CONFERENCE

We had a very enjoyable day and must say how well we were looked after by the Fairtrade Foundation. It was a long day and sitting in a lecture room required great powers of concentration, especially after a marvellous lunch!

We listened to talks from Harriet Lamb Executive Dir. Fairtrade Foundation, Caroline Lucas MP, Andrew Ethuru, Producer Dir. Cafedirect, Alan Duncan MP Minister of State for International Development and George Alagiah (yes from the BBC) Chaired a panel discussion on 'What's unfair about the cotton industry and how we can change it?'. On the panel were Damien Sanfilippo, Global Product Manager for cotton, Fairtrade Labelling, Abi Petit, Founder of Gossypium (cotton products direct from the producer and sold in the UK), Ian Bretman, Vice-Chair of Fairtrade Labelling Organisation.

The Co-operative Group were represented by Brad Hill and Fairtrade Fortnight Awards were presented by him. We are very lucky to have this store in our village as they are the biggest grocery supporter by far.

Why cotton you may wonder? The Fairtrade Foundation is not a self-congratulatory organisation, boasting how wonderful they are to get more consumers of Fairtrade food and beverages. They are now looking ahead to the matter of Fairly Traded Cotton.

This is a massive undertaking on a worldwide scale. West African cotton producers are not able to trade fairly and are being overlooked by the US and European producers and buyers and the African farmers remain in poverty. More information on this campaign and film footage from the conference can be found on www.fairtrade.org.uk.

Sally and I met many people who have founded Fairtrade Campaign Groups in their towns, villages, community groups and even a wall (yes Hadrian's Wall) and like Sawtry have achieved Fairtrade Status. Sawtry achieved Fairtrade Status due to the hard work of a very few, probably not even enough to be collectively a campaign. We, therefore, should be thankful for this as it is not effortless and when you compare the lengths some groups have gone to, our village achievement was very efficient.

We have to work hard to keep Fairtrade Status and we will be supporting the 2011 campaign which is **'Show off your Label – Be Loud and Proud'**. Fairtrade Fortnight is 28 February to 13 March 2011. Watch out in the next Eye for details of the activity planned to support the Fairtrade Foundation.

And yes, there were free samples of chocolate and cocktails!

Amanda Burridge

Sawtry Community First Responder Group

Amazingly it has been 2 years since the Sawtry Community First Responder Group went live helping the ambulance service to treat 999 calls in our community. We want to take this opportunity to tell you what we have been up to and introduce you to your local group.

The group, which on launch in 2008 was part of Magpas, transferred on the 1st October 2010 to the NHS Ambulance Service with the other 41 groups in Cambridgeshire. We still offer the same level of care and service to you in the community, we just carry a slightly different name.

Since going live in November 2008 we have managed to date 4,099 of voluntary hours, treating all sorts of conditions from allergic reactions to cardiac arrests. We are always looking for volunteers to help provide more care for patients in our community. If you would like to volunteer and help save a life please contact us at sawtrycfr@hotmail.co.uk

It is through your support we have managed to raise the annual funds needed to keep our group running and helping to save lives throughout Sawtry and the surrounding villages. For this we would like to say a big thank you to you all for your help during the past 2 years with lots of fund raising including Green Day at the schools and this year's Casino night.

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Your First Responder Team

Jane Brown – I have been involved since the launch of our group and have found it an honour and a privilege to be able to give something so precious to the people in our community. I have met some lovely people and been able to help so many more. I run a small childcare business and I am also a fully qualified first aid trainer. I have lived in Sawtry since 1996. I am the First Responder Co-ordinator for Sawtry, so please feel free to stop me and ask any questions you may have about what we do.

Alan Millar – I have been living in Sawtry since 1982 and I work as a radio dispatcher and 999 call taker in the Police control room at the Police HQ in Huntingdon. I have been a member of the Community First Responder team for two years. I joined the team as I wanted to give something back to the community in which I had lived for many years.

Kelly Huntingdon – I became a First Responder in January 2010 and have also recently qualified as a Heartstart Instructor. I thoroughly enjoy my role as a First Responder and feel our commitment as a group within the local community is invaluable. I'm very keen to teach the general public the key Basic Life Saving skills and look forward to offering the free sessions.

FREE Course for you our community

We are offering you a chance to help save a life with a new initiative from the British Heart Foundation. Heart Start is a FREE training course, delivered by your CFR's showing you how you can help us make a difference to someone suffering a cardiac arrest. It is a Basic Life Support course which lasts 2 hours and is free to local businesses, local schools and members of the community.

If you would like more information or to book your free place please contact Jane Brown on 07885422257 or email : sawtryCFR@hotmail.co.uk

The dates and venues for community places are listed below:
 Wednesday 6th December 2010 – Sawtry Community College – 7.00-9.00
 Wednesday 15th December 2010 – Sawtry Community College – 7.30-9.30
 Wednesday 19th January 2010 – Sawtry Community College – 7.00-9.00
 Wednesday 26th January 2010 – Sawtry Community College – 7.00-9.00

Thank you to the Community College for the use of the college for our life saving sessions.

IN MEMORY OF GWYNNETH MARIE CUSTANCE 20TH APRIL 1922 - 13TH OCTOBER 2010

Gwynneth was born in Kettering on 20th April 1922, one of 3 children in a close family with Aunts and Uncles living nearby in the same terrace and all working in the clothing industry.

Gwynneth was very bright and passed to go to the grammar school but the uniform could not be afforded and like so many she missed the opportunity. She left school in 1936 aged 14 at the height of the depression. However, she found work with a local coal merchant and went to night school to gain qualifications in book-keeping, working on throughout the war.

It was at a dance at the "Dujon" in Bedford that Hugh Custance came on the scene in 1944. They married on 19th July 1947 the same year as the Queen. Their Golden Wedding three years ago was therefore extra special, as it included an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party, not to mention a party at the WI.

Marriage meant that Gwynneth must give up work and move to Warboys where Hugh was working on his Uncle George's farm. Three children: Paul, Stephen and Gillian, were born there at Rose Cottage and in 1955 they moved to Little Common Farm here in Sawtry. Her stipulation was that she would move only if there was an indoor bathroom. Son Phil arrived in those times. Gwynneth was an excellent cook and housekeeper, but hated needlework.

Gwynneth also played an important part in the development of education in Sawtry, to quote John Garner [Former teacher/head teacher]: "For 22 years from the mid 1960s to the mid 1980s, she was a manager, later called governor, of the Sawtry Primary Schools, 21 of those years as Chairman. Thus she was Chairman of the Primary School which remained from the All-age School after the Seniors transferred to the Village College, which opened in 1963. When the Infants then transferred to the new Infants School, which opened in 1972 leaving the Juniors in the old building, the governors became the managing body of both schools and Mrs Custance continued as Chairman. In 1982, the Juniors moved into the present premises; she served a further four to five years. Mrs Custance was a most gracious lady, who had the ability to move in any social situation without patronisation".

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The Custances had great community spirit. They were involved with the Young Farmers. They each in turn served on the Parish Council, first Hugh, then Gwynneth from 1970, and now Stephen is the present Chairman. Gwynneth was a keen WI member from back in her Warboys days and soon joined here in Sawtry driving up in her old Morris until it packed up completely and Hugh had to buy her a Hillman in self defence. She was soon on the WI committee and took on the Presidency, serving for as much as perhaps 25 years and nurturing it through a lean time, handing over and taking the Secretary's job when things improved. Ann Martin followed on as President and remembers her singing in the Federation Choir for years, although she could not read music. She also loved taking part in their amateur dramatics, such as the sketches at the New Year parties. All told, she was a member for over 60 years.

Another of Gwynneth's interests was bowling. Hugh and Gwynneth had been members at Yaxley and were among the founder members of Sawtry and District Bowls Club in 1975. Each in turn served a year term as elected President.

Gwynneth attended the Methodist chapel, becoming a regular helper when coffee mornings started in the 1980s, and serving also as a flower arranger. Her courage, cheerfulness and unwavering concern for others throughout her illness has been an inspiration to all who visited, and it was a real privilege to talk and pray with her during those final months and indeed a couple of days before she died.

John Garner describes Gwynneth as, "A contented lady, who took life as it came; a good and worthy pillar of the community, held in respect and great affection by all who knew her : a truly gracious lady."

This tribute is an edited version of the one given by Rev Pam Siddall at Gwynneth's funeral

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

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.

Carols on The Green/Greystones

Monday 20th December
Starting at 6.30pm

Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College
Sunday 12th December - 3.00pm

Sawtry Methodist Church

Green End Road, Sawtry, Tel 01480 819228

Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am / Sunday School at 10.30am

Special Services

MESSY CHURCH

5th December, 4 – 6pm - See front page for more information

ALL AGE WORSHIP

19th December – 10.30am - Led by the Youth Fellowship

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

19th December - 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am - United service at the Methodist Church

COVENANT SERVICE

9th January – 10.30am - Led by Rev Pam Siddall

ALL AGE WORSHIP

16th January – 10.30am - Led by Barbara Churms

UNITY TEA

23rd January – 4pm - Bring and share tea

Come and join us

Gift Weekend

October 2010

Thanks to all who donated to the Methodist Church's Gift Weekend. Gifts amounted to £985.00 to which will be added Gift Aid of £162.00 making a total of £1147.00 which is a really great help towards the £3,500.00 cost of the new fire alarm system.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30 – 11 am - including Cake Stall, All proceeds towards the building fund

Traidcraft goods also on sale

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday

Remembrancetide appears to have gone very well. There was a very good turnout for the Parade and church attendance. I am told that there were 114 children and over 200 adults in church for the service. I can tell you that the church collection amounted to £376-34, so thank you to all who attended and a big thank you to those that made a donation and to the church for dedicating it to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2010. The Branch, once again give their thanks to everyone who took part in the Parade and Service, in particular, for making it all run smoothly, i.e., the Parade Marshall RAF Squadron Warrant Officer Steve Poulton, the Scottish Piper Gary Kernaghan, the Bugler Aden Heron and the Reverend Malcolm Griffith and all of his assistants. Also, thank you to all of the young people's Associations with their Standards, i.e. Girl Guides, Brownies, Scouts, St John Ambulance, plus representatives from other services and clubs i.e., Fire Service, Women's Institute, Sawtry Cricket Club, St Benedict's Association, Sawtry Club and Parish Council. Also a thank you to the Sawtry Ex Service & Working Men's Club for putting on refreshments for after the Parade and entertainment in the afternoon.

We have carried out the count for the Remembrancetide Collection but I cannot give you a figure in this report as I still have to check and finalise the calculation for banking purposes but I will report that figure in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

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All Saints' Parish Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SUNDAY SERVICES

December	5 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Christingle Service
	12 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	19 th	10.30 am	Family Nativity
		6.00 pm	9 Lessons and Carols
	24 th	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion
January	25 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	United Service at Methodists
	26 th	10.30 am	A Christmas Reflection
	2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Family Worship
	9 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
16 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	
23 rd	10.30 am	Holy Communion	
30 th	10.30 am	"Thank you Service"	

SAS KIDS' CLUB

For all children aged 4 - 10 meets at 10.15 am at the Rectory on December 12th and January 9th 16th 23rd and 30th and also at Sawtry Infant School on Tuesdays 14th December and 11th January from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

SAWTRY SEEKERS

For Young People aged 11 plus, meet on Fridays November 26th and January 28th at 7.30 pm in Church.

SAWTRY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 11th December at 7.30 pm

Do come and hear an exciting collection of Christmas and other music from our favourite choir. Tickets £5.00 from Chorale members or ring the Rectory 830215. Light refreshments.

ALL SAINTS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22nd January at 7.00 pm

Pit your wits against Pete and Pat Ayres. Tickets available in January - contact the Rectory 830215.

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

Website: www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk

There is always a warm welcome at All Saints'

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Another big thank you goes to all of the commercial outlets for having Poppy collection boxes and in particular to all of the House to House and Static Collectors for their time and dedication in going out and offering Poppies for donations and sometimes having to put up with some quite unpleasant responses for their efforts.

I hope that I have covered everyone involved for their efforts at making this Remembrancetide very successful and Remembrance Sunday a very nice day.

Thank you everyone.

Allan Fowler

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Sawtry Branch of the Royal British Legion

St Nicholas Parish Church

Church Road, Glatton

SUNDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 2010

5th 11.00 am St Nicholas Day Service
 12th 9.00 am Holy Communion
 19th 4.00 pm Family Carol Service
 24th 11.00 pm Midnight Holy Communion
 26th No Service

JANUARY 2011

2nd 9.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 9th 9.00 am Holy Communion
 16th 9.00 am Holy Communion
 23rd 9.00 am Holy Communion
 30th 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Christmas Services at St Nicholas, Glatton

Friday 17th at 7.00 pm there will be Carol Singing around the village, starting at St Georges. This is in aid of Our Fathers House in Brazil our link charity.

Sunday 19th at 4.00 pm come and enjoy your favourite carols and readings by candlelight.

Friday 24th at 11.00 pm there will be Holy Communion to welcome in Christmas.

The New Year Lunch - This will be on **Sunday 9th January** at 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 are on sale. There will be a bar and a raffle. Proceeds will be towards church repairs.

Glatton Adventurers for 4 - 11s - Do join our Family Carol Service on December 19th at 4.00 pm. No other meetings in December or January. More details from Shirley Dewar – 831651.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith

Tel: 01487 830215 Email: rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Luke's

serving the Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough

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

St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry - (*Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry*)

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

Parish Priest: Fr. John Warrington

14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX

☎01733 370877; email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk; Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

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

Christmas Services

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 20th December - First Mass of Sunday, 6pm at St Luke's Church

*Sunday 21st 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

For further information please take a look at our Website at
www.saintlukesparish.org.uk and click on Parish News

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

CHILDREN REMINDED TO 'BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN' - IN ENGLAND

Now that the clocks have gone back, the THINK! road safety campaign is reminding parents and children to 'Be Bright, Be Seen'.

Children are being told to be extra careful on the roads in the winter months. And at the same time, drivers also need to take extra care and look out for children.

THINK! offers the following tips for parents to help keep children safe and visible on the roads:

- make sure you can be easily seen, especially at night, on dark days and in bad weather
- bright or fluorescent clothes show up best by day, even in dull or misty weather
- in the dark, reflective material is best and shows up in car headlights - remember fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark. You can put reflective tape on your coat or school bag to help you be seen by drivers
- it's against the law to cycle at night without a white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back, so make sure that your bike is properly equipped and working
- cross the road at the safest place possible e.g. zebra, pelican and patrolled crossings. Remember to use the Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen
- if you're out at night, choose routes that are well-lit by streetlights and cross the road at well-lit places if there is no pavement and you have to walk on the road, always face the oncoming traffic - this is particularly important in poor light or in the dark
- find out about 'walking buses' where children walk in groups and are more visible by contacting your child's school or your local council.

For more information about road safety for young road users, go to: www.direct.gov.uk.

INCAPACITY BENEFIT CLAIMS TO BE REASSESSED

The Government is gradually phasing out certain benefits you get if you are sick or disabled. If you're on one of these benefits, at some time over the next four years you will be called for reassessment to see if you are now capable of work.

You can expect to be called for a reassessment if you're currently on:

- Incapacity Benefit
- Income Support because of certain disabilities
- Severe Disablement Allowance.

The assessments will be carried out by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and will take place between October 2010 and March 2014.

After the assessment you may have to move to another benefit depending on your circumstances:

- if you are capable of work you will move onto Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- if you have limited capability for work and need financial help while you get ready to go back to work, you will move onto Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
- if you are severely disabled or terminally ill, you will not be expected to look for work and will move onto ESA
- if you look after children under 7, you may get Income Support
- if you are an older person, you may get Pension Credit but this will depend on your retirement age.

You will not be affected if:

- you're claiming Attendance Allowance (AA)
- you're already being paid ESA
- you reach state retirement age before March 2014.

If you already receive Disability Living Allowance (DLA), you will not be reassessed for this benefit.

For more information on how the assessment process will work and what to do if you do not agree with the decision the DWP makes, go to the DWP website at: www.dwp.gov.uk.

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



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

HUNGRY FOR WILDLIFE

Wednesday 8 December 2010

This talk will be given by George Cottam, who is the Chairman of our Local Group. George travelled to Hungary in 2008 as conservation volunteer and worked on the Aggtelek National Nature Reserve. He will give us a vivid account of his trip, highlighting the incredible variety of wildlife in this beautiful country. George tells us that Hungary has a vastly superior number of different species of wildlife than we have in Great Britain, despite it being only one third the size. He will also show us the challenges they are facing due to lack of funding and appreciation.

All meetings start at 7.30pm

At Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809 or email georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com

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

Welcome Home from Hospital and Help at Home (Part of Care Network Cambridgeshire)

Being discharged from hospital can be a difficult time for some people. After having 24 hour care and all your meals provided it may be a shock going back to what could be a cold house with no food in the fridge. People who have been admitted in an emergency will often find the house just as they left it weeks ago, with food left out and washing up in the sink.

Welcome Home from Hospital (WHfH) has been set up to help people who find themselves in this situation without friends or family to pop in to see if they are ok. Welcome Home is part of Care Network Cambridgeshire (a registered charity) and provides CRB checked and trained volunteers to help patients discharged from hospital who need short term practical and emotional support to settle back home. Hilary Johnys, Senior Coordinator said, *'This is a free service where volunteers help people being discharged from hospital in a variety of ways, by shopping, light housework, calling in to check that they are OK or maybe helping to relieve isolation by sitting and having a chat.'*

'WHfH now covers the whole of Cambridgeshire and we need volunteers in all areas but particularly those, who live in (or are willing to travel to) Cambridge City, Huntingdon, St Neots and surrounding villages, Kimbolton, March and Wisbech.'

If you would like to volunteer or refer someone to the service, please call:

01354 694413 for South and East Cambs and Cambridge City, or 01354 694413 for Hunts and Fens.

And there's Help at Home!

Sometimes older, disabled or vulnerable people find it difficult or even dangerous to do small practical tasks around the home. Or need some help to remain at home when they become unwell. Volunteers at Help at Home offer this kind of assistance for those who might need it short term with things like: Changing a light bulb; Cutting an overgrown hedge back; Collecting a prescription; Shopping (short term); Help to fill in a form.

These are just some examples of the kind of help provided by Help at Home for a small donation to the service. As in the Welcome Home service all volunteers are police checked and trained and carry an identification badge.

This service currently covers Ely but is expanding into surrounding areas. We are looking for volunteers who may wish to help.

***If you would like help or are interested in volunteering
please call Jacquie Schaerer on 01353 772169***

SHUTTING THE DOOR ON BOGUS PRIZE DRAWS

At this time of year more than any other we are probably all receiving junk mail through the post, most of which probably goes straight in the recycling bin, but when money is at its tightest, it can be easy to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the post.

Well, the cost of this temptation can be seen in figures from the Office of Fair Trading which tell us that each year, UK residents are paying £350 million to bogus prize draws, foreign lotteries and clairvoyant scams.

Furthermore, replying to just one of these letters will mean your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you too, meaning that you become inundated with letters every day.

The simple message from Trading Standards is 'don't respond to them'. Our advice is to register with the Mailing Preference Service which is a free service and should significantly reduce the amount of marketing mailing you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599 (local call rate), you can register online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or you can write to:

*Mailing Preference Service,
Freepost 29 LON20771,
London W1E 0ZT*

This may not cut out all the scam mailings, but it will help.

If you do receive a scam mailing, you can report it online at www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/reportascam.

If you are tempted by prize draws because you are struggling financially, speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureaux who can provide you with free, impartial financial advice. Amongst other things, they will check you are receiving all the financial entitlements that are available to you. The telephone number of Huntingdon Citizens Advice Bureau is 01480 388900.

Furthermore, many of the scams we come across have affected older residents, most of whom experience loneliness. If you are over 60 and could do with having someone visit you for a chat on a regular basis, or perhaps you know someone who would benefit from this, then Age UK (Age Concern and Help the Aged combined) may be able to help you. They offer a visiting scheme for residents in the Huntingdonshire area, and you can ring to find out more on 01480 407680.

And finally, at Trading Standards we are here to provide you with advice and support with regards to scams that are affecting you. Simply contact our partner organisation, Consumer Direct, on 0845 4040506.



KARATE AND KICKBOXING

Part of the Dragon Black Belt Academy International and The European Tang Soo Do Federation

FREE! Beginners classes in 2010

New Instructors - Kate Malyon

World Championships - International World Games Estonia February 2011

Championships 2010 - Christmas Championships 19th December Sawtry Leisure Centre 10.30am start (Now full)

Videos and Photos for you to see - Add me "**Mark Adlington**" as a friend on **Facebook** and see videos, pictures and information in the "Notes" section.

Class Vacancies - Tuesdays Tang Soo Do Karate/Kickboxing 6 - 7pm - Sawtry Leisure Centre - We can squeeze in one or two new students then we are full!

Sundays Tang Soo Do Karate/Kickboxing and Haedong Kumdo 10.30 - 11.30am Sawtry Leisure Centre - lots of spaces

Recent Promotions - Andy Schaetz 2nd Dan Kickboxing - Germany

Events and local seminars - Sunday 5th December "Power" seminar. How to increase speed and power for defensive striking

Instructor Grandmaster Mark Adlington UK representative for IKA, UGTSDA & UWHKF
8th Dan Ki Do, 6th Dan Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan Haedong kumdo, 5th Dan Kickboxing
Phone 01487 830601 - tangsoodo@btinternet.com - **Text 07768472384**



Sawtry MotorCycle Club

Not much news on the biking front due to the time of year. The Tuesday night meetings at the Greystones are still popular but now in the guise of the "Sawtry Drinking Club". This is the usual transformation that happens every year but always proves a hard one to reverse come the spring. We are already thinking ahead for the ride outs next year. We aim to carry on with our riverside pub theme and by that I don't mean the Hartford Marina every week. If any of you club members have any ideas of a decent Tuesday ride out then let us know and we can get it organised.

Talking of ideas, we are holding our club AGM on January 11th at the Greystones. Club members and potential club members are all invited to attend. Plans are in place for taking subscriptions on the night for which you will be rewarded with a FREE club T-shirt. We are hoping for a good turn out as the club has just become affiliated with MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), more on that later.

At a recent committee meeting it was decided to hold three organised Sunday ride out trips over the 2011 summer period. They will be announced as soon as possible in order to give club members plenty of time to organise themselves and book diary dates. One trip already suggested would be the Street Fighters day at the Ace Café. Other suggestions for trips are always welcome.

We missed out on a club summer venture this year. A combination of factors such as people changing jobs, shift working patterns and the increase in the cost of everything meant that the Club Holiday 2010 just never happened. Next year must be different. We did manage to get ten people away camping at the BMF Tail End Rally up in Lincoln this year and we all had a great time (and a big thank you to those who attended). Hopefully a long weekend away in Wales or possibly a jaunt across (or under) the Channel to France could be on the cards for next year.

Now back to the MAG affiliation that I mentioned earlier. Our club had been affiliated to the BMF (British Motorcyclists Federation) for a number of years and we, as a club, had become disillusioned with some of their ideas. We have now become part of MAG with a view to support them and try to increase our own club membership. There are some 200 MAG groups across the UK which should open up new places to visit. Below is an extract from their website (www.mag-uk.org):

- *"The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG), is a volunteer led riders' rights organisation with a local and regional branch structure, that has been building in strength and diversity since it began in 1973.*
- *MAG is the representative voice of riders in Local and National government and passionately defends all that is good about biking. Membership is drawn from across the whole spectrum of motorcycling.*
- *Whatever you ride MAG has something for you.*
- *MAG campaigns to protect and promote motorcycling and the interests and rights of all riders, from learner to advanced. We celebrate biking and the freedoms and independence it provides, through our support of parties and rallies, sport and competition, touring and travel.*
- *MAG can, and does make a difference. We work directly with politicians and civil servants, but still employ other forms of direct action if necessary to ensure the rider's voice is heard.*
- *Since our humble beginnings nearly 40 years ago, we have matured significantly and are respected for our responsible, objective, informed contributions, which enrich the political debate."*

Well all that's left is to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a cracking New Year. Don't forget we'd be delighted to see any new or potentially new club members at the Greystones on any Tuesday. We're always there to help with choices of bike, where to get local training and all sorts of bike related topics. Oh, and we do like a beer or two....

Until next time.

• **Simon**

SAWTRY LADIES' HOCKEY

We are now well and truly into the 2010/2011 hockey season. This year Sawtry Ladies have been faced with our toughest opposition to date, and so far we are holding our heads high.

We have had 9 matches since our last write up, seven League games, one Cup game and one friendly. We have had a mixed set of results, but this appears to be the same across all teams in our league this season. Therefore it is all still to play for.

The season started with a succession of three wins in a row. This year we meet St Ives 2nds in both the cup and the league, making our meetings quite regular. There is always a sense of rivalry between us, especially as last season they just had the edge on us. However the tables have turned and in both matches we won 3-1. The supporters assured us that the league match was fantastic to watch. Player of the match was deservedly given to our goalie Karen Whately. She made three most amazing saves in the space of 15 seconds. The St Ives forward line got particularly annoyed as they just could not find her week spot. The third win was against Market Deeping 1sts. The final score was 3-0.

These three wins were followed by three losses against Cambridge City 3rds, Spalding 1sts and Cambridge University 3rds. For two of these matches Lottie Paul took home the title of Player of the match, Lottie has become an extremely strong defender who regularly gravitates towards our attacking goal to take a strike, and is currently the only defender in the team to have scored a goal this season.

St Neots kindly put out a team of their mixed 2nd and 3rds players so that we could have a friendly match on one of our slip dates. Friendly's are always a great opportunity for us to try out new set pieces and introduce new players into matches. We played fantastically and won 6-2. Our last win was to Huntingdon 1st, where the final score was 2-0. One of these goals was scored by our Captain Kerry Graham and was a great shot on goal. This result has meant that so far in the season we are unbeaten at home matches.

Our most recent game was against Cambridge South 2nds. We were unfortunate to lose 2-0, but this result does not reflect the way that we played. The team pulled together and kept fighting till the final whistle, we just were not able to find the back board of the goal.

So far we are all enjoying the season and are putting our all into it. The great thing about the team is that no matter what the score is, we play our best and keep fighting till the very end of the match.

It has been great to see some new players join the squad for both training and matches. They are settling in well and will definitely be a good asset for the club. It's even better as some live in Sawtry itself, as at one point the club had no players who actually lived in Sawtry! As a one team club we are finding it extremely hard to find umpires for our matches, and currently it is becoming a real issue each week. If you know of anyone who is an umpire or who would be interested in training, please contact us as we would love to hear from you.

As a team we are always happy to welcome new players. We train on Thursday evenings from 8-9pm, on the astro turf at Bushfields Sports Centre in Orton, Peterborough, and we play matches on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining us call Kerry on 07960 003674.

As a team we would like to thank our loyal supporters, who turn out to cheer us on, come rain or shine. It wouldn't be the same without you. We will look forward to our Christmas celebrations with you all.

To everyone who supports the club and reads this piece have a fabulous Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Sawtry Ladies Hockey Club

SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We have had a good start to the 2010/2011 season, with our A team currently in the top half of the Peterborough league division 1. After a tough start our B team are also doing well.

Did you play competitively years ago and would like to take up the sport again? We are always looking for new players at any level. Please give me a call or send an email if you are interested.

Peter Blundell – 01487 831374
peterblundell51@hotmail.com

AMERICAN FOOTBALL WEEKLY

Find us on facebook by searching 'American Football Weekly'. Click 'join group'. It is completely free. You can check out pictures and videos of previous 'Game-days'.

Some of you may be aware of a group of people playing a strange looking sport on St. Judith's Field every Sunday. Well to those of you who have seen us and aren't familiar with the sport, it is American Football. We play a form of the game that we like to call 'Two hand touch tackling' American Football.

We would like to invite anyone who reads this to come down and enjoy the social aspect of the sport as well as learn new skills, increase fitness levels, and work in a team environment.

We welcome newcomers and experienced players, and people of all sizes to come and join in. Currently we have a couple female players and the rest are guys. We recommend ages 14 and up, but if you have a child that would be interested, please contact me and I will see about trying to increase the interest for a youth 'Gameday' event.

We are a friendly bunch of people that love to play American Football, just without the pads and all the hard hitting. You should come down and see what it's all about and join in if you like. It is completely FREE and it is FUN.

You need to wear:

- Football boots (for traction in the mud).
- Shorts or Tracksuit bottoms.
- Any shirt/jumper/jersey.

I provide:

- Cones to mark out the pitch and use as down markers.
- Tape measure to measure the pitch.
- Bibs to show different teams.
- Towels to dry the American Footballs.
- And of course... American Footballs.

Usual start time every Sunday is around 10am or 11am, and we play for 3 hours or so including a warm up. Please join our facebook group or text/call 07725 908 356 to check on start times week to week, and to make us aware of your attendance. We will not be playing on the 26th December or 2nd January. Other than that, assume we are playing, but be sure to check the start time.

We all look forward to seeing you at St. Judith's Field for some 'Two hand touch tackling' American Football.

Darius McDonald

SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

We are just coming into the season of change! It seems that next year all our league teams will be performing under new captains, as I understand that none of the current ones are putting themselves forward for the positions; however it will all be decided at our AGM at the end of November – this is the one time in the year that you can really influence the management of the Club. Unfortunately you will not be reading this article until after the event, so I hope that you all attended and expressed your views! If you haven't told us, we cannot do anything about it.

As you probably know, we have lost two of the original members of the Club, Ken Chapman and Gwyneth Custance – both sadly passed away since the last Eye. Ken has represented Club and County at the highest level and was still a very active member of the league teams; Gwyneth has been a great supporter of the Club over her many years as a member and was also a very prominent member of the Ladies' teams in the past, and was a Life Member of the Club. Both will be very much missed.

To more cheerful things; have you booked your seats for the Christmas Lunch in December and/or the Burns Night Dinner in January? If not, you had better do it quickly as places are limited and going fast.

On the social front – the Race Night was its usual roaring success although numbers were slightly down. Falling numbers seem to be a symptom of several social events – a bit more support would be welcome. Remember it is the income from these events that enables all the improvements to be carried out in the Clubhouse and surroundings.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and great bowling for 2011

KIP

For more information please contact Mick Rayson on 01487 830720