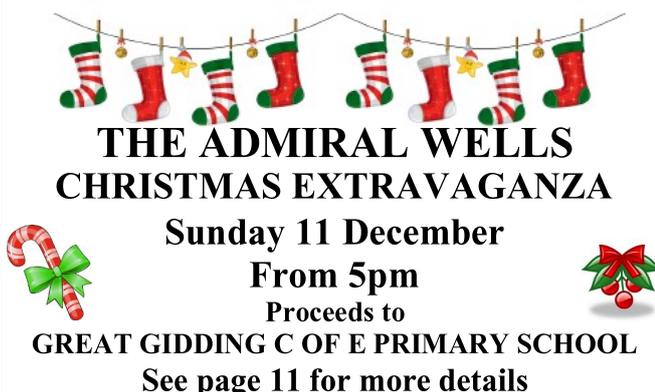




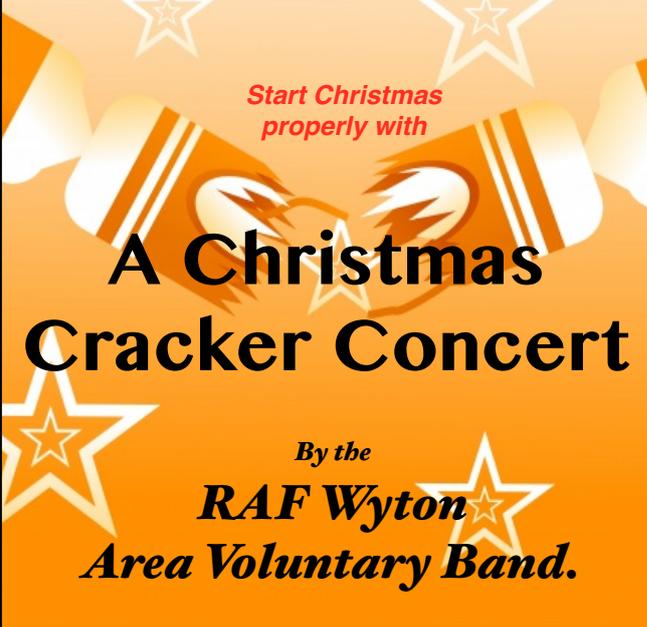
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*To all our readers, contributors & advertisers
 From everyone at the Sawtry Eye
 Thank you for your support throughout 2016*



**THE ADMIRAL WELLS
 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**
 Sunday 11 December
 From 5pm
 Proceeds to
GREAT GIDDING C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
 See page 11 for more details



Start Christmas properly with
A Christmas Cracker Concert
By the
RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band.

Sawtry Village Academy
 Fen Lane, Sawtry PE28 5TQ
Saturday December 17, 2016
 Doors open 7pm, concert starts 7.30pm
 Raffle, tea/coffee and mincepies to buy.
IN AID OF CARESCO

Ticket.... £11 (under 16's £5) includes a Christmas gift from Father Christmas! All ages welcome. Get your tickets from CARESCO office or by phone to CARESCO on 01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk



The Sawtry Small Business Partnership & The Sawtry Youth Project
 Proudly present the annual
Sawtry Xmas Fayre

11am-3pm Saturday 3rd Dec
Sawtry Village Academy

Santa's Grotto, Turkey Raffle, BBQ, Xmas stalls,
 Face Painting, Remote Control Car Racing & more

Free Entry

**Raising money for CARESCO
 & Sawtry Youth Project**



Sawtry Chorale Presents
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
All Saints Church, SAWTRY
Friday 2 December at 7.30pm
See page 10 for more details

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



Make A Date

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19 December	Sawtry Parish Council & Sawtry Churches Together	Sawtry Carol Singing	01487 831771	9
2017	Group	Details	Contact No	Page
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11 February	Sawtry Winemakers	Dinner Dance	01487 830020	9
10 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	07799 062276	13



ADVERTISE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT HERE



If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk 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, please 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.





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Welcome

Do you like our colour front cover? At the CARESCO Printshop, where the Sawtry Eye is printed, we are excited to have a new printer that can do colour printing. Look out for developments in the future. We will not be going all colour or glossy just yet, and our editorial content will remain the same. But watch this space as we enter a new era for the Eye!

There's no denying it anymore, Christmas is coming! This issue is full of details of local seasonal events and celebrations to help you to get in the mood. Make a note of the dates and don't miss out on the fun and games.

2017 will be with us before we know it, so why not make your New Year's resolution to be to join a new club or take up a new hobby. There are plenty to choose from, and you will get a warm welcome. If no one is already doing your chosen activity, then why not start up a new group and let us know the details so we can tell other people about what you have planned?

From the Sawtry Eye team, have a good one.

Liz - Co-Editor



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Don't forget - during weeks containing a bank holiday, collection days will change from the usual

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Autumn Term 2016

End of Term - 20 December

Spring Term 2017

Start of Term - 4 January

Half term, 13 to 17 February

End of Term - 31 March

Summer Term 2017

Start of Term - 18 April

Half term, 29 May to 2 June

End of Term - 21 July

Autumn Term 2017

Start of Term 4 September

Half term: 23 to 27 October

End of Term 19 December

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

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry and the surrounding villages 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**

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

5 & 19 December

2 & 16 January

GARDEN WASTE & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

12 December

2, 9 & 23 January

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 1st Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS (Wheelchair Access)

Charity Number 229016

1 December

Chocoholics - Cheryl Jakes
(No competition)



5 January

"Colours" - Mary Blackhurst Hill

Competition - An unusual object beginning with the letter S

2 February

"A man paid to talk to himself" - Chris Bylett

Competition - An unusual object beginning with the letter A

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

Regular features include:
Bring & Buy, Books, Raffle and Refreshments

President Roz Rowland 01487 831793

Correspondence Secretary Rosemary Jubb 01487 830243

SAWTRY WINEMAKERS



You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings which take place on the third Wednesday in the month at The Old School Hall, Green End Rd

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 21 December
Christmas Social and Quiz

Saturday 11 February
Dinner Dance
at The Old School Hall

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

For more information call Eileen 01487 830020

**For Issue No: 126
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**Advertisements by
12 Noon on 13 January
News Items by
12 Noon on 20 January**

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1 Issue - £22
6 Issues - £110
Monthly SO - £11

For more information and prices
for colour, call in or phone
9.00am - 12 Noon
Monday - Friday

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sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk

**The CARESCO
Pens
are back!**

£1.00 each

**** Popular chunky style ****
**** Black ink ****

**Available from
the CARESCO
Centre**



**COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING
TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Commercial advertisements can be submitted by email to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk (preferred option), on a disk or as a paper copy delivered to the CARESCO Centre
- A final simple layout can be produced by our in-house graphic designer (possibly at extra cost)
- High contrast line art is usually better than photos
- Remember to include your name & full contact details
- Make your instructions clear
- Payment with advertisement please, call us to discuss options
- We can accept payment by BACS, cash or cheque (made payable to 'CARESCO')
- Sorry, we cannot take card payments
- CARESCO cannot accept any responsibility for business lost due to any error in production
- Our editorial policy is available on request
- Additional information, rates and deadlines along with our editorial policy are all available from our website by following the links to the Sawtry Eye pages

www.caresco.org.uk

AND NOW IN COLOUR!

The CARESCO Printshop is proud to announce that after 30 years of service in black and white, we now have the technology for printing in colour.

As you can see from the front cover, our new printer produces a clearer and better image as well as being capable of reproducing colour images. We hope you enjoy the changes over the coming months.

If you are an advertiser, we will be contacting you soon with details and prices for you to consider. These will also be available on request from the CARESCO office shortly.

In the meantime, thank you to the hundreds of people who over the past 30 years have offered their time as volunteers in the Printshop, walking miles to collate your Sawtry Eyes.



VOLUNTEERING VACANCIES

**Befriending can be as easy as having a chat.
Could you be a volunteer befriender?**

We are looking for reliable, caring individuals who enjoy company and having a friendly chat. If you'd like to make good use of an hour or so once a week then befriending could be just the thing for you. Having a befriender can provide a valuable link to the outside world for an older person who may benefit from seeing a regular friendly face.

We all need friendship. Knowing that someone cares and makes time for us lifts our spirits and makes our lives better.

**To find out more, call Miranda on 07751 798287
Or email volunteer@caresco.org.uk
The CARESCO office is also open between 9am—12pm
weekdays 01487 832105**



Forthcoming Event in aid of CARESCO

Featuring RAF Wyton Voluntary Band

Saturday 17th December
At Sawtry Village Academy



Festive Facts

★ Although now mostly vegetarian, in Victorian times, mince pies were made with beef and spices.



Below are details of some of the activities run by CARESCO, the Sawtry-based charity behind this magazine.



For more details about our services, please visit our website or contact the CARESCO Centre
www.caresco.org.uk

What is CARESCO?

We are a small Sawtry-based charity working to meet needs within our local community. We run a range of different activities, some of which are detailed here, with the help of a large number of volunteers. You can find us at:

The CARESCO Centre
 (Behind the Old School Hall)
 Off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX
 Tel 01487 832105
 or email office@caresco.org.uk

Vintage Club

because life gets better with age

Wednesdays & Thursdays
 9.30am - 2.30pm

We aim to bring together older members of our community for a regular day of friendship, food and fun. The team are able to offer a basic level of care in a safe environment where people can find company, activity and assistance where needed.

Group activities include:
 crafts, quizzes, bingo, raffles,
 outside entertainment and luncheon outings.

Cost: £6.50 per session,
 includes cooked lunch, refreshments and transport
 (depending on circumstances).

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

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



Refreshments included

Forthcoming dates:

9 December - change of venue, ask for details
(No meeting on 23 Dec), 13 & 27 January

There is a charge of £2.00 to help cover costs

SAWTRY CAR SCHEME

Volunteer drivers offer door-to-door transport for people in the community who do not have their own car and cannot access public transport.

Journeys cost 45p per mile (£2.00 min charge)

Trips can be for shopping, to hospital,
 or for some social occasions

For more information
contact the co-ordinator on 07810 476979

Coffee Shop

Is open every Friday

9.00 - 11.30am

(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

*Come and meet friends for
 a warm welcome
 tea/coffee, homemade cake and a chat*

CARESCO PRINTSHOP

Mondays to Fridays

9am - 12 noon

We provide a simple printing service to local community groups for their newsletters & programmes.

The Sawtry Eye is our main regular work, alongside which we also print magazines for other villages as well as annual reports and regular newsletters for local groups.

Could we also meet the printing requirements of your group?

Contact us with your requirements and ask for a quote.

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry

01487 208026

Mondays to Fridays	9am - 4.30pm
Saturdays	9am - 12.30pm
Sundays	Closed

Find yourselves a bargain while supporting our services.

Donations of good quality, suitable clean items always welcome, but please stagger large quantities as storage is limited.

All proceeds support CARESCO activities

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

10.30AM - 1.30PM

Club members meet for conversation and to share a two-course meal cooked fresh on the day, the more active enjoy helping with small tasks.

Couples are welcome

Transport can be provided within Sawtry but if you live outside of the village and would like to attend, Sawtry Car Scheme may be able to help.

Cost: £4.20 per session plus transport if required.

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

2 & 16 December

**** 5th Saturday Special - 24 December ****

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

**For more information call 01480 388388
or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets**

PETERBOROUGH

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

Organised by Peterborough City Council.
**For more information call 01733 452217
or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk**

OUNDLE

Every 2nd **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm
Market Street

**For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council
Call 01832 272055, or 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.

Festive Facts

- ★ Robins on cards were a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics and were named after them



SAWTRY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLUB

Term time:

Meet Wednesday Evenings
Sawtry Village Academy
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

Beginners Class

7 - 8pm ~ £3.50 per class

Improvers / Intermediates

8 - 9.30pm ~ £4.50 per class

Learn to line dance, no partner required and all ages welcome. We are a friendly class that dances to all types of modern and traditional music.

Contact Julie:
jcgillmore@sky.com
07939 070406

www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk



Line Dancing

TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday
(term time only)

9.30 – 11.00am

£1.50 per family, First visit FREE

Free tea and coffee for adults

Come along and make new friends

New members welcome

**For more information
call:**

Miranda 07704 643196

or Amie 07824 163656



Saturday

Saturday 21 January

4:30 – 6:30pm

**All Saints' Church
Church Causeway, Sawtry**

Crafts for all ages

**Celebrate with
bible story and songs**

Share a meal together

**For more information see
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk
or contact the Rectory**

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturday 10 December

10.00 till 11.30am



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

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church

**For more information
please contact :**

Sue Fowler 01832 293215



SAWTRY WI

In Aid of the WI Hall, Gidding Rd, PE28 5TS

BINGO

9 December

13 & 27 January

10 & 24 February

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

Contact for events

Rosemary Jubb 01487 831793

Charity Number 229016



CLARMA'S CHALLENGE

Cyclone Armageddon

Sunday 15 January

Starting 10am

At One Leisure, Sawtry

An instructor will be the on hand to assist and motivate you!

£5 entry fee

All proceeds from entries and sponsorship will go to help purchase outdoor gym equipment for Sawtry

Entry forms available from One Leisure and Sawtry Parish Council Office

Contact 01487 831771 for more details



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Club, Gidding Road

Prize Bingo

Thursday 8 December

Eyes down 7.30pm

All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch, Royal British Legion

For more information, call 01487 834338



WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month
7.30 until 9.30pm

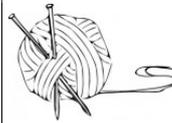
At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road

Everyone will receive a warm welcome young or old, male or female beginners or experienced we learn from each other

For more information please contact
01487 830186 or 01487 832602

Sawtry Eye Dec 16 - Jan 17

Craft Buddies



Do you love to knit or crochet or sew? Or would you like to learn?

We're a small friendly group of people who love to welcome new members.

Meet new friends, learn new skills, and share your experience and knowledge. Bring along your projects or just come to chat.

No charge to attend, drinks including tea and coffee available to buy at the bar.

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday

At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Just turn up or for more info contact
Carolyn on 01487 832682

or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk

SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

Come along and see if you would like to join us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Sawtry Club on Gidding Road at 7:30pm.



We are affiliated with the RHS which gives us access to free garden advice and a group visit every year to one of their gardens. Join the Sawtry Gardening Club for £5.00 a year.

For more information contact either

Caz Vanslyck on 01487 831592

Email cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk
or

Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146

Email susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk

SAWTRY WI

In aid of the hall fund

At the WI Hall,
Gidding Road, PE28 5TS

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

(sandwiches, mince pies & cakes)

Thursday 8 December

2.30 - 4pm

Tickets £4.00

RAFFLE

All Are Welcome

Contact:

Roz Rowland 01487 831793

Charity Number 229016



STRICTLY DANCING

Friday 10 February
7.30 – 10.30pm

at Sawtry Village Academy

Generously sponsored by Dave Whisky Disco

For those who can remember how to do the Barn Dance, St. Bernard's Waltz, Gay Gordons, the odd Waltz and Quickstep, plus Jive to some 60's music

Tickets £5.00

(bring your own refreshments)

Raffle

Proceeds to be shared between Sawtry Feast Supper Club and Sawtry Village Academy.

Tickets will be available from 1 January from Dick and Pam Tuplin 01487 830095



Chatterbox

DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR FAMILY CARERS

Do you care for a family member or friend? Are you looking for support or someone to talk to?

Come along & meet other family carers. Find out what support is available or get advice. Carers Assessments & Carers Prescriptions will be available.

Everyone welcome - carers and cared for. No cost - refreshments will be provided.

Monday 12 December

Monday 10 January

Monday 13 February

Between 2pm – 4pm

at The CARESCO Centre,

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Contact Miranda on

07751 798287 or 01487 832105

Email: carers@caresco.org.uk

Do you need help getting to the drop-in sessions? Sawtry Car Scheme offer an affordable service for those with transport needs. Call Miranda for details.



Caring for your community



Festive Facts

★ Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.



Sawtry Christmas

Everyone is welcome to join in the village celebrations:

Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College
Fen Lane, Sawtry

"Light in the Darkness"

Sunday 11 December

Starting at 3.00pm

Followed by refreshments

Carols Under

the Christmas Trees

Outside the Old School Hall
Green End Road, Sawtry

Monday 19 December

Starting at 6.30pm



For more information, please contact the Sawtry Parish Office on 01487 831771

SAWTRY WINEMAKERS' DINNER DANCE



To be held at The Old School Hall, Sawtry
Saturday 11 February

7.00 until 11.00pm

Disco

3 Course Meal supplied by "Lucy's Kitchen"

Bring your own drinks and glasses

£25.00 per person

For more information and menu
Contact Eileen on 01487 830020



Christingle

All Saints Church

Sunday 4 December

At 10:30am

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate that;

"Jesus is the Light of the World"

Every child will receive a lighted Christingle at this lovely All Age Worship service in the church.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1: 5

All Saints' Church, Church Causeway, Sawtry



WANTED

Rehearsal accompanist required from January 2017 for Sawtry Chorale
 Wednesday evenings during term-time
 7.45pm—9.45pm in Sawtry
 May suit student working towards grade 8

Further information
 including details of remuneration from
Hazel on 07745 618364
 or email hazel.engage@gmail.com

The Alzheimer's Society's Carols by Candlelight Concert Cambridge

Venue: St John's College, St Johns St,
 Cambridge CB2 1TP

Date: Friday 16 December

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm
 The event starts at 7pm

Tickets:

£10 for an adult,
 £5 for children under 12,
 £15 for a combined ticket
 for a person with dementia and their carer

**To book your tickets or to find out
 more, please contact:**

Call: 0330 333 0804,
 or email:

regionalcarols@alzheimers.org.uk
alzheimers.org.uk/carolsbycandlelight



Sawtry Chorale Presents

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All Saints Church

SAWTRY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2nd 7.30PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
 TICKETS | £8 ADVANCE | £10 ON DOOR | UNDER 12's FREE
 CONTACT HAZEL 07745 618 364 | JOYCE 01487 831 435



GLATTON WI

We meet on
2nd Thursday of the Month
 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Glatton

We start the evening with WI business
 followed by an activity or talk
 then refreshments

You are very welcome to join us
 as a visitor or as a new member

For more information see:
 the Huntingdon & Peterborough WI website
www.hpfwi.com or

Glatton Village Website
www.glatton.org.uk

Christmas Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held at the
 All Saints Church Rectory on

Wednesday 14 December
 10:30am – 12noon

All are welcome

Rev'd Donald McFadyen,
 The Rectory, Church Causeway, Sawtry

Call 01487 830215 for more details



SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER PRIZE BINGO



At Sawtry Club

On Thursday 1 December

Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm

Everyone very welcome

Great prizes

For more information
 please call Karen on 01487 832645

VINTAGE CLUB Prize Bingo



Friday 2 December
 at 7.30pm

in the CARESCO Centre, Green End Rd,
 (behind the Old School Hall), PE28 5UX

For more information call Gill
 at CARESCO on 01487 832105



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The theme of this year's Sawtry Village Carol service is 'Light in the Darkness.' Children from Sawtry Junior Academy have taken part in an artwork competition to illustrate this theme, and the winning piece of artwork by Millicent will provide the cover for the 2016 Sawtry Christmas card. Congratulations, Millie! Look out for Millie's design on the front of the card which will be dropping through Sawtry doors in the next few days. Inside the card are full details of all the Christmas services taking place in the village this year. As a great start to the Christmas celebrations do come and join us at the Village Carol service at the Academy at 3pm on Sunday 11 December.

With every good wish for an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas,

Revd Imogen Falvey, Curate at All Saints', Sawtry and St Nicholas, Glatton



St Mary Magdalene Church Stilton

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Open Saturday 10 December
from 10am to 6pm

Sunday 11 December from 12.00 to 4pm

Services

Saturday

Join us for Carols round the piano, between 7.00 pm & 9.00 pm,
mince pies and a glass of wine.

Sunday

Christingle Service 11.00 am to 12.00
In aid of the Children's Society
All welcome

Visit Stilton Church during the Festival

- It will be decorated with Christmas Trees and Flowers as part of the festive season.
- Listen to a programme of music and words throughout the days,
- A Bazaar with a flock of sheep for sale, cushions and craft items
- A home-made produce stall with Jams, chutney pickles etc.
- A Café for drinks, home-made cakes and cream teas.

We still have room for a few more trees

As an individual, or an organisation, you can provide a decorated tree and bring it to the Church on 8 December; you'll get it back on 14 December

Please contact Peter Mitchell on 01733 244666, or Pat Maltman on 01733 242229



THE ADMIRAL WELLS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
FROM 5PM

COME ALONG AND MEET...

ELSA AND OLAF
REAL REINDEER

AND... FATHER CHRISTMAS!
MAKE YOUR OWN MAGIC REINDEER
FOOD

FACE PAINTING AND TATTOOS
HOT CHOCOLATE & MULLED WINE
AND LOTS, MORE!...

ADVANCE TICKETS £2.50 PER CHILD OR £2.00 AND
FOOD DONATION FOR SAWTRY FOOD BANK
(£3.50 OR £3.00 + DONATION ON THE NIGHT)

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS COME ALONG FOR FREE!

PROCEEDS TO
GREAT GIDDING C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



TICKETS AVAILBLE FROM THE ADMIRAL WELLS,
GREAT GIDDING C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT GIDDING VILLAGE STORES &
CARESCO IN SAWTRY



All Saints Church is holding a

Winter Quiz Night

Saturday 28 January

Sawtry Old School Hall, 7:30pm

Tickets £8.00 - includes food
(please bring your own drink and glasses)

For more info or tickets, contact

Roger Jubb on 01487 830243

or Pat Ayres on 01487 832503

Festive Facts

- ★ Nearly 60 million Christmas trees are grown each year in Europe



Letters ...



SAWTRY BATTLE OF BRITAIN 1940S PARTY

American Military Policemen handing out chocolates and oranges, an ARP warden in a gas mask, a 16-piece Big Band playing the hits of the period, and lots of airmen, sailors and soldiers and glamorous ladies. It could only mean one thing! It was the Sawtry Battle of Britain 1940s party!

Held at the village academy in October, the Party raised £700 split between CARESCO and the three village playgroups. Organised by Jacqui Hedington and Maggi Stewart, the party attracted over 80 people.

During the night they danced to the music of the HUMS big band with two singers, played Flap the Kipper and Pass the Balloon and took part in the Lambeth Walk and Okey Cokey.

Thanks to all who donated beautiful raffle prizes, and helped and supported the event.



SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY 2016

On a pleasant Autumn evening around 1000 people attended the Sawtry Bonfire and Firework Display organised by Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association at Greenfield.

Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association would particularly like to thank Sawtry Parish Council for their support. Also thanks must go to the staff at Best One, Cooper's Garage, CARESCO shop and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, Ian Bonsall for building the bonfire, Matt Coates for music and public address services and Jayne Markwell and Jean Hardy for first aid cover.

Thanks also to East Anglian Galvanising Ltd for making their car park available for use on the night and for sponsoring tickets and posters, also Agrii Ltd for the pallets for the bonfire. Thank you to special guest Councillor Delia Riddle, Chairman of Sawtry Parish Council, for lighting the bonfire.

The 50+ volunteers from Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Fishing Club, St Ives Cycling Club 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 thankyou.



Mike Patchett

MACMILLAN COFFEE SUCCESS

What a wonderful Coffee Morning we had at the Methodist Church Hall on the 26th October.

Many thanks to all who came, those who helped on the day, all who made the great refreshments, contributed items for us to sell, who gave us such a grand variety of gifts for the raffle stall. And to all who unable to attend but gave donations.

We made a grand total of £312.50, this is our best year yet. Thanks again, see you all next year.

Ann Martin

CARESCO DONATIONS

We were delighted and grateful when Buckles Solicitors presented us recently with a grant of £2500 to help towards the costs of providing our services to the local community. The trustees will consider carefully how this fund will be best used, both in supporting our current work and planning future activities, but also in ensuring that our Centre remains fit for purpose for the next few years. This will include some much-needed replacement flooring after 15 years of hard use. Thank you to Maggi and Jacqui for the generous donation of £350 from their brilliant 1940s evening in October, and to all those who supported their event. Also to everyone who joined our team from the Friendship and Vintage Clubs for their Quiz Support. The proceeds will be split between the social funds of the two groups. Finally thanks to everyone who came along to our Body Shop evening in November, and to Emma for her generosity in supporting CARESCO.

Good News! For fans of the CARESCO pens, they are at last back in stock. Still only £1.00 each and available from the CARESCO Centre.

Finally, we hope to see you at the SSBP Christmas Fayre where the CARESCO team will be providing the refreshments and selling ready made hampers to make your Christmas shopping even easier. Come along and find out more about your local charity.

Liz Coates, CARESCO General Manager

For more details please visit www.caresco.org.uk or contact the office.

TERRY THOMPSON

12 FEBRUARY 1954 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

On behalf of myself, Kelly & Joanne, we would like to convey our sincerest appreciation to all who helped support us during Terry's passing. We are truly thankful to all our friends and family for the overwhelming acts of kindness shown - cards, flowers, kind words, hugs and messages of love and support - from across Sawtry, nearby villages and beyond. It gave us all comfort and meant so much to us.

A special thank you extends to the healthcare professionals who took care of Terry, including Wellside Surgery, District Nurses, Macmillan nurses, and all the staff at Woodlands Centre.

Finally, a huge thank you to the hundreds of people that attended the funeral. We were touched to see so many of Terry's nearest and dearest saying a fond farewell. A very generous £900 was raised and donated to Woodlands Centre to help with their expansion and a further £55 was donated to cancer research. Terry was blessed to have such good friends and we are so thankful to you all for helping raise such a large amount to worthy causes.

With love, Heather x

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers,
that we saw sitting there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts
we thank you so much for whatever part.*

–The Thompson Family

Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX
Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3



SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT



As the seasons have changed (and the cold weather has certainly set in), there are increasingly more reminders about the Christmas period creeping up on us. By the time of reading, you may have enjoyed the Christmas Fayre, organised by ourselves with Sawtry Small Business Partnership on 3 December. If you have attended the event and supported our organisations, we hope you enjoyed the event and thank you for attending. We hope it has been a great opportunity to get your Christmas presents ready for Santa to deliver.

If however, you still have some last minute online shopping to complete, please remember to support us if possible, by using our Easyfundraising page. The great thing about Easy-fundraising is that it does not cost you any extra pennies to support us, but earns us a commission on the money you spend. Please check out <http://sawtry-youth-project.org/easy-fundraising/> to find out more information about how you can support us in this way.

The year is obviously drawing to a close now, and this is the last post we will write in 2016. We hope that the next 12 months are big for Sawtry Youth Project, and we wouldn't be in the position we are in now if it wasn't for the support of many kind village people like you. We would like to thank each and every one of you who have bought in to what we would like to achieve, supported our fundraising efforts or even voiced approval at our aspirations. We are working hard for the young people of this village to provide them with a facility that they would be proud to use, look after, respect and enjoy.

We sincerely hope you have a wonderful Christmas time, and a fantastic new year. See you in 2017!

The SYP Committee

Ian Fowler

Village News

SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Since the last update so much has happened in school and we have got even more in store! The beginning of November was our International Week, during which the children enjoyed learning about 5 different countries and we had a very exciting African Drumming workshop which was enjoyed by children and staff alike.



SAWTRY
INFANT SCHOOL

Our Reception classes had a very informative visit from the local PCSO. They spoke to the children about keeping safe during dark nights and road safety. The children's highlight was a sit in the Police car and hearing the sirens! It was great to use our links with the local community in such a positive way.

Year 1 have wholeheartedly immersed themselves in everything this term and the children in Year 2 have had a transition day over at the Junior Academy. They enjoyed a fun maths based morning of learning with Year 3.

Rehearsals for our Christmas Nativity are in full swing and our hand bell group are practising hard for their public displays - the corridors are full of the sound of music.

We were very excited to take part in the local Heart Radio "Sleeps til Santa" countdown sing along - it was such fun! Please tune in to see if you can hear our entry.

By the time this is published we will be into full festive swing, so we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2017. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.



With best wishes from everyone here at the Infant School

Email: office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk

Telephone: 01487 830678

SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2017

As the nights have drawn in and Christmas approaches; a small group of keen volunteers have already begun planning for Sawtry Carnival 2017. The Carnival is to be held on **Saturday 10 June**.



Sawtry Court will once more be looking for a Carnival Queen, Princesses and a Rosebud. The Selection Evening for this is to be held at Sawtry Club on Friday 24 March.

If you wish to take part with a stall, to perform, join the parade or try out for the Court, please email or call for further information.

Look out for Carnival updates in the next Sawtry Eye and on Facebook!

Sawtry Carnival Committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to a fabulous day on 10 June.

For more information call Julia, Chairman, Sawtry Carnival Committee

On 07799 062276 Or Email:- sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Sawtry Library!



Rhymetime on Wednesdays

Bring your youngster along for half an hour of rhymes and fun at Sawtry Library – It's free! Every Wednesday from 10.15 – 10.45am aimed at children aged 18 months to 5 years old.

Bus Pass Renewals

Is your bus pass expiring soon? If yes, then you will need to re-apply using the online form on: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Renewals can be made up to 6 weeks before your bus pass expires. If you are not confident using a computer and need assistance, we have a volunteer at Sawtry Library who will be able to help on an appointment basis only. For more urgent help, please go to Huntingdon Library where you will be able to access our drop in appointments. You will to bring with you a new photograph, your national insurance number, proof of eligibility, proof of residency and your library card to renew online. For further information or advise, please ring 0345 045 5225.



Christmas Opening Hours

Sawtry Library will be open as normal on Christmas Eve, from 9.30 – 12.30pm. The library will then be closed from Christmas Day until the 3rd January 2017, where normal opening hours will resume.

New Opening Hours for Sawtry Library

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm



To renew or request books: www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Library

Enquiries: 0345 045 5225

For further details about any of our events listed here please see a member of staff.

Shelley Hale

FOOD BANK NEWS

Feeding local people in crisis



Thank you to all the groups and organisations who have donated collections of food and money from their various Harvest celebrations during the Autumn. Your generosity will go a long way to supporting people who are going through a period of crisis.

Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who work so tirelessly to help and support others. Particular thanks to Christine & Martin as they leave us for pastures new.

Get in touch if you would like to join our team of volunteers. Please note our new session times.

Sawtry Food Bank relies on the support of our local community to help stop UK hunger
We are open 3.30 - 5.30pm Tuesdays & Fridays in the CARESCO Centre

**You can contact us via the CARESCO office during office hours,
 or by email foodbank@caresco.org.uk or phone on
 07743 593863 during session times**



Sawtry Food Bank working through Godmanchester

**For foodbanks in general, please visit
 the Trussell Trust website at www.trusselltrust.org**

Festive Facts

- ★ Christmas pudding was originally a soup made with raisins and wine.



Festive Facts

- ★ The tradition of putting tangerines in stockings comes from 12th-century French nuns who left socks full of fruit, nuts and tangerines at the houses of the poor.



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The September meeting brought back many memories for our gathering, Kevin Ruff presented an ITV Anglia programme 'Village Show' previously called 'Portrait of a Village'. Presenter Paul Barnes came along in 1995 – the programme was due to be shown on 30 June 1996 but was postponed because of a 'football match', it was screened on 7 July 1996.

The film started with an old shot of the A1 showing the Royal Oak, the original turning onto it from Fen Lane, Duncan buses, also a few pupils doing their cycle proficiency tests. Pete Williams was seen driving his child-size bus, which he took to shows. The Cats Whiskers cattery run by Dilys Martin, one time actress and singer, with her sister ran this establishment as a home from home for cats while owners were on holiday. We saw toddlers enjoying themselves at the Village College Day Nursery with Dawn Quince while in the Old School Hall a tea dance was being held, dancing to old 45 records (you remember them!) and the Luncheon Club preparing for a meal organised by CARESCO. Dick Tuplin from the garden nursery and Joy Hall from the Pony Club both brought back memories. Harry Milford, member of the Sealed Knot Society, appeared in full costume of the Oliver Cromwell period, the Sawtry Chorale were in full voice with Peter Davis as the musical director. The Wine Makers Society held wine tasting evenings which proved quite lively after tasting about 20 bottles of home-make wine, Paul won the raffle at this event. We were also reminded that Blue Peter came in the early 1980's to build an Igloo when Mr Dybeck was headmaster at the college, they tried to recreate it later but failed. The evening brought lots of memories and lots of chuckles and was enjoyed by everyone.

In October Bev Stevens told us about the history of Codes and Code Breaking which goes back to 405 BC and Mary Queen of Scots and the Babington Plot. A code conceals a message in such a way to seem innocent and a cypher needs a key to get the meaning. Codes were used during the war, announcements were made on the radio which would indicate to the right group that an event was about to happen. Bletchley Park is known to all as the code-breaking area. They cut German cables, captured code books found on dead soldiers, raiding vessels and by way of careless diplomats! Everyone has heard of the Enigma Machine, but did you know that it was Poland that first cracked the answer to the machine. Many events during the war were the result of German codes being cracked: we knew the Germans were going to invade Russia, were able to tell Montgomery of Rommel's status, Overlord – Germans thought it was a hoax while we kept up the pretence that Calais was the target not Dunkirk, fake messages were sent to fool them. The USA used Wind Talkers who were Navajo Indians speaking only their native tongue. A real insight to events that were unravelled.

There is no meeting in December, so I'll take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season. The next meeting on 19 January is a talk and slide show on the Old Saints Andrews Church, Sawtry by Kevin Ruff.

Sheila Tibbs

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry. Contact Chris Merton 01487 831441 for more information

ACADEMY NEWS

We recently held another pledge day where students earned their pledge awards. Activities included making Christmas presents for sick children, tidying the cemetery, team building, creating and teaching, making birdhouses, Yr 11-13 career preparation and Royal Marines activities! There were trips to Holme school to teach languages and to the Green Britain Centre. We also had an inspirational talk from the Children of Adam charity, based in Peterborough. Please have a look at the video on our Facebook page for a more details of the day.



Sawtry Village Academy

Our Year 6 and 6th Form open evenings have now taken place and were very well attended. Improvements to the school infrastructure continue apace with a brand new drive and car park surface now in situ. Leisure Learning classes including pottery and life drawing have re-started and you can also hire many of our facilities for events or clubs.

On 11 November, staff and students observed a 2 minutes silence as part of our act of remembrance. In addition we were proud to host our own memorial service, with representatives from the local community, British Legion and nursery groups. Our own students, who serve in various Cadet Units did an excellent job in leading the parade and they were supported by others who gave readings. A truly moving experience.

We would like to invite you to our Christmas variety show on Thursday 15 December from 7pm. The show will include a 30 minute version of Matilda the Musical. 50 excited members of SVA Encore have been given their roles and are rehearsing hard. Last year's show was a roaring success, with many people from the community enjoying a night out at the theatre. Tickets sell out fast, so please obtain them via the Academy as soon as possible - we hope you enjoy it!

Please visit our Facebook page or website www.sawtryva.org to find more detailed information. You can also follow us on Twitter @Sawtryva. We wish everybody a relaxing Christmas break and look forward to welcoming our students and staff back on Wednesday 4 January.

Sarah Wilson, Principal

**For more information, please contact the Academy at: Fen Lane, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5TQ
T: 01487 830701; F: 01487 831679 or email enquiries@sawtrycc.org or visit www.sawtryva.org**

FROM CLLR BYWATER

It's been a busy few months again. Firstly I would like to thank everyone who took the time to prepare, attend and make representations with me at the recent planning application for the Glebe Farm development. Members of the Hunts District Council planning committee listened carefully to residents' concerns. As a result the committee objected to the development. Density of the houses on the site being a significant issue. As a community we will now have to await what happens next as the developers decide on their next move.

In October I had occasion to visit Sawtry Junior School where I met staff and was present at the Harvest Festival celebration which I have to say was an excellent example of young people standing in front of their peers. I have every confidence that the Junior School will thrive as it moves into its next chapter as an Academy.

It was also a time when our Post Master David Green retired after 50 years. I have known David for many years and I want to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Please be aware that a couple of residents have tried to contact me through Facebook. Sadly I am not always able to check this media outlet as often as my emails. Should you need to contact me please call or email me, where I will be happy to try and help.

On a final note I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cllr Simon Bywater, 07984 637553

Sawtry and Ellington Division, Cambridgeshire County Council

Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



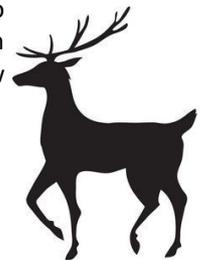
AN EYE ON NATURE

In this edition I want to explore a few facts on some of our most loved symbols of Christmas. One of our iconic trees, native holly, is more unusual as the trees are separated into males and females so not all holly trees have berries. It will not have escaped the attention of anyone gathering branches to make a wreath that the leaves have sharp spikes. This is a defence against animals browsing but look higher into the canopy and the leaves are different. They grow without sharp spikes as animals cannot reach them. There are only a few holly trees in our Huntingdonshire woods and the ones in Brampton Wood are very well hidden. In contrast where I grew up in the South East they are more numerous with some grand specimens in my local wood Bookham Common.

Mistletoe is a parasitic plant which loves old apple trees so is traditionally found in old orchards with the best trees. The berries are very sticky but birds love them and spread the seeds in their droppings. The sticky berries also lodge in forks in the branches and after germination grow into the host tree. Mistle thrushes are partial to the berries and that is how they were named.

Many of our Christmas cards and decorations feature robins. The first postmen wore red uniforms and of course they delivered Christmas cards which has given us the association. Robins pair very early and sing their territorial song from the autumn onwards so are singing throughout the festive season when all other birds are quiet.

Last but by no means least the reindeer used to occur in Britain and were numerous about 300,000 years ago. As the climate warmed, their numbers dwindled and the last remaining population was confined to Scotland. It is not known when they finally died out. Reindeer were reintroduced to Scotland in 1952 in the Cairngorms near Aviemore. This semi-wild herds exists to this day adding a new dimension to the fauna found in one of the coldest regions of Great Britain.



Martin Baker

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

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

Phone 01954 713543 or visit www.wildlifebcn.org

SAWTRY SHOW



What a wonderful colourful Autumn we have had. I hope all the photographers have been getting plenty of pictures and the artists have made sketches to turn into drawings and paintings for next year's Show.

It was not such a good year for fruit on the trees and in the hedgerow, but there was still enough to make jam and preserves. Don't be tempted to eat it all and put some by to enter in 2017.

Winter evenings are also the time to knit, crochet or cross stitch. Every year the Show has more amazing exhibits so let's make 2017 even better.

If you are stuck for Christmas presents for the younger family members, then get some Lego. There will be a category for them to enter models next year.

The next meeting of the Show Committee is Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall. If you would like to help organise the next Show, or have ideas to make it even better, please come along. But before that, on behalf of the Sawtry Show Committee, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Barry Dupée, Show Chairman - 01487 831281



SAWTRY JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

We have had a busy term with many exciting changes. We officially became Sawtry Junior Academy on 1 November and joined the Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT) family of schools. Staff and pupils are already benefitting from support from CMAT colleagues, including support from Sawtry Village Academy. We are confident CMAT's support, depth of expertise and vision will allow us to secure and maintain the highest standards of education for our pupils.



We held our whole school Harvest celebration on Friday 21 October in front of invited guests. Each class performed either a poem, prayer or song. We also asked pupils to donate food items to go to the Sawtry Food Bank and donated in total an amazing 91kg of food.

Rehearsals are well underway for our Lower Key Stage Two Christmas production of "Primary School Christmas Musical". The children are busy practising songs, learning lines and developing their acting and performing skills.

Children in Lower School are visiting the Masjid Ghousia Mosque in Peterborough as part of their RE topic. The children have prepared with plenty of questions about Islam and will be learning about the different features of the mosque.

Our School Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 25 November. Thank you to the members of the village community who joined us and supported this event.

Sarah Flack, Acting Principal

Email: office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk

Telephone: 01480 830204



THE VINTAGE CLUB



As the year draws to a close our entertainment programme is nearly complete, in early November we enjoyed a trip to the Twenty Pence Garden Centre which was attended by 30 people. A mixture of members, staff and volunteers. There are three more events left for this year. We have two members of our village community coming in Twink will be doing Christmas cards on 1 December and Sheila will be doing Christmas flowers on 7 December. To complete this year our last outing is on 22 December to The Dolphin in St Ives for lunch.

We have welcomed new members this year and inevitably lost some, but on the whole our membership continues to grow steadily. We always have room for more, so why not take advantage of our great facilities and come and join us? We have in-house entertainment, outings, watch films, do craft and quizzes and play board games.

If any of this appeals to you give us a try, your first visit will be free to include lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits but most of all we offer companionship and friendship, or just drop in for a cup of tea and find out more. Transport can be provided if you decide to join us, so don't be on your own when we can be here for you.

Don't forget to support us with our last Bingo session of the year on Friday 2 December, details on page 10. As this is the last issue before the festive season, we at the Vintage Club would like to wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So until next time 'Have a good one'.

Vicki and Gill, Vintage Club Managers

You can find the Vintage Club at the CARESCO Centre, off Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 2.30pm, email us at vintageclub@caresco.org.uk or call the office on 01487 832105

SAWTRY CHORALE

To bring in the festive season, Chorale proudly presents a Christmas concert in Sawtry. We are delighted to announce that Douglas Coombes, composer of 'The Infancy of Christ, a Christmas Cantata' - has agreed to narrate our performance of his composition.



Also included in the programme are seasonal songs such as 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas', 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town', 'White Christmas', and 'Jingle Bells' as well as traditional carols arranged by John Rutter and David Willcocks. The audience will be having the opportunity to join in and sing some favourites.

The concert is on Friday 2 December in All Saints Church, Sawtry starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval and there will be a prize raffle. On the night tickets for the concert will cost £10. However, they can be purchased in advance for £8 via Hazel (07745 618364) or Joyce (01487 831436). Under 12s are free.

If you would like to sing with us please get in touch or come along to a rehearsal on a Wednesday evening at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry. We would love to see you.

For more information go to <http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk> or check out our Facebook page.

Hazel Rea, 07745 618364

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



GP Team

Dr Williams will be retiring from General Practice on Thursday 22 December after spending more years than he probably prefers to remember at the practice! I know that he will be missed by all of us here at the surgery and his patients alike.

I am pleased to be able to announce that Dr Krystyna Jarosz will be joining the practice as of 1 December and will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Flu Vaccinations

Patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination. If you've not had yours yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses:

- Aged 65 or above
- Diabetes
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Chronic heart disease
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Chronic liver disease
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- Chronic neurological disease
- 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.

GP Advice Line

Please remember to make use of our doctors' advice line which provides patients with direct telephone access to a doctor 8.00 - 8.25am every weekday morning by calling us on 01487 831587. The advice line is intended for any medical problems or queries you may have which are suitable to be dealt with without the need for a face to face consultation

Self Care

Self care is about looking after yourself in a healthy way. It can be anything from brushing your teeth, doing some exercise, managing common conditions (like headaches, colds and flu) or living with a long-term health problem, such as asthma or diabetes. Please visit our own website – www.wellside.org.uk – or the NHS website – www.nhs.uk/livewell - to learn more about how you can help look after yourself.

Wasted Appointments

We continue to experience a significant number of wasted appointments each month. During October our clinical team saw 3661 patients, but we could have seen even more if people had cancelled appointments which were not attended.

We strive to provide our patients with good access to appointments and services, but wasted clinician time means longer waiting times for other patients. Please do let us know if you have booked an appointment but subsequently find, for whatever reason, that you are unable to attend as your appointment can then be offered to another patient in need of our care.

2016 Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Fri 23 December	Open as usual
Sat 24 December	Christmas Eve – Closed
Sun 25 December	Christmas Day – Closed
Mon 26 December	Boxing Day – Closed
Tues 27 December	Bank Holiday – Closed
Wed 28 December	Open as usual

Thurs 29 December	Open as usual
Fri 30 December	Open as usual
Sat 31 December	New Year's Eve Closed
Sun 1 January	New Year's Day – Closed
Mon 2 January	Bank Holiday – Closed
Tues 3 January	Open as usual

If you require urgent GP care whilst the practice is closed you should call 111.

Please remember that requests for repeat prescriptions take 2 working days. Please make sure you submit your repeat requests during this period in plenty of time to allow for this.

We wish all our patients and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340



★ The chances of a white Christmas are just one in ten for England and Wales and one in six for Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Festive Facts

GOING GREEN

Did you see the recent news coverage that scientists expect that 2016 will be the warmest year on record? Again. 2015 was, by some way apparently, the warmest to date and so far it looks as though the average temperature this year will be even higher.

Of course, they don't mean in Huntingdonshire, or even Britain, but measured globally. We may not have had a hot summer here (thankfully, as far as I'm concerned!), but certainly last winter seldom felt really cold. The overall increase is only less than a degree above the average, when measuring temperatures world wide.

It is hard to believe that such a small increase could have a significant impact on lives, but the worry is for the future, for our children and their children after them. What will be the effect long-term? We only have the scientist's word for it, but the message has been pretty consistent from them for many years with few if any really informed sceptics. If we do not collectively all make changes to the way we are living so that those much talked about CO2 emissions are reduced, then there will be major repercussions in the years to come. The question is, is it worth the risk of ignoring the experts' advice, only to find out they were right after all, by which time it could be too late!

The aim of this column, if only in a very small way, has been to encourage us all to work together to make a difference. If we all make an effort, our grandchildren will thank us one day, so let's all do our bit and collectively we can make a difference.



Eco Apprentice

MENTAL CAPACITY

Mental capacity is the ability to make a decision, whether that is a decision that affects daily life or to sign a legal document such as a Will or Power of Attorney. All adults are assumed to have capacity unless there is evidence to the contrary. A person may have capacity to make some decisions but not others.

A person is unable to make a decision if he cannot **understand** the information relevant to the decision, **retain** that information, **use** that information as a part of the process of making the decision, and **communicate** his decision.

To help the person make the decision, it is possible to:

- **Explain the decision in a variety of ways.**
What works for one person may not work for another. With experience, and patience, it is possible to offer every person with dementia the very best opportunity to sign a Will or Power of Attorney.
- **Choose a location where the person feels at ease.**
Home visits can help someone with dementia feel more comfortable.
- **Choose a time of day when the person's understanding is better.**
If an appointment is made for what turns out to be a "bad day" then it can be rearrange for another day.
- **Obtain the help of a family member who may be able to help with communication.**
Having someone present who knows the person well can help, but this must be balanced against making sure that it is the person with dementia who is making the decision

For more information, please contact

Rebekkah Cooper on 01733 888881, or Paul Belliere-Wilson on 01780 484531

or alternatively visit www.buckles-law.co.uk.



CARESCO
CHARITY SHOP
7 GREENWAYS, SAWTRY - 01487 208026

Shop Opening Hours:
Mon – Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm
Saturday 9.00am – 12.30pm
Sunday Closed



Christmas Hours
Closed from 4.30pm Friday 23 December
re-opening 9am Tuesday 3 January



Festive Facts



★ In 1647, after the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell banned the celebration of Christmas. The law wasn't lifted until 1660.

Carols Under the Christmas Trees

Outside The Old, School Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry
Monday 19 December
Starting at 6.30pm



Sawtry Eye Dec 16 - Jan 17

SAWTRY HISTORY THEN & NOW

Our ongoing series on the stories behind old buildings
which can still be seen around the area today

JOHN HUBERT NEWTON - BAKER



Where would you have got your bread from in the 1930's? Well you would have gone to 12 High Street, Sawtry where John Hubert Newton would be ready to serve you. John was born in Manea on 21 July 1898 where his father had a Tea Room and where he learned his trade, he married a local girl Florence in 1925. In 1927 he came to Sawtry to start a bakery, they had one daughter Pamela.

12 High Street had a separate door to the house which has now been bricked up but still visible, and one door for the bakery shop. When flour was delivered it was hauled from the back of a lorry up to a hatch above the shop entrance, which has now been sealed up but again is still visible today below the window. Apparently two pigs were kept at the back of the property.

On Good Friday the hot cross buns would be baked, causing long queues outside the shop. You could also get your Wedding and Christmas cakes made there which were displayed in the window. On a Sunday you could get your Yorkshire Puddings cooked in one of the two large ovens in the back of the shop. John had five vans on the roads covering a large area around the villages in at least a 6-mile radius, the telephone no. displayed on the vans was Sawtry 246.

John was a president of Sawtry British Legion and a trustee of the Sawtry Club in the early 60's. During the 2nd World War he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and became a Chief Motor Mechanic, serving on the Hermione and taking part in the hostilities. He retired around 1965, when the shop was bought by Ray Lockhead as a TV shop, and John died in 1970 at the aged of 72. Florence stayed in the house until 1989 when she died aged 87.

Other owners of the property Have been Rosie Pell (Paper shop) John Green, Lloyds the Chemist and now Boots the Chemist.

Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell

*For more information and pictures, please visit the Sawtry Community Archive website at
<http://sawtry.ccan.co.uk/>*

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.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

December			January		
4 th	1.00pm	Shared Lunch at 1pm followed by Christingle Service at 2pm	1 st	10.30am	Joint Service at All Saints
11 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	8 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
18 st	4.00pm	Family Christmas Carol Service	15 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
24 th	11.00pm	Midnight Holy Communion	22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
25 th	10.30am	Carols for All (Joint Service at All Saints)	29 th	9.00am	Holy Communion

A Christmas Weekend - Christmas Fayre, Open Offer Lunch & Christingle Service

A warm invitation is given to our Christmas Fayre on 3 December at 2pm in the Village Hall – a great opportunity to buy a few of those last minute unusual presents and enjoy some village mulled wine warmth and fellowship! This year featuring 'Great British Bake Off Cake Stall', gift stalls, tombolas, games, refreshments and fun for all the family. On Sunday 4 December, we invite all to a free buffet lunch in the Village Hall starting at 1pm (celebrating St Nicholas Day) followed by a Christingle Service at 2pm.

Christmas Services

We will continue with Carols sung around the village on Friday 16 December at 7pm starting at the Village Hall St and a separate Carol singing event at St George's, Glatton Hall on Thursday 22 December at 7pm. The Family Christmas Carol Service on 18 December starting at 4pm is a great way to enjoy this special time with the Village, followed by Coffee and Mince pies. The midnight Holy Communion will start at 11pm and our service on Christmas Day will be a simple, joint Sawtry/Glatton service with 'Carols for All' at All Saints.

New Year Lunch

A New Year Lunch will be held on 8 January in the Glatton Village Hall starting at 12.30pm. A great way to start the New Year with friends and a fayre of roast pork and delicious home made sweets; raffle and bar. Tickets at £12 each can be obtained from the PCC members or contact: Helen Ford 01487 830648 or Rosie Darby 01487 834234.

Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 14 December (note 2nd Wednesday this month) and 18 January in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

**Communication should be to the church warden 01487 832401,
Revd Dr Donald McFadyen 01487 830215 or Revd Imogen Falvey 07903 098982**

See Glatton website for more information: www.glatton.org.uk

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

**Minister: Rev Alan Taylor - Tel 01487 209457
alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk**

Weekly Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

SPECIAL SERVICES

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18 December – 6.30pm

Christmas Day

Sunday 25 December – 10.30am

United Service at All Saints

Covenant Service

Sunday 8 January – 10.30am

Led by Rev Alan Taylor

Come and join us, all are welcome

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Monthly on Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all.

No meeting in December, restarting 30 January

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11am

All Welcome. Proceeds aid of Building Project Phase 2.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

December		
4 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship Christingle
11 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
18 st	10.30am	Family Nativity
	6.00pm	Candlelit Lessons and Carols
24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25 th	10.30am	United Service at All Saints Church

January		
1 st	10.30am	Shared service with St Nicholas at All Saints
8 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
15 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
21 st	4.30pm	<i>Messy Church</i>
22 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
29 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship



Christmas Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held at the Rectory on Wednesday 14 December from 10:30am – 12noon. All are welcome

Winter Quiz Night

All Saints is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 28 January at the Old School Hall, 7:30pm. Tickets £8.00 - includes food; please bring your own drink and glasses. For more info or tickets, contact Roger Jubb on 01487 830243 or Pat Ayres on 01487 832503.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will meet on Saturday 21 January, 4.30-6.30pm in church – but-not-as-you-know-it- for families of all sizes, shapes and ages. Come and enjoy being messy, with activities, celebration and a meal.



DISCOVERERS & SEEKERS CLUBS

Discoverers (years 3-6) will meet on Fridays 9 December, 6 January and 27 January, 6.30 - 7.30pm in church. **Seekers** will meet on Tuesdays 13 December, and 24 January 7.45 – 9.00pm in church. For more info on either of these groups, contact Ali Scott on 07506 411507 or 01487 832478.

SATURDAY OPENING

All Saints Church is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00pm, for an opportunity to enjoy a moment of peace and quiet, to pray, or share a cup of tea and a chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Please contact either Priest-in-Charge Donald McFadyen, 01487 830215, donald.mcfadyen@me.com, or Curate Imogen Falvey, 07903 098982, falvey12@btinternet.com, with any general enquiries or enquiries about baptisms or weddings, if you would like a visit, you have any questions about the Christian faith, or would like to have prayers said for anyone.

The Churchwardens Mark Fellowes and Cheryl Elmer can be contacted at churchwarden@allsaintssawtry.org.uk.

ADVENT: THE FORGOTTEN ART OF WAITING TOGETHER

How do you watch TV series? Are you someone who likes to sit down and binge on box sets or watch a whole series on Amazon Prime? Or do you prefer to wait and watch each episode of a series when it's scheduled? I guess the answer may depend on which generation you belong to, but all of us are becoming aware that for an increasing number of programmes we no longer have to wait to watch.

This new way of consuming television has at least two effects. First, it means we can apparently compress time. Time need no longer be marked in 7-day periods between episodes; we can reduce the time between episodes to zero. And secondly, television is less of a shared experience because we won't necessarily be watching things at the same time, which stops the 'wasn't that an amazing ending to that drama last night?' kind of conversation at school or the shops.

On November 27 we began Advent, the period leading up to Christmas that includes four Sundays. For many people Advent means a calendar and a countdown, a way of practicing the forgotten art of marking time together. And there's no way to speed it up, however much you may long for Christmas Day to arrive. The Sundays are like four pillars holding up a building and creating the space we need to breathe easy, prepare and wait. And that in turn means that Advent can be shared with others because we all go through it at the same pace, until we reach the destination when Advent gives way to Christmas.

I want to suggest that the space and pace of Advent make it a gift. We don't have to be sped along, behaving as if Christmas lasts for the whole of December, because it doesn't: December is Advent time. And we can choose to enjoy the journey, the anticipation, the wait. I can't think of anything important that isn't worth waiting for. In fact, when I think about it, the more important something is, the longer the wait. A baby growing in a womb, for example. How much more is that true of awaiting the birth in the world of God's Son! So this year I'm going to try to hold back the forces that try to speed up time. I'm going to relearn the art of waiting. Will you join me?

Donald McFadyen (Revd Dr), Rector of All Saints, Sawtry and St Nicholas, Glatton



ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

Served by St Luke's R.C. Church Peterborough

In 1981 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry was formed. Mass is celebrated at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday Morning at 9.15am. After Mass you are invited to stay to meet everyone and enjoy refreshments. There is also a weekly Prayer Group and details of House Masses will be announced at the beginning of Sunday Mass.

Everyone is Welcome

We are a friendly proactive community involved in a number of events in Sawtry and the surrounding villages.

St Benedict's also works closely with the other Church communities in Sawtry.

If you wish to know more

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

For details of all services at St Benedict's and St. Luke's Peterborough check website

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

Find us on:



8 FACTS ABOUT FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE

Ever wondered what makes Fairtrade chocolate different? Here are some interesting facts to help put you in the picture:



1. In 1994, Green & Black's Maya Gold chocolate bar became the first Fairtrade-certified product in the UK.
2. Most cocoa farmers have never tasted chocolate in their life.
3. Around 179,800 smallholder cocoa farmers are members of Fairtrade certified producer organisations.
4. Most cocoa farmers in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire live on less than a \$1 a day. Poverty, and its many related issues, such as child labour, is the key challenge faced by cocoa growing communities.
5. In 2013-14, cocoa farmers earned more than €10.8m in Fairtrade Premium, 43% of which was used for services to farmers, including agricultural tools, training and for direct cash payments.
6. Currently there are around 1,460 chocolate products bearing the FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK, including premium, conventional, organic, gluten free and vegan.
7. Fairtrade chocolate accounts for 12% of total sales in the UK.
8. 14% of Fairtrade total cocoa sales are organic, with the UK being the largest market.

Look for the FAIRTRADE Mark on your shopping. It's your guarantee that disadvantaged farmers and workers in the developing world are getting a better deal.

For more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk or call the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7402 5942

QUESTIONS FOR THE GARDENER

How do I winter prune my Wisteria?

Personally, I think that there is no finer site in horticulture than a wisteria in full bloom in late spring, "Just Magnificent"! The principles of wisteria pruning can be a bit tricky but really, it's quite straightforward in practice. Once the framework has been achieved, wisterias should flower on short woody spurs produced via the main framework after c 3-5 years.

The first 3 years: The aim here is to build up a permanent woody framework of stems ie the main branches of your wisteria, which will produce the spurs that carry the flowers in subsequent years. It is best to train your wisteria as near to the horizontal as possible, best grown on a south facing wall. During this time, select the shoots required for the main framework and tie onto the supporting wires pruning out any unwanted growth. Once the framework has been achieved this is where the annual winter pruning task comes into play.

Summer pruning: Most wisterias I come across have very long whippy shoots heading off somewhere into space, so these require pruning hard back in late July - August. Shorten the shoots back to between 5-6 leaves of the framework. Retain any required to continue the framework and gently tie them on to the supports.

Winter Pruning: In February prune back again the summer pruned stems to 2-3 buds this will produce the short fat woody flowering spurs in the following spring.

**Good Gardening
The Gardener**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

Changing attitudes by education

www.cadar.org.uk

Do you know your road signs?

New research on 2000 drivers carried out on behalf of Kwik Fit revealed that the average driver only knows 79% of the meaning of UK road signs and markings. That means that 1 in 5 road signs is a mystery.

For 2 in 5 drivers, not being able to understand a sign or being confused over its meaning has led to problems on the road.

Only 1 in 10 drivers correctly identified the central white line markings which indicate a hazard ahead. The markings are where the line lengthens and the gap shortens (Highway Code Rule 127).

19% of drivers were flummoxed by the meaning of a white circle with a black diagonal bar. 5% thought it meant that a 70mph limit applied, 4% thought that a 60mph limit applied whilst 7% thought it meant no speed restrictions, something that doesn't apply to public roads in the UK. The correct meaning is "the national speed limit applies".

For an annual membership fee of £10.00 you can be coached in advanced driving (or riding) techniques and will be encouraged to take the RoSPA Advanced Driving Test. If you just want to be coached but not take the test then that is fine also.

CADAR has both male and female tutors and will coach drivers, or riders, of any age from 18 onwards.

CADAR's mission is to promote safer driving and riding. Contact us by email at info@cadar.org.uk or visit our website at www.cadar.org.uk for further details.

This issue's top tips:

- Now that Winter is upon us, check that all your lights are working (including brake lights) and that wiper blades are in good condition and that the washer bottle is regularly topped up.
- Check that your tyres have a good depth of tread and are inflated to the correct pressure.
- Clear your windows of ice or mist before you set off. Clear windows could mean the difference between having a collision or not.





Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH ORTONS

Young Chef Rotary Competition

A fabulous competition was held on Thursday 20 October, hosted by Nene Park Academy. This was the Peterborough area round of the National Rotary Young Chef competition for amateur cooks aged 11 to 18.

Students from four of our Peterborough schools - from Ken Stimpson, The Kings School, Nene Park Academy and Stanground Academy - took part. Open to all Peterborough schools, this is the fourth year that Rotary in Peterborough have held this competition.

The students' task was to plan, prepare and cook a two course meal for two, for under £10, with 30 minutes setting up time and 90 minutes cooking time.

Marks were awarded for costing, planning, healthy choices, correct temperature, neatness of work area and hygiene, range of skills, taste and presentation of main course and dessert and presentation of table.

The two judges were local chefs who have both been judges for us previously. Kevin Dalton and Audrey Gregory. Both commented on the very high standards of all of the students' meals and specifically the skills demonstrated, particularly given the ages of the competitors.

It was an extremely close competition, with judging taking quite some time, to confirm the winner as Katie from The Kings School and runner up Kyle from Ken Stimpson. All competitors were presented with certificates of achievement by President of Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club, Margaret Edwards with monetary awards to Katie and Kyle.

The next stage of this annual Rotary competition is the District competition, which will be hosted in Peterborough at Stanground Academy in March, with students sponsored by various clubs taking part. The District competition assesses the same criteria, with an increase to a three course meal for two for under £15.

Thanks go to all the competitors, their teachers, parents and guardians and our two judges. Thanks also to Nene Park Academy for hosting the competition for Rotary.

For more information contact us at ortons.rotary@gmail.com.



Festive Facts

★ The largest Christmas cracker - 45.72m long and 3.04m in diameter - was pulled in Australia in 1991.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipples with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook or call 01480 444500



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Working together to improve community safety

CREATING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Local people and businesses in Cambridgeshire are coming together across all sectors of business, retail, education, voluntary and statutory with one aim in common: to change attitudes towards dementia.

Nobody should be disadvantaged or discriminated against because they have dementia. People living with dementia and their carers should still be able to live full and active lives. All people affected by dementia should be recognised as valued members of their communities. By raising awareness and understanding of dementia throughout Cambridgeshire, we believe we can make this a reality.

Dementia Action Alliances are groups of businesses who meet together on a regular basis to encourage change on a local level. DAAs encourage businesses to raise awareness of dementia in the wider community. This not only enables people with dementia to access services and organisations, but also prepares the staff for dealing with dementia either in their professional or personal lives.

Dementia Friendly Communities are also springing up across the county, most recently in the towns of St Ives and Wisbech. A Dementia Friendly Community focuses on a community that already exists – be it a geographical community like a town, or an interest based community like a faith group or chain of shops – and seeks to make itself more dementia friendly internally. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire & Rescue Service have recently applied to become a Dementia Friendly Community.

It doesn't have to be difficult to identify what actions would make your individual business or community more dementia friendly. Nor does it have to be time consuming or expensive – some of the most effective actions are free. Dementia Friends information sessions are free, interactive, 45 minute sessions that explain a little more about what dementia is, how it can affect people, and what you can do to help. Raising awareness and understanding among staff, members or volunteers is a really effective way to become more dementia friendly.

If you would like to find out more about your local Dementia Action Alliance, Dementia Friendly Community, or you would like to organise a Dementia Friends

Information session, please contact Hilary Shepherd, DAA Coordinator for Cambridgeshire, at Hilary.shepherd@alzheimers.org.uk or 07484 078680.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

Volunteers needed in the Huntingdon and Fenland District for Cambridgeshire Hearing Help (formerly CAMTAD)

What is it like if you can't join in a social event because the background noise overwhelms you? Or you can't get any

pleasure out of watching TV as all the sound is indistinct and mumbling? At Cambridgeshire Hearing Help we support people to manage their hearing loss to try and reduce the inconveniences and challenges.

Volunteers run drop-in hearing help sessions and visits to housebound people in their homes or residential care. NHS hearing aid users can get free batteries and hearing aid maintenance service with advice about hearing loss.

Volunteer - learn a new skill and join the friendly team.

Training course starting in February 2017 in Brampton.

**Contact Melanie Lombardi on 01223 416141 or enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk**

General Information

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

Winter Fuel Payment

A Winter Fuel Payment is a tax-free payment for older people.

Winter Fuel Payment is paid every year during the winter to help with your fuel costs. However, you can choose how you use the money. Winter Fuel Payment does not depend on how cold the weather gets. There are other payments that are only paid when the weather reaches a certain temperature, called cold weather payments. These are made to people on some income-related benefits during cold weather.

Who can get a Winter Fuel Payment

If you're a woman, you can claim a Winter Fuel Payment when you reach State Pension age. You must be State Pension age in the **qualifying week** for the winter concerned. The qualifying week always begins on the third Monday of September.

If you're a man, you can claim a Winter Fuel Payment when you reach the State Pension age of a woman born on the same day as you. You must be this age in the **qualifying week** for the winter concerned.

To qualify for a Winter Fuel Payment for the winter of 2016/2017 you must have been born on or before 5 May 1953.

There are some people who cannot get a payment even if they are the qualifying age. You will not get a Winter Fuel Payment if:

- you are in hospital getting free treatment throughout the qualifying week, and have been there for over a year, or
- you are in prison serving a sentence, throughout the qualifying week, or
- you live in a care home **and** you get Pension Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). (You can get a Winter Fuel Payment if you are in a care home and not getting one of these benefits), or
- your partner has reached the qualifying age for a Winter Fuel Payment and gets Pension Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related ESA for both of you. The Winter Fuel Payment will be made to them.

You normally have to live in the UK to get a Winter Fuel Payment and have no immigration conditions on your stay that would prevent you getting help from the Department for Work and Pensions.

If you have been getting a Winter Fuel Payment and move to another European Economic Area country or to Switzerland you may be able to continue to receive payments. If you live in an eligible European Economic Area country or in Switzerland, you may be able to get a Winter Fuel Payment even if you have not previously received one in the UK. However, you will only be able to get a payment in these circumstances if you can show that you have a 'genuine and sufficient' link with the UK, for example, you are receiving a UK pension or you have spent a significant part of your life in the UK, or you have worked in the UK and paid national insurance contributions there. You must also be covered by certain European rules on social security.

If you are not sure whether or not you can get a Winter Fuel Payment, you should consult an experienced adviser, for example, at a Citizens Advice Bureau.

How to get a Winter Fuel Payment

Most people who are entitled to a Winter Fuel Payment do not need to make a claim. If you get State Pension, Pension Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Incapacity Benefit, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, Carer's Allowance, Severe Disablement Allowance or a Bereavement Benefit, and you are getting one of these benefits in the qualifying week you do not need to make a claim. A Winter Fuel Payment will be made automatically.

If you successfully claimed a Winter Fuel Payment the previous year and your circumstances have not changed, you also do not need to make a claim.

If you are not getting one of these benefits in the qualifying week and you have not successfully claimed a Winter Fuel Payment before, you will have to make a claim. The Department for Work and Pensions may get in touch with you anyway and send you a claim form. If this does not happen, you can get a claim form from the Winter Fuel Payments helpline or from the GOV.UK website.

The Winter Fuel Payments helpline

The Winter Fuel Payments helpline is on 0345 915 1515 (text phone 0345 606 0285). You can use this helpline for any queries you have about Winter Fuel Payments, or to find out what is happening if you are expecting a payment and it is late.

**For more information please contact Peterborough Citizens Advice Bureau :
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How often do you find euros from holidays in the past years in your purse or get turned down at the checkout because you are trying to buy your lunch with rupees!?! You can also donate any foreign coins, pre-decimal English Coins, Irish Punts etc and help raise money towards creating life changing partnerships. Please drop these off with us, as described above.

For more information, please contact

Gill Yeates, National Fundraising Manager - 07824 453319



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Christmas Miscellany

Wednesday 14 December

We will begin with our speaker, Brian Eversham, the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire since 2009. Brian has a comprehensive knowledge and interest in wildlife and will give us an update on the work of the Wildlife Trust, including new discoveries in our area. This will be followed by our Christmas Quiz, plus wine and mince pies.

Born to Travel

Wednesday 11 January

Peter Holden, who is an author and broadcaster, has always had a passion for birds. He will talk about bird migration, delving into the amazing journeys of many of our most loved birds. Peter will include a short film to illustrate his talk. Peter was a Senior Manager with the RSPB for 40 years and was responsible for devising the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. We meet at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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SAWTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB



By the time you read this, I expect winter will be firmly upon us and most bikes will be tucked up in the garage. So, with that in mind, I thought it would be good to look back on warmer, sunnier times and the motorcycle trip a few of us did in late summer.

Cast your mind back to the glorious heatwave in early September; by pure luck that heatwave coincided with our planned trip to Europe! We couldn't have asked for better weather. We took the bikes on the Eurotunnel (such an easy crossing) and then headed off to Switzerland. The plan was to ride as many of the Alpine passes as we could; we had been to Meiringen a couple of years ago and promised ourselves that we would return to do just this.

Well, the roads were just fantastic! We rode the Susten Pass, the Furka Pass (careful how you say that one) and the Grimsel Pass; riding in beautiful weather, with a backdrop of mountains & glaciers, we found ourselves stopping quite frequently to take photographs. The mountain roads themselves were occasionally challenging, with multiple hairpin bends and steep drop-offs at the side, but great fun on a motorbike. We even took a small camping stove so that we could stop & have a brew whenever we wanted – very civilised. At the end of each day's riding we all had huge grins on our faces.

Our route home took us through the Black Forest in Germany, on to Koblenz, then Bastogne in Belgium before finally returning to Calais. A great trip, covering 1,750 miles; we're looking forward to next year's already!

Back to the present, and it just remains for me, on behalf of Sawtry Motorcycle Club, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pete

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SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Our AGM took place in November when the following people were elected as officers of the club and committee:

President	-	Mary Bennett
Chairman	-	Mick Rayson
Secretary	-	Kevin Bowers
Ladies Secretary		Nicki Mason
Treasurer	-	Tony Nickerson
Comp Secretary-		Sam Nickerson
Committee	-	Isabelle Brown; Sandra Deller; Derek Deller; Karen Leader; Pam Martell; Keith Phoenix, and Malcolm Scott



During the summer we ran a charity match in memory of Sue Rayson, one of our treasured members who died earlier in the year. We played a game against some guests that her husband Mick had invited along. Sawtry Co-op Funeralcare donated the prizes. The event raised just over £400 and we hope to make it an annual event in our calendar.

Mick has raised some monies himself through other ventures, and has rounded up the total amount to £800, which will go to the Woodland Centre at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Well done Mick and all involved.

Hopefully when reading this Mick Rayson will also be holding the position of National Junior Deputy President of the English Bowling Federation. Mick was County President a few years back, and now starts on the road of being National President in 3 years' time. Mick follows in the steps of Don Racey a previous National President from the club, which is a huge honour for Mick, the County and of course the club.

Future Dates: 4 December - Christmas Lunch;
10 December - Christmas Bingo

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our members. Winter well.

Any Queries contact Club Secretary Kevin Bowers Tel No 01487 832854

You can also find us on our Facebook Page (just search Sawtry and District Bowling Club), and our Website -

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us> (or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club').

Festive Facts

- ★ The first Christmas celebrated in Britain is thought to have been in York in 521AD

The First
CHRISTMAS



Festive Facts

- ★ The world's biggest ever turkey weighed in at a whopping 86lb. It was sold in 1989 for £4000



SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



As the year draws to a close we can look back over the past 12 months with a lot of satisfaction as a number of goals have been achieved through the year.

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Both our senior sides have had a positive season with the Saturday side finishing a very respectable 4th in the league and the Sunday side a solid mid table finish,

C.C.

congratulations to both sides.

The juniors are developing core skills and it was pleasing to see a good number of people regularly taking part in weekly training.

Along with good cricket results, the club has managed to raise enough funds and have purchased new wicket covers which will help develop the club with improve playing conditions. Thanks to everyone supporting our fund raising events and making kind donations, the new covers have been purchased with the yearend closing bank balance remaining at the same level we started the year with.

As we continue to improve our club we are looking to host a number of fundraising events in 2017 and look forward to the village's support. However, before the year ends we have a Quiz night at Sawtry Club on Friday 2nd December so please come along.

Once again thank you to everyone who supported Sawtry Cricket Club in 2016. Hope everyone has a good Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07719 641431



SAWTRY COLTS

It's been a busy time of it of late at Greenfield with four or five matches taking place most Saturdays. As ever, there have been winners and losers, here's a quick synopsis of how the Colts teams have got on.

Our youngest team the Under 8s (U8s) managed a win in their last match of the first mini-season of the year defeating Bluntisham 5-3. This brought them promotion for the second mini-season and they were brought back to Earth with a 7-1 loss to St Neots. Victories against Gransden, Offord, Godmanchester and Somersham and a solitary defeat to another Godmanchester side also brought the U9s promotion in their first mini-season.

The U11 Blues have had two wins against Godmanchester and Huntingdon Rowdies. Their third match against a good Hemingford side started brightly and they were 1-0 up after 10 minutes but they eventually ended up losing 7-1. The U11 Yellows, who are a much-changed side from last season, are beginning to gel better with a 3-1 loss to Somersham (where they managed to score all four goals) and 2-1 defeat against St Ives were sandwiched with a 1-1 draw against Hemingford.

The U12 Blues have had two heavy defeats to a decent Little Paxton side, two further close matches in defeats to Stukeley Meadows and league leaders Gransden, and a hard fought 1-0 win against Brampton, when they looked defensively sound. The U12 Yellows defeated local rivals Alconbury in the cup, drew with Somersham and Priory and lost 7-4 at home to Godmanchester in a high scoring affair.

The U13s have had victories against Malborne and Oundle and losses to March and Hampton. They also lost in the cup going down 4-2 on penalties to Stanground after a 1-1 draw. The U14s, after losing their first two matches of the season, bounced back with 3 victories in their next four matches. They then lost at home, 2-1 to Priory, before gaining revenge the following week with a 2-1 win away to Priory. Funny old game!

The U16 Blues have a solitary victory so far this season against Staploe and Duloe. They have also drawn 2-2 against Brampton and lost two matches they should have won - 5-2 to Ramsey and 2-0 to Hemingford. The U16 Yellows opened the season with a win before losing heavily in their next four matches but they have tightened up defensively losing 3-2 and 2-1 and also winning 2-1 against Godmanchester. The U16 Girls after drawing their first two matches then followed up with two defeats. They then exited the cup losing to a very good Cambridge side so it will be back to league action for them next.

Hopefully, as we approach the winter, the relatively good footballing weather will continue and we can bring you further news of the Colts teams adventures on the playing fields. Perhaps a cup run or two may be needed to get some silverware in the trophy cabinet come the end of the season.

Brian Craig

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SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Sawtry FC are running two teams this season, both teams playing in the Peterborough and District Football League. They are **Sawtry First Team**, sponsored by APPS UK Ltd., and playing in the Premier Division and **Sawtry Reserves**, sponsored by The Bell PH, and playing in Division 3. Both teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry, kick off at 2pm for league games and 1:30pm for cup games on Saturdays. Please come down and show your support.

Recent Results

October 1	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	2 - 0	Holbeach Utd Res
8	League Premier Division	Leverington Sports FC	2 - 2	Sawtry FC
	League Division 3	Sawtry Res	6 - 2	Farcet Utd FC
15	League Premier Division	Deeping Rangers Res	3 - 3	Sawtry FC
	League Division 3	Sawtry Res	1 - 4	FC Peterborough
22	Scott Gatty Cup	Somersham	0 - 4	Sawtry FC
	League Division 3	Sawtry Res	4 - 1	Thorpe Wood Rangers
November 5	PFA Senior Cup	Sawtry FC	3 - 1	Baston FC
	League Division 3	Brotherhood Sports	5 - 3	Sawtry Reserves
12	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	3 - 2	Thorney FC
	League Division 3	Uppingham Town Res	5 - 5	Sawtry Reserves

Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

November 26	Scott Gatty Cup	Sawtry FC	v	Bluntisham Rangers FC
December 10	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	v	Moulton Harrox FC
17	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	v	Deeping Rangers Res
	PFA Junior Cup	Sawtry Res	v	Oundle Town Res

H - W = Home walkover

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