

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



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

*Thank you for your support
throughout 2019*

**Upton at Christmas
Upton Festive Fayre**

Saturday 7 December

from 10.00am - 1pm
in Upton Village Hall,

Gift Stalls, cakes, raffle and tombola
Refreshments including bacon baps



Upton Carol Service

Sunday 22 December

3pm

At St Margaret's Church,
Mulled wine & mince pies



Please join in these community events



**ALL SAINTS'
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

Second Weekend, 6 - 8 December

Friday evening 6.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm / Sunday 2.00 - 4.00pm

It will also be possible for Groups to arrange
visits during the week 2-6 December

*If you would like to know more, please email
rogerjubb@btinternet.com
or phone 01487 830243*



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hill View Residential Home

Would like to invite you all to get into the Christmas Spirit,
play games, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac and more

Saturday 14 December at 2pm

*Entrance is 50p per person with complimentary
mince pie and cup of tea or coffee*

At Hill View, St Judith's Lane,
Sawtry, PE28 5XE

For more information, contact 01487 831709

Everyone welcome



Sawtry Christmas

Everyone is welcome to join
our village celebrations:

Community Carol Service

Sawtry Village Academy
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

On Sunday 8 December
Starting at 3.00pm
Followed by refreshments



Led by Sawtry Churches Together
Contact details under church news

Village Carol Singing

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

At Greystones,
The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

Monday 16 December
Starting at 6.30pm



Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council
For information call 01487 831771

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

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13 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	07799 062276	9
11 July	Walk to Run / SYP / CARESCO	Sawtry Sport 4 All	07861 740040	5
3 - 9 August	Churches Together	Light Factory Holiday Club	01487 830345	--



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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 your special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, please let us know. No need to 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.

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Welcome...

As we all make our preparations for Christmas, the nights have drawn in and it's definitely getting colder!

Looking back at 2019, it has meant some exciting changes for the magazine. Our thanks to all our contributors and advertisers who have been part of the Eye story this year, we could not have done it without you and your support is much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the
Sawtry Eye team. Have a good one.



Liz - Co-Editor

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7, Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR 01487 208026

**Do you have a GA number at the CARESCO Charity Shop?
Have you updated your records recently?**

Since 2013 when our charity shop opened, 1800 local tax payers have generously signed up for gift aid! By doing so, we have been able to claim back an additional 25% from HMRC on top of the money we received from the sale of their donated items. To date, this has given us an additional £16,000 to spend on providing local services, such as the Man Cave.

If you have already signed up with us, but it was a while ago, please complete our new form to confirm that we have your current details. We just need your full name and postal address.

If you are a tax payer and make donations to the charity shop, but have not yet signed up to gift aid, please consider completing the enclosed declaration form and returning it to the shop. If you agree with the declaration on the back, we just need your basic details and signature to enable us to make a claim. Please make sure you also tick the box!

This income is given to us by the government at no extra cost to our donors. Thank you for your generosity!



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Mon - Fri	9am - 4.30pm
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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2019

End of term 19 December

Summer Term 2020

Start of term 20 April

Half term 25 – 29 May

End of term 21 July

Spring Term 2020

Start of term - 6 January

Half term: 17 – 21 February

End of term 1 April



Autumn Term 2020

Start of term 3 September

Half term 26 - 30 October

End of term 18 December

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

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



HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

2, 16 & 30 December

13 & 27 January

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

(Week Beginning)

9 & 23 December

6 & 20 January

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



Your Kind of Music presents

'Stilton in Tune'

live keyboard charity events

At the Pavilion,
High Street, Stilton, PE7 3RA

- **Sunday 15 December** – Davild Harrild
- **Sunday 2 February** - Jon Smith

Concerts start at 2.30pm (doors open 2pm)
£10.00 per person including refreshments

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

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



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

Contact the office for session theme details
on 01487 832105

Forthcoming dates:

13 December

10 & 24 January

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



SAWTRY WI

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

Charity Number 229016

5 December

'Life as a Professional Entertainer' - Steve Nixon

2 January

'Behind the Scenes in the Salesroom' - David Fletcher
Competition: An interesting Artefact

6 February

'Lands of Enchantment' - Chris Smith
Competition: A Favourite Book

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:
Crafts, Books, Raffle and Refreshments

President **Ann Martin** 01487 830442

Correspondence Secretary
Rosemary Jubb 01487 830243

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

Quarterly Hearing Help Service for NHS hearing aid users

Free batteries, hearing aid servicing
& advice on how to manage hearing loss

On Wednesday 5 February

From 3.00 - 4.00pm

At the CARESCO Centre

Off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Are you interested in volunteering?

We give full training including deaf awareness,
hearing aid maintenance and more. Volunteers
help at our sessions and visit people in their own
homes. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help CIO,
153 St Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambridge
CB23 7QJ - Tel 01223 416141

www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Registered Charity No 1154071

SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL

**** SAVE THE DATE ****
SATURDAY 11 JULY 2020

The inaugural Sawtry Sport 4 All was enjoyed by over 1000 people in 2019, all for free, and we are already planning to do it all again in 2020.

Many clubs have already signed up to offer free activities and we are working on getting everything into place.

If you are a club who wants to get involved please contact us. Similarly if you are a local business and would like to sponsor any part of the day or one of our very popular bought-in activities, please contact Nona or Emma at the address below

sawtrysport4all@gmail.com

or via www.sawtrysport4all.com



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Club, Gidding Road



PRIZE BINGO

Thursday

12 December

Eyes down 7.30pm

All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch

For more information, call 07788 180384

SAWTRY WI

WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS
(wheelchair access and hearing loop)

Charity Number 229016



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

(Sandwiches, mince pies & cake)

Wednesday 11 December, 2.30 - 4pm

£5.00

Tickets - Roz Rowland 01487 831793

Crafts - Books - Raffle

Everyone Welcome -

In Aid of the Hall Fund



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Enjoy a bit of family fun!

A Hamper of goodies for the winner

You can purchase quiz sheets from the CARESCO
Charity Shop or the CARESCO Centre

Please return your completed
entries by 13 January



ENTRY £1

Winners will be contacted
All proceeds to CARESCO

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturdays 14 December & 11 January

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



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

December (date to be confirmed)

Subject: Christmas Party & Carols

Competition: Make a Christmas Star

Thursday 9 January

Subject: New Year's Dinner at the Addison Arms

No Competition

You are very welcome to join us

For more information see
the WI website at www.theWI.org.uk
or www.glatton.org.uk

Find us on Facebook 'Huntingdon & Peterborough WIs'

Craft Buddies

Bring along your projects or just come to chat. No charge to
attend, drinks 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 STEPPERS MODERN LINE DANCE CLASSES

Mondays for Beginners / Improvers

10am - 12pm ~ £5 (including refreshments)

10 - 11am Beginners' Hour

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Rd, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Wednesdays Improvers / Intermediates

7 - 9pm ~ £5 (including refreshments)

Glatton Village Hall, High Haden Rd, Glatton, PE28 5RU

**** NEW ** Fridays for Beginners**

7 - 8.15pm ~ £4 (including refreshments)

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Rd, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Contact Julie: jcgillmore@sky.com,
07939 070406

Facebook: 'Sawtry Steppers'
BWDA Instructor, Fully insured,
DBS checked with music licence



Line Dancing

NEW BEGINNINGS

We are very pleased and excited to announce that CARESCO's Vintage and Friendship Clubs are joining together under the new name of "**Green End Day Club**", as of 6 January, hence the heading 'New Beginnings'. We are still operating Monday to Thursday from 10 to 2pm, we offer a freshly cooked two-course lunch every day and don't worry if you have special dietary needs, we cater for those as well, plus on your first visit your lunch is free.

Tea and coffee is available throughout the day, we have volunteers that will serve it to you if you cannot get it yourself, but we do encourage members to help themselves as much as they can. As a new addition, we will be offering coffee and cake on a Monday from 10 until 12 for anyone who would like to pop in.

We have a full programme of activities and we are also very fortunate to have very talented locals who come in to do a variety of crafts for us, every week is different. We are always open to new ideas and encourage our members to express their opinions. We have a good range of board games and if you are partial to a game of dominos, darts, pool or scrabble, the members of our club are always up for a game.

We have recently acquired our own minibus, which gives us more flexibility for more members of our community who have greater needs to attend our club. We have volunteer drivers who will come to your address and pick you up once you have joined our club. We are a small team of volunteers and trained staff whose sole aim is to ensure our members enjoy their time with us.

Our motto is: "Come and join us for a day of Food, Friendship and Fun". You can be assured of a warm welcome, good food and companionship.

Pat, Vicki & Gill - Contact 01487 832105 or call in at the CARESCO Centre





**This festive season
Sawtry Foodbank
are launching their
'12 Days of Christmas'**



1 Christmas cake or pudding	2 Selection box / Box of chocolates	3 Long life milk	4 Soup
5 Tinned fruit	6 Bottle of squash / juice	7 Tinned veg	8 Toiletries
9 Tinned meat / fish	10 Christmas crackers	11 A seasonal condiment	12 Cheese crackers or biscuits

Christmas can be a difficult time for those managing on a tight budget. For 12 days in December we are asking our supporters to add an item each day to a box. Your donations will help to provide food for a family in need over the festive period.

*Please drop your box off at the CARESCO Centre by
5pm on Friday 13 December. Thank you.*

NB Please make sure that all items are well in date and note that we cannot accept chilled, frozen or homemade produce.

Community Carol Service

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN SAWTRY

Come and join us as we get Christmas started

**On Sunday 8 December at 3pm
at Sawtry Village Academy
Fen Lane, Sawtry**

All are welcome to our community service, which will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat

For more information, please contact one of the churches, details on pages 13, 14, or 15



CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during 2019, it has been an amazing year

We look forward to seeing you in 2020, raising money for our local charity and enabling CARESCO to provide care services and activities for local people

*** Please note that we will close
4.30pm on Monday 23 December
and reopen
at 9.00am on Thursday 2 January ***

7 Greenways, Sawtry, 01487 208026



Chatterbox

**DROP-IN SESSIONS
FOR FAMILY CARERS**

A friendly drop-in where you can get help.
Chat & relax over a cuppa.
Guest speakers & Carers Assessments.

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday
between 2 - 4 pm
9 December
13 & 27 January**



Note: closed on bank holidays

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

For more information on any of these activities:
**Email: office@caresco.org.uk
or call the CARESCO office 01487 832105**



ON YOUR OWN FOR CHRISTMAS?

*Do you know what you're going to be doing
this Christmas?*

Are you going to be on your own?

*Would you prefer to be with other people
to celebrate the festivities?*

CARESCO will once again be hosting our Christmas Day Party for people in the Sawtry area who are going to be by themselves this year. Would you like to join in the fun? Space is limited, so early applications are recommended. Transport can be provided.



For more information and an application form, please get in touch with the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or office@caresco.org.uk



SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 18 December

Christmas Party
With the Upwood Ukuleles
Raising money for MAGPAS

Wednesday 15 January

Ray's Wine Whist

Wednesday 19 February

Winemaking Demonstration by Jenny and Babs

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings and join us. Sawtry Winemaker's hold a monthly meeting at the Old School Hall every third Wednesday.

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

For more information call Janet 01354 278824



HUNTS SHOPMOBILITY

Do you find it difficult to get about when you visit Huntingdon? If you have short or long term mobility problems, we are here to help.

We hire out mobility scooters and wheelchairs to help you access Huntingdon town centre. We can also hire out small mobility scooters and wheelchairs for longer periods which can be used in most parts of the country subject to availability.

Our opening hours are 10.00 – 1.00pm on Monday and 10.00 – 2.00pm Tuesdays – Saturdays (winter hours).

For more details on becoming a member or casual hire then please contact us by phoning 01480 432793, emailing shopmobility@huntsforum.org.uk or popping into the Portacabin in Princes Street car park, Huntingdon.

Registered charity, number 1124824



SAWTRY WI

WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS
(wheelchair access and hearing loop)
Charity Number 229016

KNIT & KNATTER CRAFT GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon, 2 - 4pm, in the WI Hall
£1.00 a session

Phone Maureen on 01487 832841 for further details

PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

Every Second Monday, 11am - 3pm, in the WI Hall
£1.00 a session

Phone Jacqueline on 07841 647345 for further details

VOLUNTEERING WITH

Looking for something meaningful to do with your spare time?

Wishing to gain

experience in the countryside sector?

HDC's Countryside Service could be the answer!

We are looking for more volunteers to help out with:

- Practical Conservation
- Events
- Outdoor Education
- Site Checks
- Café
- Wildlife Surveys
- Visitor Centre

Learn new skills. Meet new people. Help look after much-loved parts of the local community.

All sites are managed by Huntingdonshire District Council's Countryside Service with support from the Friends Groups at different sites.

If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Robyn Staddon on 07704 019620 or at Robyn.Staddon@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.



The Coroners' Courts
Support Service

Volunteers Required

Reasonable expenses paid and full training given

Would you be able to give emotional and practical support to families and witnesses attending Inquests?

Volunteers are required to join an existing team in Huntingdon and Peterborough Coroners' Court.

You must be able to commit to two full days a month (9 - 5) and have excellent listening and communication skills.

For further information or an application pack, email info@ccsupport.org.uk or call 07496 613634

Reg Charity No. 1105899

FROM YOUR COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

2019 has truly flown by, but it has been extremely busy for me around the Ward which stretches from Sawtry as far north as Stibbington and across to Elton on the Border of Northamptonshire. Some particular highlights for Sawtry were that CARESCO's Man Cave based in the Community Centre, has now secured a long term lease from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). I would like to thank Heather and the team for all their hard work supporting me to convince the County Council's Commercial and Investment Committee of the great benefits the Man Cave is bringing to the community.

I am delighted to see the new school block at Sawtry Village Academy is completed and being fully utilised by students and staff and it was a pleasure to be shown around by the CEO Mark Woods. The future of the Sawtry Leisure Centre has now been secured, but it is so important that we all support it and use it as much as possible to ensure its longevity.

At the time of writing we all await the result of the general election, but this won't stop my work at the Local Authorities on your behalf. In particular, my statutory role as Chairman of the Children and young People's Committee.

Significant budget challenges lie ahead but I will continue to tackle them head on, to ensure the Council is as efficient as possible.

If you would like to keep up to speed with what I am up to through the year or would like to contact me about issues that are important to you, why not follow / like my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CllrSimonBywater/>

Cllr Simon Bywater, Sawtry & Stilton

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER DANCE

Thank you, all of you who supported the Dance on 18 October in aid of Sawtry Feast Supper. An amazing £511 was raised. Amazing, because we were rather thin on the ground. A number of people were unable to come because of illness and other commitments, but bought tickets, gave raffle prizes and donations.

Everyone was so generous that perhaps we shouldn't single out individuals, but we must mention Jacqui and John Hedington and Sharon Farrington who, respectively, donated a hamper of goodies and a large bottle of whiskey and then bought them back in the auction! Thank you so much, and, lastly, thanks to David Wisker who sponsored the evening and played our favourite music for dancing.



Pam and Dick Tuplin



DAVID ELLIOT

Many thanks to all the kind people that attended the funeral of my late husband, David Elliot. The church was full and I was so grateful that so many people came to pay their respects.

Many thanks also to Jill for a lovely service, the piper and the standard-bearer.

Pat Elliot & Family

THANKS FOR THE SOAKING

A big thank you to the person driving a silver grey car registration ending JUP on Sunday morning 6 October, who went out of their way to give me a soaking from the puddle.

It's difficult to dodge when walking with the aid of a crutch.

A Soggy Sawtry Resident



SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY 2019

On a pleasant Autumn evening around 1200 people attended the Sawtry Bonfire and Firework Display organised by Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association, on Sunday 3 November 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 Charity Shop and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Martin Elliot for building the bonfire and Dave Latham for overseeing the lighting of it, Kevin Medlock for music and public address services and Sarah Nickerson for first aid cover. Thanks also to East Anglian Galvanising Ltd for sponsoring tickets and posters, also Agrii Ltd for the pallets for the bonfire. Thank you to special guest Councillor Dean Parkes for lighting the bonfire

The 50+ volunteers from Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Fishing Club, Falcon Cricket Club, St Ives Cycling Club, Sawtry Man Cave and the committee and friends of Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association who helped set up during the day and worked during the evening deserve a special thank you.

Mike Patchett



FAIRYTALE QUIZ WINNER

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent quiz sheet and congratulations to our winner.

CARESCO



**OPEN EVERY FRIDAY
9.00AM - 11.30AM
AT THE CARESCO CENTRE**

**We will be closed on
27 December for
Christmas Holidays and
reopen on
3 January 2020**



SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What this means... by creating our Neighbourhood Plan, we have an opportunity to influence developments in our village over a fifteen-year period ending 2036. Such developments could embrace planning, land use, housing, business developments, community facilities, transport, parking, climate considerations, biodiversity, our environment and many other possibilities according to the wishes of our residents.

How this came about... the Localism Act of 2011 delegated increased powers of decision-making from central government through district councils to local communities. In order to take advantage of these powers, each town and village needs to create a neighbourhood plan which defines its objectives and policies. Once a plan has been formally approved and adopted, its provisions carry legal weight. In addition, there is a financial benefit of increasing the Community Infrastructure Levy payable on new developments from 15% to 25%. For Sawtry, with the future building developments, this would represent a very significant boost to our parish income.

What we have to do... constructing a neighbourhood plan is a major undertaking, typically requiring two to three years. Much of the work can be performed within the local community, and requires extensive consultation to obtain opinions and wishes regarding future developments. We have begun the initial planning process by forming a small working party which now needs to grow. Individuals are invited to express their interest by contacting the Parish Office or the working party chairman on john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk. Such support may be offered throughout the entire planning process or for shorter periods according to personal preferences. We also welcome consultation from neighbouring parishes, such as Conington, Glatton and Holme, which lie outside the area to be covered by Sawtry's Neighbourhood Plan.

SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

Why not join us for the last meeting of the year on Thursday 19 December; it will be our Christmas party night. So please bring some nibbles to eat and drinks are available from the bar.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm, and is held at Sawtry Club we are a small friendly club and are always happy to welcome new members of all levels.

Subject for the evening will be the night photography, members and non-members are all welcome. All you need to do is go out and take some photos in the dark, please use your tripod or similar to keep your camera still.

Put up to eight images on to a USB stick and bring them along with you. We will group critique all images to help us all improve our photography skills.

If you require further information please contact Neville on 07746 332287



Thank you to everyone in the community for their support and encouragement throughout 2019.

The SYP committee would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2020.

We continue to work with the Parish Council and hope that 2020 brings a skatepark to Sawtry.

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of the skate park project, please get in touch with us through Facebook (@sawtryyouthproject) or through our website: www.sawtry-youth-project.org



Sawtry Carnival 2020 is set for
Saturday 13 June.

The theme will be..... '**Tropical Fiesta**'



Carnival Court Selection & Crowning Evening 2020

Friday 20 March

At Sawtry Club- from 7pm

Disco & Raffle! ~ All are welcome

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

Bookings for stalls, parade and arena along with
Court entries will be taken from January
so please do get in touch!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH CRISIS GRANT

The Branch Crisis Grant (BCG) is a new initiative by the RBL that allows the issuing of a one-off grant by Branches of up to £200 to Beneficiaries to help address urgent needs. These grants can be awarded for food, clothing, utility top-ups (electricity and gas) and accommodation, ranging from £35 per child for food up to £200 for a household with dependents for temporary accommodation (just two examples from the range of grants available).

When requesting a grant you will be asked to demonstrate eligibility but no copies of documents will be taken. BCG is only the first step in providing a holistic package of support. Because of this, a grant cannot be awarded without making a referral to the RBL Contact Centre. This is so their staff can contact you to discuss further advice or support. You will be asked to give your permission for a referral to be made and without that permission, the Branch will be unable to consider a grant.

For further information contact:

Sawtry RBL, Branch Community Support Representative
Stewart Wylie 07780807182 / 01487- 831458



SAWTRY JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

On 8 - 9 October we were inspected under the new Ofsted framework. We are delighted to have now received our latest Ofsted inspection results which have found the Academy to be 'Good' in all areas.

Our staff were praised for being devoted to their roles. The report stated: "Leaders and teachers have thought carefully about how best to help pupils learn. Teaching has improved and is now effective throughout the school. This is particularly true of those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who now do as well as their classmates." It also states that by the end of year 6 children are "ready for the next stage in their educational journey."

Another area which received praise in the report was the academy's attitude to empathy and impact on the wider world. Inspectors like that students are encouraged to make sandwiches for homeless people and also took part in a 'plastics project' where they were taught about the impact that plastic has on the environment and what can be done about it.

The support we have received from CMAT has helped us to create a better working environment, one that helps prepare and shape these children for an incredibly bright future in the modern world. We'd like to thank everyone for the support they have shown Sawtry in helping us achieve this wonderful report. The full report can be accessed from the Ofsted website.

We currently have a vacancy on our Academy Council and are hoping a member of the Sawtry Community would like to join us and help make a difference to our academy. Please contact us for more information.

Sarah Flack, Principal

Email: office@sawtryjunior.org
www.sawtryjunior.org

Telephone: 01487 830204



SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY NEWS

We were pleased to welcome our new Year 7's who have settled in well and are already contributing to school life.

Over £230 was raised in a collaborative project with CARESCO at the Sawtry Heritage Festival where five year 11 students assisted Ms Nicholson in preparing and serving afternoon tea. This is a great example of working within our community to raise funds not only for the school but for other worthy causes.

Our U13 girls football team became District Champions! They played with great determination to win all 8 matches without conceding a single goal. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

There have been a number of trips to London since the start of term. Art students in Years 9 - 11 explored the Tate Modern gallery and enjoyed a boat trip along the Thames to the Tate Britain. Twenty Sixth Form Photography students carried out street photography tasks whilst the Art students perused the National and Portrait Galleries.

Year 13 media students visited the BFI Film Festival to watch 'Honey Boy' and 'Synchronic' and were lucky enough to have the directors of both films present with an informative Q&A afterwards.

A huge thank you to Align Strategy who donated £5,000 to the Academy to improve our high quality learning environment. We have installed a fantastic new projector, automatic screen, wiring improvements to our current sound system and upgraded our light bars. Every student at the Academy will benefit immensely - from higher quality assemblies to the fantastic shows that we put on.

Thank you to everyone who has been using EasyFundraising when shopping on line. We have raised £653.66 so far! Please visit <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/sawva> to sign up.

Simon Parsons, Principal

Fen Lane, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5TQ

T: 01487 830701; F: 01487 831679; Email enquiries@sawtrycc.org; or visit www.sawtryva.org



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Flu Vaccination

Patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination.

- Aged 65 or above (including those becoming age 65 by 31.03.19)
 - Chronic neurological disease (such as Parkinson's or motor neurone disease, or learning disability)
 - Chronic heart disease (such as heart failure)
 - Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic liver disease
 - Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities
 - Weakened immune system due to disease or treatment. Consideration will also be given to the immunisation of household contacts of these patients.
 - Splenic dysfunction or asplenia
 - All pregnant women (including those who become pregnant during the flu season)
 - Morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 or above)
 - In receipt of a carer's allowance, or who are the main carer for an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill.

If you haven't had your vaccination yet, please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Minor Illness Appointments

Our Lead Practice Nurse, Sister Anita Willis, is now providing Minor Illness appointments. Our reception team will book you into a Minor Illness appointment if you ring for an on the day appointment and your problem is appropriate to be dealt with by Sister Willis.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve	Open as usual	Sunday 29 December	Closed
Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day	Closed	Monday 30 December	Open as usual
Thursday 26 December - Boxing Day	Closed	Monday 31 December – New Year's Eve	Open as usual
Friday 27 December	Open as usual	Tuesday 1 January – New Year's Day	Closed
Saturday 28 December	Closed	Wednesday 2 January	Open as usual

During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow two working days for your request to be processed.

On behalf of us all here at Wellside Surgery, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our patients, and their friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

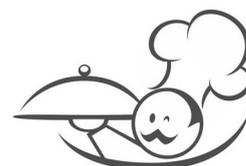
Following on from our AGM next year's Feast Supper will be on Tuesday 2 June, so please make a note in those new diaries you receive for Christmas.

Recent fundraising has taken place being a Dance held at the Village Academy when a magnificent £511 was raised for which we are truly grateful, so thank you to everyone who attended, bought raffle prizes and purchased raffle tickets. Also thank you to everyone who organised the evening and helped on the night, we are ever so grateful for your support."

Following on from our recent AGM we would like to welcome Maddy Leader to our small committee, you may well speak to Maddy when you receive your invitation or to arrange transport. If anyone else is interested in delivering invitations for next year's Feast Supper, please do get in touch, all help is much appreciated.

If you would like to join us next year, please do contact me and we will add you to the list for 2020.

**Karen Leader, Secretary
07903 841708**



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The September meeting was titled 'Hereward the Exile' by Don Chiswell. The presentation was illustrated with scenes from the Bayeux Tapestry, which is not a tapestry and was not produced in France. It's an embroidery made in Kent.



He was an Anglo-Saxon who was likely the son of Asketil Torkisune, brother of Abbot Brand of Peterborough Abbey, he held estates in Lincolnshire. Hereward was such an unruly lad that his father got King Edward to exile him.

After the invasion, he returned to fight the Normans, a base was established in Ely where he was joined by the Danes and together they sacked Peterborough Abbey.

They held out in Ely against the armies of nine shires, but ultimately coming to terms with William. Hereward may have lived into old age as a Hereward appears in the Domesday book with land in Worcester and Warwick.

In October we had the report on the SHS Archeology Project on the Abbey site, mainly presented by our own Kevin Redgate assisted by Phil Hill. The survey was conducted in June and December 2016, the main object was to determine the accuracy of Inskip Ladds drawings as there is a lot of speculation that his results were influenced by his visits to Roche Abbey, which is more complete than ours. Sidney Inskip Ladds was a local Architect and Historian based in Huntingdon, 1867 - 1950.

Kevin explained how the site was marked out in a grid before using Earth resistance and Magnetometry, as in Time Team. We were also shown the high and low resistance patterns of the different areas of the site along with a general explanation of how the Abbey evolved and how the monks lived. Well done to all those involved.

There is no meeting in December. The subject of the meeting on 16 January is '10 Years of Local History Talks'.

We will be involved with the village event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day 8 May 1945.

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome, entrance is £2.00 by donation.

The SHS Archive is open in the new library from 10:00am to 12:00 noon every Saturday.

For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441

DOING ANYTHING ON SUNDAY?

Peterborough Conservation Volunteers work on local nature reserves, where you can help us with practical conservation work – scrub clearing, hay-raking, hedge-laying, and similar jobs. We provide tools, gloves, and hot drinks: you provide suitable clothes, boots/wellies, and (wo)manpower. You'll need transport to the sites, but we can often arrange lifts or car shares.



Here's the current programme, all jobs start at 10:00am:

Date	Site	Date	Site
01/12/2019	Castor Hanglands NNR	05/01/2020	Tenterhill pond LNR
08/12/2019	Castor Hanglands NNR	12/01/2020	Archers Wood WT
15/12/2019	Fletton Fields pond LNR	19/01/2020	Archers Wood WT
22/12/2019	Old Sulehay NNR	26/01/2020	Lattersey LNR
29/12/2019	Old Sulehay NNR	02/02/2020	Barnack Hills and Holes NNR
NNR = National Nature Reserve		LNR = Local Nature Reserve	

Please note that this program is likely to change, as it depends on site management, and the weather (especially the hay-making jobs). Visit <http://www.p-c-v.co.uk>, or e-mail us (info@p-c-v.co.uk) to check, or for more information. Children are welcome, but require adult supervision.

WELCOME TO YOUR HEALTH TRAINER SERVICE

Want to improve your health? This free service is here to help

If you want to improve your health, you are more likely to succeed with their help and support.

Everyone knows that they could do a little more towards living a healthier lifestyle. You may want to:

- ♥ Stop smoking
- ♥ Eat more healthily
- ♥ Drink less alcohol
- ♥ Do more exercise

Health Trainers won't make you do anything that you don't want to do. But they can offer advice and help to decide what your goals are – and then help you reach them.

Once you have joined the FREE programme, your Health Trainer will meet with you up to six times over a year.

Clinic runs **Tuesdays 12.30 - 3.30pm at The Old School Hall, Sawtry**

Please call 03330 050093 to book an appointment www.everyonehealth.co.uk/camb

Email: changeointcamb@everyonehealth.co.uk





SAWTRY CHORALE

It is good to see our regular audiences and we are all very excited to be performing once again for you in Sawtry. Our Christmas concerts include:

- **St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton - 7 December at 7.30pm**
- **All Saints Parish Church, Sawtry - 14 December at 7.30pm**

Additionally, this year, like last, on 18 December we will be making some selected appearances in local venues in Sawtry singing Christmas carols and sharing Christmas cheer

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to sing with us please contact 07745 618364 or come along to rehearsal – on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Sawtry. You don't need to read music, just like to sing.

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Christmas Craft Saturdays

Come along and get your Christmas started with some Christmas crafts and fun at Sawtry Library. Saturday 7, 14 & 21 December from 10.00am—1.00pm. 50p per craft pack.



Essentials by Sue

Essentials by Sue is a project that has been created to provide young people with free toiletries and sanitary products. If you are struggling with getting access to toiletries, sanitary items or underwear you can visit Sawtry Library to collect the items you need. If you find it awkward asking for particular items, simply write down what you need and give it in at the library reception desk for a discreet service.

The library also accepts donations of products – please pop them into the library during opening hours.

Family Games Club—Starting Saturday 4 January - 10.00 - 11.30am.

Spend some quality family time together at Sawtry Library every Saturday morning. Construct something using Lego or choose from a selection of family board games or jigsaw puzzles to play with. There will also be colouring sheets for children and adults to do.

Rhymetime—Every Wednesday from 10.15 - 10.45am—Term time only

Come along to our friendly Rhymetime sessions at Sawtry Library and sing along with your children to popular nursery rhymes. You get to meet other parents and can choose from our range of lovely baby and children's books to take home.

Lego Club

Come and create your own Lego masterpieces at our regular Lego Club in Sawtry Library. Bring along your friends and family and all get creative together. Every Saturday 10.00 - 11.30am, 50p per child.

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.

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



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

**Sawtry Sunday Mass at 5pm at the Methodist Church,
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX
All are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.**

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, as well as our Roman Catholic Parish Church of St. Luke in Orton Malborne, Peterborough.

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

Contact St. Luke's Priest-in-charge: Fr Jeffrey Downie for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Funerals, and all other inquiries - saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk - 01733 370877 -

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

Find us on:





REMEMBRANCE

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



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

*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, PE28 5RR



December		
1	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
8	9.00am	Holy Communion
15	9.00am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
22	4.00pm	Family Carol Service
24	10.00pm	Holy Communion - Midnight
25	10.30am	Joint service at Sawtry Methodist
29	10.30am	Celtic Communion at All Saints

January		
5	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12	9.00am	Holy Communion
19	9.00am	Holy Communion
26	9.00am	Holy Communion



Christmas Services

The Family Carol Service on 22 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 on 24 December will start at 10pm and we will join all parishes on Christmas Day starting at 10.30am at Sawtry Methodist.

'A Follow The Star' reflection will be hosted at All Saints each Wednesday ahead of Christmas starting on 4 December and thereafter on 11 and 18 December.

New Year Lunch

A New Year Lunch will be held on 19 January in the Glatton Village Hall starting at 12.30 am for a 1pm sit down. A great way to start the New Year with friends and some delicious fayre of roast pork and home-made sweets; raffle and voluntary bar. Tickets at £12 each can be obtained from the PCC members or contact: Helen Ford 830648 or Rosie Darby 834234.

Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 10 December (note 2nd Wednesday this month) and 15 January in the Village Hall from 3-4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

St Nicholas is delighted to announce that our incumbent 'Priest in Charge' is to be licensed on 10 October (Thursday) and will be contactable after the 10th at the Sawtry Rectory (01487 506217). Please also contact the Church Warden(s) John Pigott (506007) or Heather Barrell (831445) for any church matters.

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

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk



December		
1	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
8	10.30am	All Age Worship—Christingle
15	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
24	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
25	10.30am	Joint Service at the Methodist Church
29	10.30pm	Joint Service of Celtic Communion at All Saints

January		
5	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12	10.30am	All Age Worship
19	10.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)
26	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Monday Morning Prayer - A simple service of about half an hour, an opportunity to draw near to God. All are welcome, come and join us if you can. Every Monday (except bank holidays) at 9:30am at the Church.

Messy Church - on Saturday 21 December (TBC) & 11 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.



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.

Causeway Group - We are a group of ladies of any denomination or non. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month 2 - 4pm to share in fellowship and caring. For more information contact Isolde on 01487 831260.

Contact Details - please contact Rev. Becky Dyball at the Rectory on 01487 506217 and email revdyball@gmail.com for all wedding, baptism, funeral enquiries or if you have any other ministry needs. Please consult our website www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk where there is information about services and other events as well as email addresses and other contact details. Thank you.



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



Weekly Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am



<p>Holy Communion 1 December - 10.30am Led by Rev Alan Taylor</p>
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<p>Candlelit Carols 22 December - 6.30pm A beautiful seasonal service</p>
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<p>Covenant Service 5 January - 10.30am Led by Rev Alan Taylor</p>

Come and join us, all are welcome

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Monthly starting at 2.30pm - Open to all
No meeting in December, 27 January
Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 7pm
Contact Matt on 01487 830345

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 - 11am
All Welcome. Proceeds in aid of our Building Project Phase Two

**For more information, please contact Rev Alan Taylor on 01487 209457
Or email alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk**



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire Local Group

An Evening with Mike Dilger
Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm

Mike is a well-known face as a wildlife presenter, he is also the author of numerous books. Tonight he will share his tales of his extensive travels in the tropics. We are expecting this to be a very popular talk and would ask people to book in advance to ensure a seat.

Fascinating Fungi – An Introduction to Mycology Wednesday 8 January at 7.30pm

An absorbing talk by Peter Walker about these diverse organisms will tell us about the identification, habitat, biology and uses of fungi

We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4TB. For more details, contact Alistair Grant on alistairgrant@hotmail.com or 07775365507. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Everyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend

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

CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

Courting Disaster - The following summaries of court cases show that police and other members of the legal community are not immune to the risks associated with driving under the influence of alcohol and of speeding.

A West Midlands Police detective has been sacked after he was caught driving home whilst over the drink-drive limit. A professional misconduct hearing heard that the detective was found to have 85 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath – the legal limit is 35 milligrams. The officer was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol after he pleaded guilty in court. He was fined £500 and banned from driving for 20 months.

An Assistant Chief Constable of Lincolnshire “put lives at risk” when her Mini smashed into an oncoming car as she tried to make a hands-free call to her husband, a court heard. She strayed on to the wrong side of the road as she became distracted whilst trying to find the Bluetooth button on her steering wheel. The other driver suffered whiplash and bruising and had to be taken to hospital. She pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention and was fined £1,460 and had seven points on her licence.

A lawyer was caught speeding seven times in eight months. The man, 49, from Lymm in Cheshire, was clocked five times on the same stretch of road in a £120,000 Porsche. The chief executive of Beyond Corporate Ltd was banned for six months and fined £3,300.

Top Tip: If you wish to drink don't drive and if you wish to drive don't drink. Could you face a family who's loved one you have killed or seriously injured because you wanted an alcoholic drink?

Should you wish to know more about the Group and the free training that we offer visit www.roadarc.org.uk where you can obtain more information and can download a Membership Application Form.



AN EYE ON NATURE

There are many amazing spectacles in nature, and a starling murmuration is one of the top ones. This time of year is the time to catch this wonderful aerial ballet.

But what is a murmuration? The dictionary definition is the gathering together of a large flock of (usually) starlings which fly all together and change direction together. It cannot describe the incredible wonder of what is happening though, so I will try to paint a picture of my first murmuration on Halloween 2010 at the RSPB Fen Drayton Reserve.

As dusk approached, small flocks arrived from all directions and joined together over the reed bed. More and more birds piled in former bigger and bigger flocks. As they joined together in such large numbers, their wing beats could be felt as a wind overhead. It was a very dramatic sight in the glow of the red sunset with thousands of silhouettes whirling, twisting and turning all in perfect unison. The flock would split into smaller groups, then reform noisily. This aerial dance continued overhead for some time, then all of a sudden the birds plunged into the reeds. They chattered for a short while then as darkness closed in, fell silent. Not a sound could be heard!

Wow, it was breath-taking and certainly beat Trick or Treat back home. I shared the moment with several other people, knowing we had witnessed something very special indeed.

Starling murmurations occur in all sorts of places, including the famous one in Brighton under the pier. To find out where the best places are locally this winter, contact the Wildlife Trust or RSPB, details below.

Martin Baker

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

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

Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org

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



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
 At Greystones, The Green, Sawtry
 Monday 16 December at 6.30pm
 Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council

All Welcome




DRAGON YOGA & MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

Custom-built studio at 11 Ashdale Close, Sawtry 07585 950923 markad@btinternet.com
 Yoga, Tai Chi, Qigong, Feng Shui, Meditation, Karate, Kickboxing, Weapons, Self-defence



Events and Local Seminars:-

- 7 December - Seminar Cambridge
- 15 December - Qigong Seminar Sawtry

Classes:

- Wednesdays 3.30pm, Advanced Martial Arts
- Wednesdays 6.30pm, Martial Arts (Family class)
- Thursdays 6.00pm, Martial Arts
- Thursdays 7.00pm, Yoga, Tai Chi & Meditation
- Saturdays 9.00am, Beginners Martial Arts
- Saturdays 10.00am, Yoga, Tai Chi & Meditation
- Advanced Classes booked to suit, days may change

Recent Promotions & Awards:

Courquins Family of the year
 Helen Shellard Student of the year

Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington, 9th Dan

Facebook under "Yoga, Qigong & Meditation" & "Qigong Martial Arts"



SAWTRY COLTS

The football season continues with Greenfield looking in very good condition, at least until the recent rains arrived - here's how the Colts teams have been faring.

The Under 7 (U7) Blue Sox recent matches have seen the team win 4 and lose 2. The stand out game was coming back from 4 goals down after 10 minutes against Needingworth, a team that had previously beaten them, to get a well deserved victory. A great team performance.

The U7 Yellows had a rematch against Buckden Blacks trying to avenge a loss from earlier in the season. The boys battled hard and put in a great performance and ground out a good win. Travis Johnson with a top bins free kick and Jenson Matthews with a brace. Real team effort. One proud management team.

The U10s have had some tough matches of late with losses in the league to St Neots and in the cup to Priory. They did run out comfortable victors against Little Paxton and beat Godmanchester in a tight match when the first goal proved to be crucial. They have struggled so far playing against the better teams they are facing in the higher league they now find themselves in.

The U12s picked up three away wins a row against Godmanchester, St Neots and Stilton scoring 15 and conceding just the two. They then lost 4-2 to Gransden and were knocked out the County cup by a good Needingworth side.

The U13 Yellows have lost to Buckden, Ramsey and St Neots (twice) but did pick up their first victory with a win against March. The U14 Blues, in the Peterborough league this season, have had some comfortable wins against Holbeach, Glinton, Hampton and Yaxley. A defeat in the cup to Godmanchester is their only defeat to date.

The U15 Blues have had recent defeats against Offord, where they lost by the odd goal in 11, and Godmanchester and went out of the cup to March. The U15 Yellows, in the same league, have five league wins out of five defeating Gransden, Sawtry Blues, Godmanchester and Little Paxton. They also picked up a win the league cup defeating Stilton 9-1. The U16 Blues have had some close fought matches of late resulting in three wins and two defeats in the league.

As you can see, it's been a busy time over Greenfield of late which the pitches (and car park) being full most Saturday mornings. From the results above it is evident there have been fireworks on the pitch as well as off them, especially from the U14 Blues and U15 Yellows.

In the meantime if anyone new to the village is interested in playing football have a look at the new website - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk - where you can find details of all the managers.

Brian Craig

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

29 of our runners lined up at the Peterborough Half Marathon in the rain only for the race to be unavoidably cancelled. Not wanting to put 3 months of Half Marathon training to waste, we put on our own impromptu Half Marathon the following week that was a great success.

On Sunday 8 December, we are holding a different type of run - a 5k Santa Fun Run to raise money for Hunts Community Cancer Network. This kicks off at The Greystones at 11am and everyone who books and pays (£10) by 24 November will get a Santa Suit, a mince pie and some mulled wine. Check out our Run Together page to book (search for 'Sawtry Walk To Run, Run Together'). If you do not want to run, we have a Just Giving page for donations.

On the subject of Santa, we will again be helping the Round Table bring Santa and his sleigh to Sawtry - look out of your windows for his sleigh on Wednesdays 11 & 18 December.

In other news, our latest beginners group are just finishing their 12 week course (next one starts in March) and the Club is well into its winter training programme with an eye on Spring Marathons.

If you want to join us, we meet on Sundays at St Judith's at 8.30am and at The Greystones on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.15pm. All abilities welcome including Jeffers as we now have a Jeffing group for those who, for any number of reasons, would rather not run continuously. Enquires to Heather at heather.knowles@gmail.com or by phone to Nona on 07861 740040.



**More details on our website at
www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk**

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

SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Recent News

In September we played our first major of the season at Rutland County for The Wooden Man Trophy, this round was a stroke play competition. Paul Cunningham had a fantastic day with a net 66 comfortably beating Ada Baldry and DJ Doug Bailey who both had 70 points, Ada getting 2nd on count back.

October was our annual captain (John Walker) vs chairman (John Lindsey aka The Guzzler) at Orton Meadows Golf Course, this was a match play competition. Team Guzzler coming out comfortably on top winning 7½ to 3½.

November's round saw us at Greetham Valley on the Lakes Course, considering the amount of rain we have had, the course was in excellent condition that saw some very impressive scores, leading the way with a massive 44 point score was DJ Doug Bailey, who saw off Neil Farrington on 39 points, which would have normally been more than enough to win and Doug White coming 3rd with 36 points.

Future Events

December is a Stapleford Competition at Belton Woods followed by our Christmas Party (normally a quiet sedate affair). In January we return to Greetham Valley this time playing the Valley Course and in February we will be visiting the Pidley Course. Sawtry Golf Society accommodate local golfers from scratch to 54 handicap, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf.

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



SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Not a huge amount to report since the season closed, but we have had a few social events, which have been well attended, including Bingo, Quiz Night and our Presentation Evening at the Old School Hall where all County and Club competition finalists received their trophies and prizes.

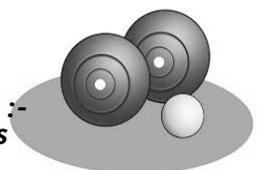
Plans are also being made for our Christmas Lunch and prize draw on Sunday 8 December and our infamous Burns Night on 18 January.

November saw our Chairman Mick Rayson end his 3 year stint at the top of the National English Bowling Federation tree. It has been an extremely busy year for him, but he has been a huge credit to the club, County and National Federation. He has also raised in excess of £1500 to his chosen charity of The Little Princess Trust during his year as National EBF President.

Best Wishes, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and friends.

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

Visit our Facebook Page - search Sawtry and District Bowling Club), Our website :- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us> or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'





USEFUL NUMBERS



Doctors / Pharmacy

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Yaxley Surgery - 01733 240478

Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072

Brownies - 830806

Guides - 07811 072670

Rainbows - 831076

Village Groups

Sawtry & District Astronomy Society - 831921

Sawtry Camera Club - 832602

Sawtry Chorale - 831435

Sawtry History Society - 07596 672588

Sawtry Motorcycle Club - 834190

Sawtry Small Business Partnership - 832683

Sawtry Wine Makers - 830020

Sport Clubs

Ladies Hockey - 07872 339662

Merton Kenpo Club - 832773

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 832854

Sawtry Colts - 834478

Sawtry Cricket Club - 834699

Sawtry Fishing Club - 07436 016188 - (Charlie)

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - Dave Gadsby (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581

Sawtry League Badminton Club - 832871

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 831374

Sawtry Tang Soo Do (Karate) - 830601

Sawtry Walking Group - 832407

Sawtry Yoga Club - 830601

Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) -506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - Tony 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough - 01733 370877

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School - 01487 833010 / 07914 278466

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

Other Services

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre - 0345 045 5225

CARESCO Centre - 832105

CARESCO Charity Shop - 208026

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon - 0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Sawtry Car Scheme - 07810 476979

Sawtry First Responder Group - 07885 422257

Sawtry Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall - 831771

Sawtry One Leisure - 01480 388111

Sawtry Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association- 831797

Sawtry WI Hall - 07763 438409

Sawtry Youth Community Centre - 831542

Tree Warden - 208676

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487

If you would like to add a new number to the list or you have spotted a wrong number then let the CARESCO team know on 832105

