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## SAWTRY FOODBANK CHRISTMAS TOP TEN

Christmas can be a difficult time for those managing on a tight budget, especially this year!

We are supporting local families this year and need your help! Please consider making a donation of suitable items from our Top Ten to help us:

Christmas cake or pudding	Tinned Veg	Long-life Milk	Tinned Fish	Box of Chocs or Selection Pack
Tinned Fruit	Long-life Juice	Tinned Meat	Cheese Crackers or Biscuits	Toiletries

*Our Christmas Hampers will include both essential foods and some seasonal extras!*

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

Please drop off your donations at the Foodbank warehouse (at rear of Sawtry Community Centre) **between 9.30am and 7pm on Thursday 10 December**

*Thank you in anticipation*

For information, please contact [sfbsupervisor@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sfbsupervisor@caresco.org.uk) or call 07743 593863



**WISHING ALL OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BIGGER AND BETTER 2021 !!**

## CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP

\* SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 5:30 PM

Join us for a National carol sing on your doorstep with your neighbours.

It's so easy to join in....

- \*Download and print the Carol Sheet and invitation from [www.premierchristianradio.com](http://www.premierchristianradio.com) or [www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org](http://www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org)
- \*Pop them through your neighbours' doors inviting them to join you
- \*5:30pm on 20th December tune your radio to Premier Radio or Freeview 725 or download the Premier Radio app on your phone, then sing along to the Carols played. Why not wear your festive jumpers too and even bring out something to shake or rattle?



<https://www.facebook.com/CarolsOnTheDoorstep>



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



# CARESCO



If you like to help with a good meaty voluntary role, CARESCO is for you!

## LOOKING FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Can you put something back into your local community?

Have you time to spare with new and old projects?

Are you committed or should you be?

Please get in touch and come and meet the rest of the bunch.

You'll never have a dull day and that's a promise!

## CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community



## FUNDING OUR FUTURE

We have been supporting our local community since 1982, now more than ever we need your help.



We are asking our friends and supporters to consider making a regular financial donation of £4 per month.

Please contact us for details of how to set up your payment and about Gift Aid by emailing [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) or calling Jacqui on 07599 987468

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## CARESCO PUMPKIN TRAIL



A huge THANK YOU to everyone that took part in our first Pumpkin Trail - the response was fantastic seeing over 50 houses taking part. The decorations were all really good and we certainly turned Sawtry orange. It gave lots of families a chance to walk around our lovely village and see all the houses decorated, some even supplying sweets at a social distance.

We would like to thank Rob & Wendy Suter from Sawtry Cars for sponsoring this for us and donating the money prizes, umbrellas, goodie bags and tubs of sweets. They were very generous and we appreciate their help and time with this event. Also thank you to Rob's sister who drove around the village and judged all the houses - she doesn't live in Sawtry so she had a totally unbiased view and I understand her job choosing was a tough one!!

Here are a list of our winners:

- Joint 1<sup>st</sup>            1 Rowell Way & 14 Gloucester Road  
                         received £20 each which they both donated to CARESCO
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place            45 Deerpark Road  
                         received £10 and kindly donated to RBL Poppy Appeal
- Runners up        38 Papyrus Road - received a goodie bag
- Runners up        23 Ermine Way - received a goodie bag
- Runners up        1 Louthe Way - received a goodie bag
- Business Award   Coopers Garage - received two tubs of sweets  
                         CARESCO Charity Shop - received two tubs of sweets

You all helped raise £173 for CARESCO and some people paid more than the £2 entry, so thank you and we look forward to next year so we can do it all again.

**Jacqui Hedington, Fundraising Manager**



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**Welcome...** ...and may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021, whatever they may look like! As we go to print, we are still waiting to find out what will be happening at the end of lockdown #2, and which restrictions we will still be living with by Christmas. As you can imagine, this makes publishing a local magazine something of a challenge.

Many of our local community groups and clubs have suspended their activities for many months, and even those who were planning to re-start, have now decided not to do so until next year. Keep an eye out for their announcements when they come.

Meanwhile, some good news! We are holding our advertising prices for 2021 as a support for local businesses. Please support our advertisers and use local wherever possible - and tell them where you found their details!

*Be good to each other.*

**Liz - Co-Editor**



**CARESCO**

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**CARESCO UPDATE**

After a couple of months of being reopen, frustratingly we had to once again suspend some of our activities under lockdown #2 from early November. These included our **Green End Day Club**, the **Coffee Shop** and our **Chatterboxers**. Our **Charity Shop** was sadly also closed along with all other non-essential retail - much that we would argue about how essential both the shop and its income are!

We have been able to continue to provide our two emergency support services, the **Sawtry Foodbank** and the **Sawtry Covid Response Team** and both teams have been doing a fantastic job supporting local people during the pandemic. The **Sawtry Car Scheme** drivers have also been offering transport for medical appointments throughout.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, **Sawtry Man Cave** have had a major refurbishment of their workshop and the **Sawtry Foodbank** have also benefitted from some upgrading of their warehouse.

Once some sort of 'normal' life begins to return next year, we are hoping to be able to get all our activities back up and running, including our **Thursday Club** in Alconbury and our **Sounds Good** group.

Thank you for your understanding

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

End of term  
18 December



### Spring Term 2021

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

### Summer Term 2021

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

### Autumn Term 2021

Start of term 1 September  
Half term: 25 - 29 October  
End of term 17 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)  
14 & 28 December  
11 & 25 January

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

(Week Beginning)  
7 & 21 December  
4 & 18 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'

Sadly, a return of our music shows will be delayed until sometime next year, meanwhile we can only wish our patrons a safe and Happy Christmas.

Look out for details in future issues.

For further details please contact  
Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600  
or email [tony.oliver5@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.oliver5@btinternet.com)



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

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

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

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

## Dial-a-Prayer



FREE phone lines for prayers and  
news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated on  
Thursday afternoon

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## SAWTRY WI

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

Charity Number 229016

### Please note:

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

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

\*\*\*\*\*

President	Jacqui Svensson	07841 647345
Correspondence Secretary	Rosemary Jubb	01487 830243

## YOUR CHURCH WEDDING

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

**Your parish church is here for you**

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

*If you would like more information on  
having a church wedding, please get in  
touch with Reverend Becky  
[revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com) or 01487 506217*



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## HOPE

The world has seemed so strange  
With people on their own,  
Working in isolation  
Spending their time at home  
Sadness has come to many  
With loss and desperation;  
Many depressed and fearful,  
Worrying for the nation.

But now we welcome Christmas,  
Surely the hope it brings  
Will help to raise our vision  
As we the carols sing.  
The eternal promise of life  
Must keep our courage strong  
As we remember a baby  
And the attendant angel throng.

Written by Joyce Day  
from the Sounds Good group

The group meet twice monthly to enjoy all things musical and the spoken word. You are welcome to join them when they resume.



## WANTED

Sawtry Eye Distributor  
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for more details

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
between 2 - 4 pm**



**Currently suspended, but we  
will be back as soon as  
permitted!**

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

For more information  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
or call the CARESCO Office 01487 832105

## CRAFT BUDDIES

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



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

**7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday**

**At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry**

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

**or email [carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk)**

## Festive Fact

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



## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturdays once a month  
10.00 till 11.30am

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



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



Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church

For more information please contact :  
Sue Fowler 01832 293215

## SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN LINEDANCE CLASSES

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

If anyone is interested and would like more information in any of my classes from beginners/improvers to intermediates, you will need to book ahead.

Or you can ask to join our Facebook group: 'Sawtry Steppers' where I have all my class details.

Contact Julie:  
[jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com),  
07939 070406



Line Dancing

**IRENE HURST**  
**FEB 1925 - OCT 2020**

The family of Irene Hurst would like to say a big thank you to all who either visited her, or have been very supportive to Twink and David at this sad time.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.




Sadly there was no 2020 carnival, but we will however be back with our 'Tropical Fiesta' in 2021

**Sawtry Carnival - Saturday 12 June**

From all the Sawtry Carnival committee and volunteers, we wish you a very Merry Christmas & a happy & healthy New Year

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



**FROST FAYRE**

**Saturday 4 December 2021**  
**At Sawtry Village Academy**

Meanwhile, support local craft businesses by visiting "Sawtry Frost Fayre Stallholders" on Facebook



For details:  
 Call Steph Taylor on 07720 583340

**Santa's Surprise!**



Would your child like a personal phone call from Santa?

Our own special Sawtry Santa will be making phone calls locally between 8<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Drop off your application form and a £2 donation, clearly addressed to 'Santa's Surprise', at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we will do the rest.**



Application forms are available online via our website and Facebook page, or pick up a paper copy from our Charity Shop at 7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR



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 www.caresco.org.uk



**Guess The Item**

**JUST FOR FUN**

Hope you managed to guess the vintage item in our last issue. In case you didn't, the item was a:

**Vintage Hairdryer**

Here is another item for you to guess.

The answer will be in the next issue.



**MEMORIAL COIN FROM WW1 BOMBING**



Earlier in the year, the CARESCO Charity Shop received an unusual donation of a memorial coin, made in 2017 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of a bombing of a London school during the First World War.

After some research, it transpired that the school, now called Mayflower Primary, was in Poplar in London's East End, and the tragic events had led to the deaths of 18 children – most just 5 years old. At least 37 others were seriously injured.

Most people associate the Blitz with World War Two, but the first airborne terror campaign in Britain actually took place during the First World War. During World War I Mayflower Primary was called Upper North Street School. On 13 June 1917 the school was bombed

from the air in a daylight raid by a German plane called a Gotha. This was the first incidence of civilians being targeted in this or any other war.

Thought to be targeting the docks, the bomber missed and hit the roof of the school where the bomb fell through two floors before exploding in the Infant Class.

The large angel-topped memorial, erected in 1919 by public subscription, records the names and heartbreakingly young ages of the children who died.

The donated coin has been rightly returned to the school for future generations to appreciate and remember.

For more information, visit the school website and follow the links to their history page <https://www.mayflower.towerhamlets.sch.uk/ww1>





## SAWTRY CHORALE

Currently suspended until further notice.

*We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to sing with us please contact 07870 248897 or come along to rehearsal when they resume – Wednesdays 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road in Sawtry. You don't need to read music, just like to sing. If you would just like to support the Chorale in other ways, we would be happy to hear from you. We look forward to seeing you all again soon...*

### Festive Fact

- ★ According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck.



## Connect with Care Network!

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

Speak to your local Huntingdonshire Coordinator today on 01480 423065

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



[www.carenetwork.org.uk/](http://www.carenetwork.org.uk/)  
or call 01954 211 919



## SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

### Calendar of Events

**Due to the current situation with Covid-19, it is unlikely that our meetings will resume until well into 2021.**

**We will advise you as soon as we intend to meet again. Until then keep safe and well. We send everyone our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.**

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings and join us when they resume. Sawtry Winemakers meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday each month at the Old School Hall. Our aim is to promote the making and enjoyment of homemade wines and beers, to share the results of our efforts and encourage new wine and beer makers.

**For more information call Janet 01354 278824**

## AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

Christmas will be different this year  
not sure there'll be that much to cheer  
with Santa locked down  
he'll be tied to the ground  
and it's furlough for all the reindeer

Old Santa will still find a way  
Remote presents he'll buy on eBay  
with a smile and a song  
delivered by Amazon  
there'll be gifts for us all Christmas day



Christmas day, Santa spends it in bed  
by his band of small helpers well fed  
but unless he can fly  
then his scotch and mince pie  
goes to mummy and daddy instead

A 20 pound turkey they'll slaughter  
just for mum, dad son and daughter  
start to eat Christmas day  
and it's still there by May

they'll have eaten much more than they oughta

Christmas day could be rather quiet  
parties for 6 aren't a riot  
beneath mistletoe  
social distance you know  
just stretch out your neck – go on try it

With Christmas over they say  
the EU will be fading away  
while flexing our muscles  
final freedom from Brussels  
Will the Scots still enjoy Hogmanay

The new year renews our intent  
to shed weight, get fit, fast through Lent  
will we fail once again  
our best plans down the drain  
for sure, but 'twas really well meant

Next Christmas we'll spend once again  
with family and friends, that's the plan  
covid stopped by the vaccine  
there'll be time for relaxing  
We'll be feasting come fog, snow or rain



*Written by David Whitney,  
a member of Sounds Good*

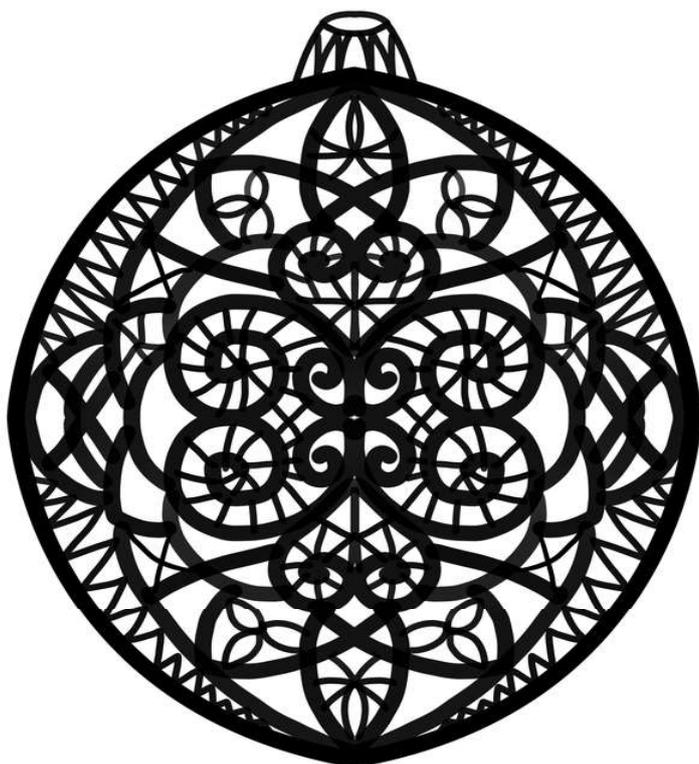
The group meet twice monthly to enjoy all things musical and the spoken word. You are welcome to join them when they resume.



### Festive Fact

- ★ Holly and Ivy have been used to decorate homes since the 9th century because they symbolise everlasting life. The holly represents Christ's crown of thorns and the berries his blood.





### COLOUR-IN BAUBLE

The CARESCO Charity Shop will be decorated once again this year with paper baubles. We have included one here for you to have a go too!

### SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT

Well, here we are! The end of another year and my goodness what a year it has been.

2020 will certainly be a year none of us will forget. In the height of the first national lockdown, we saw the closure of parks, recreation areas, outside gym equipment and skateparks. Coupled with the closure of schools and the requirement of most children and young people to continue their education at home, has seen a rise in both mental and physical health related issues. The lack of physical fitness opportunities, play, sharing and socialising with friends has had a far reaching impact on young people's lives.

As we edge ever closer to a skatepark in Sawtry becoming a reality, we hope this, in some way, helps to remedy the gaps that have been created by this pandemic. We hope that a skatepark in Sawtry will not only be used by Sawtry's younger residents, but will be utilised and loved by all members of our community, bringing with it a sense of community. Once the skatepark is complete, what other recreational additions would you like to see at St Judith's Field?

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us in the usual ways.

**Natalie Gadsby**

**You can get in touch with us through Facebook (@sawtryyouthproject) or through our website: www.sawtry-youth-project.org**





## SANTA RUN

### 6 DECEMBER

LOOK OUT FOR THE  
RUNNING SANTA'S AND  
GIVE THEM A WAVE

MORE DETAILS ON  
PAGE 17



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

### Festive Fact

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



## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

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

**For info: 07598 431308, or email [sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com)**

**Find us on Facebook at: Sawtry Gardeners**



### Festive Fact

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



## Dial-a-Sermon

To listen to this weeks sermon simply call this number

### 01487 800141

(standard network rates apply)

You can also listen to sermons online at [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

*The Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Connington*

- Helping you stay connected while we are apart -



**SIMON BYWATER  
COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
FOR SAWTRY & STILTON**

At the time of writing, lockdown 2 has begun and nobody really knows where this is heading. Hopefully when you are reading this we will be back into a recovery phase again.

With Christmas approaching, please try to stay positive and keep an eye out for each other, in particular the isolated and vulnerable.

Our County and District councils are working extremely hard to keep services going, although the full financial impacts brought about by the virus are still unknown at the moment.

Anyone who has difficulties please make sure you reach out. We have lots of recognised organisations locally like CARESCO, Huntingdonshire District Council [www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/](http://www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/)

I don't profess to know all the answers "but a problem shared is a problem halved"

Stay positive and try to have a lovely Christmas.

Finally, can I say many thanks to everyone who has supported me and our communities over the past 8 months. A special shout out goes to my neighbours Leanne and Ian (a brilliant example of watching out for each other). The constant flow of homemade goodies is very much appreciated.

Let's hope 2021 is better for us all.....

**Simon**

**07984 637553**

<https://www.facebook.com/CllrSimonBywater/>

**SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH  
OF THE  
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
THANK YOU!**

This year has been a very difficult year for all charities, but the support the Sawtry & Conington Communities has given to our stalls over the two weekends of the 2020 Poppy Appeal has been wonderful. We did not expect to raise very much but with your support we raised £1,566.11 directly to Sawtry Branch and a further £660 via Just Giving, Facebook Giving Direct and BACS transfer. Greystones raised £205 by selling pins and donating £1 per meal ordered on Armistice Day. Jacqui Hedington sold signed books and raised £80. So far the Branch has raised £3,806.08, including donations for wreaths and personal donations.

Due to the logistics of counting the money in Poppy Pots, we don't know when we will be able to give you the total figure for the district, but rest assured, we will. Again, thank you for your support.

If you would like to become a Member of The Royal British Legion, and support the Sawtry Branch, you do not need to have been in the Armed Forces. The annual Membership is £17. You can join following this link <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership>

If you would like more information, please email: [Sawtry.Secretary@rbl.community](mailto:Sawtry.Secretary@rbl.community), call mobile: 07864 296519 or contact Carol Stobbs on 07788 180384 or by email to: [carolsonoma@gmail.com](mailto:carolsonoma@gmail.com)



*For more information on the work the Royal British Legion does please visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)*

**THE JOURNEY OF A BOOKED-IN CHARITY DONATION**

In this ever changing world we thought it would be helpful if we explained how the 'new normal' is affecting one of the ways we are managing things to keep you safe, how we receive your much valued donations.

As most of you probably are aware, we now require all donations to be booked in before they are brought along to the charity shop. Here is a brief insight into the journey of your booked in donation.

Please call the shop to book your donation, if we are away from the phone leave a message and we will endeavour to return the call before we close that day. If you are new to this new system, all will be explained when you call.

On the day of your booking your much valued donation will need to go into quarantine for 72 hours (as per government guidelines) to keep the staff, volunteers and customers safe. These donations go into our 'Quarantine' garage. We have four lanes in the Quarantine garage all measuring 41" x 70", shown in picture A. We are able to fit 18 to 21 bags in one lane each day.

Once donations have been in the Quarantine garage for 72 hours, we then move them over to our 'Safe' garage, please see picture B. From here, we take the donations to a small area that measures 42" x 24" in the back of the shop for our wonderful volunteers to sort through and prepare for our loyal customers.

We realise we are very fortunate to have two garages to allow us to implement this new procedure and we hope this article will help to explain why we have had to introduce this new booking procedure. We hope we will not always have to quarantine your donations,

but by booking them in it ensures our volunteers are working in a much safer environment and are not at risk of tripping over the many bags and boxes we are happy to deal with on a daily basis. It also feels a lot less overwhelming whilst we are all working away to provide our customers as many different bargains as possible as often as possible.

Since we re-opened in June and started using our new booking in system, we have taken over 1600 bags or boxes, which is just tremendous. We are so very grateful and quite simply wouldn't be here without you – Thank You!

**Sharon Dougherty**  
**CARESCO Charity Shop Manager**  
**7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR**  
**01487 208026**



**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

## “I DECLARE AFTER ALL THERE IS NO ENJOYMENT LIKE READING!” - JANE AUSTEN

A declaration made many decades ago, which graces our ten pound notes, and still holds true for many of us. Whether you are an occasional reader or a bookaholic the abrupt shift in our lifestyles has increased the demand for books. I know many have missed being able to select books from the library and our village charity shop during the lockdowns.

An author's words create the blueprint for our imaginations to conjure up other realities, to suspend for a brief moment of time real life. As a writer it is my privilege to create these other worlds, always conscious that the reader is giving me the valuable gift of their time. Some writers are naturally gifted and require little instruction, but for many in the creative arts diligent practice is needed, alongside tuition, workshops and gatherings of likeminded individuals.

My own love of reading and writing can be traced back to my childhood, and the encouragement of winning a local writing competition at eleven years old. Writing is a solitary occupation, but the idea of a writer or artist locking themselves away from the world to find inspiration, is a myth. Yes, we need space and time to write, but for the majority of us inspiration comes not just when our minds are idling whilst washing the pots or ironing, but from being out and about. New locations, experiences, concerts, theatre, all help to fire the imagination, and then unbidden an idea drops into your mind. Muddled over and nurtured that idea will often grow into an article or a short story. Novels start in the same way, but the idea matures, gets stronger and then serendipity steps in and you find yourself unexpectedly stumbling across information/conversations/programmes that feed the idea and then it grows wings and flies.

I particularly love a village mystery/murder, but I try to read across a range of genres. So, why not pick your favourite, or a new one, and curl up with a good book over the winter evenings.

**Imogen Makepeace in “Love, Legacies and Lies” by Kaye Newport, available on Kindle**



### Festive Fact

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

The first  
**CHRISTMAS**



### Festive Fact

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

## CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

**Use of the horn** – The primary purpose of a car horn is to warn other road users of your presence, but it is often misused as a device to rebuke other drivers and road users for an error, or perceived error of judgement. Being intolerant of other people's mistakes is a prime cause of an increase in stress in drivers. The best advice given by a senior Police instructor was to say to yourself “forgive them, for they know not what they do”. The horn can also be used by some drivers to try and impose their presence (ie a form of bullying) but, generally, it only achieves to annoy other road users and can precipitate confrontational situations. Using the horn does not give you priority.

Rule 112 of the Highway Code states that the horn should not be used whilst stationary on the road or between the hours of 11.30pm and 7.00am except when another road user poses a danger. Many modern cars and especially electric cars are very quiet in operation and their approach may not be heard when approaching pedestrians and cyclists from behind especially if they have earphones in use.

If a pedestrian is approaching a junction into which you intend to turn, consider giving a “toot” on the horn to alert them to your presence, but be prepared for them not to hear you. Once a pedestrian has stepped off the kerb crossing a junction into which you intend to turn, they have right of way under Rule 170 of the Highway Code.

If you are driving safely and anticipating correctly, you'll seldom need to use the horn. Only use it if you think other road users haven't seen you, can't see you or are not aware of your presence. Warning others of your presence doesn't relieve you of the responsibility to drive safely. Always drive with caution.

Drivers of electric cars should be especially vigilant with regards to pedestrians and cyclists. If in doubt, give a couple of quick “toots” to warn them of your presence. It could save injury or a life.

Misuse of the horn can incur a Fixed Penalty Notice of £30, but if the issuing of the Notice is challenged in a Magistrates Court and the challenge is lost the fine can rise to as much as £1,000.

**Visit our website at [www.roadarc.org.uk](http://www.roadarc.org.uk) for information on advanced driver or rider training.**

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Advanced Drivers  
and Riders  
Cambridgeshire

# WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Recent headlines have spoken of “Covid vaccine by Christmas from GPs”.

## What does this mean for me?

*Whilst we certainly would want to be involved in any vaccination campaign, we don't have any information ourselves yet and contrary to media reports no 'deals' have yet been done, but we expect more information soon.*

## Will you be getting paid to vaccinate us?

*GPs hold a contract with the NHS to provide certain services. The money from that contract pays for the building, the heating and electricity, the nurses, receptionists and staff, clinical equipment and a variety of other expenses that go with providing services to patients.*

*If the government wants GPs to do something new, (e.g. deliver a new vaccine) it will buy that service from the GP to pay for the extra staff, clinics and hours to cover expenses. It is very unlikely that GPs will make a profit out of the Covid vaccine. Based on current information they may make a loss, but recognise that it is the right thing to do for their patients and communities.*

*But what we don't know, is what we might have to consider stop doing, to free up time to provide this vaccination service, given that we are working at 150% compared with this time last year, according to our LMC's survey.*

## But isn't it just like a flu jab?

*No, not by a long stretch. Flu jabs are delivered in their own little syringes, and kept refrigerated. They can safely last in a vaccine fridge for several months. We can keep them and use them, either in dedicated flu clinics or opportunistically if we see you for something else. We can run the clinics a bit like a conveyor belt, as I'm sure many of you will have experienced. We can get a large number of people vaccinated in a very short period of time. People then leave the practice immediately. Once a year, job done.*

## So what's different about a new Covid vaccine compared with the flu jab?

*These new vaccines are not yet ready, and we don't know when they will be. They are completely different. They need to be stored frozen in special dry ice, colder than a home freezer (about -70°C). Surgeries don't have those freezers. So they will be delivered whilst they are defrosting for use. However they can only be stored in a vaccine fridge for a few days before expiring. They don't come in their own little syringes. We will have to carefully draw them up from a main vial, dilute and mix them for each individual which will probably take from start to finish about 20 minutes, needing two members of staff (one to draw up, one to check - this is established safe practise with these preparations to minimise error). Once the patient has received their Covid-jab they must wait for 15 minutes to ensure no serious reaction - these vaccines are brand new, and whilst there is a huge regulatory framework to ensure their safety, we will have to take extra care. This in itself will be difficult as we have to maintain distancing and we don't know how quickly these clinics will take place. It will be nowhere near as quick as a flu clinic.*

## Will this be at my local GP surgery?

*To begin with, NHS England thinks that areas will have one central Covid-jab centre. This might be in a local practice. It might be yours, it might not. You may have to travel. How the chosen centre will continue to look after its patients ongoing and urgent health needs, we don't yet know. No details of those plans have been shared yet.*

## Is it just one jab?

*No. You will need two. They will be 3 - 4 weeks apart but you must not have had any other vaccinations in the previous week.*

## How many patients will get it the vaccine when it's ready?

*Government says it wants 40 million people vaccinated (that's 80 million appointments). Putting that into context, every year there are 40 million A&E attendances and 360 million GP appointments. This is going to take a long time. There are no spare GPs or practice nurses. We don't yet know how we are going to plan for this on top of what we are doing now - managing hundreds of acute and chronic patients every day: on the phone, over video and being brought into the surgery by invitation.*

## Will it be available by Christmas?

*No one knows. But if it is, there will be a very small number of doses and we think the Government might suggest protecting Care Home residents first.*

*Whatever you read in the paper or online, don't forget - this is going to be very difficult. We need to make sure there is a safe system and a safe vaccine first. Even when it comes, it won't prevent Covid, it will only make its effects milder. So please bear with us - we are in the dark too.*

*And there is still every reason to think 'Hands, Space, Safe' for a long time to come. Keep safe.*

## Christmas and New Year

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**



## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



Sawtry Library is currently open for limited purposes including: Select and Collect, returning items, collecting reserved items and pre-booked PC use.

However we are hoping to expand our services soon so please keep checking for updates on our website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) or you can call us directly on 0345 045 5225.

### Select and Collect service

Please use this service to:

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

You can order books for yourself and others either online [https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select\\_and\\_Collect](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect) or by calling us on: 0345 045 5225

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

### Reading Well for Children collection

We know that the current situation is difficult for everyone and we all need to look after our Mental Health. Well this is especially true for children who may not be able to express their feelings as well as adults. At Sawtry Library we have a special collection of Reading Well books for children to help them cope with certain situations and to maintain good Mental Health. Here are a selection of the books we have available which you can reserve:

- *Ruby's Worry* by Tom Percival - This is a perceptive and poignant story about anxiety and how a problem shared is a problem halved.
- *What's Going On Inside My Head?* by Molly Potter - a book for children that explores practical ways we can keep our minds in good shape as well as our bodies.
- *Ella on the Outside* by Cath Howe - a hugely relatable tale that will strike a chord with anyone who has felt the pressure to please a new friend or has struggled to fit in.
- *Something Bad Happened: A Kid's Guide to Coping with Events in the News* by Dawn Huebner - Full of advice for children who may be worried about events in the news.

To explore our digital library service and offers go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries) from eAudiobooks to Rhymetimes there is something for everyone!

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

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

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

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



## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Marilyn is adding a series of Local History Articles on our website in a "Local History Articles" section, there will be links to them on the news pages. The first one is an article written by Kevin Redgate on the Cistercians and Sawtry Abbey. He will be following this one up with two more in

this series and they will be put on fortnightly. Other articles will be added on the third Thursday of the month when our meeting would normally be held.

Jeff has also written a piece to commemorate Remembrance and that is in the "In Remembrance" pages of the website along with the pictures of the fallen of Sawtry also with links on the news pages.

In my last report I mentioned that most of the committee were investigating the de (le) Moyne family tree, I have nothing further to report this time but watch this space.

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

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

Please visit our website [www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk) where you can read the articles mentioned above there is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.

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

**Our AGM will go ahead when meetings resume.**

**We are planning a trip to the Churchill War Rooms & the V & A Museum next year.**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

My first, albeit brief, visit to Sawtry back in January occurred at the end of a long day. Darkness had already fallen and although I saw little of the village, the sense of a thriving and caring place was palpable in the people I met. A feeling of vibrancy and community bounded out of the pages of the winter edition of the Sawtry Eye I read on the way home. Community groups and events formed a lively program for the Christmas season. And reports by many other local groups and organisations showed this rich offer set to continue throughout 2020 - opportunities for fun and entertainment, practical help and emotional support, a plethora of activities and chances to learn new skills (I must confess I noted the wine making, but Lego club at the library ran a close second). The care provided, for local people by local people, permeated through the pages and the trouble taken by groups and individuals to express thanks and gratitude for the help and support provided by the community was both touching and telling.

A year on, and starting to get to know people here I have not been surprised by the sadness and frustration apparent, so many ambitions and plans having been thwarted. But perhaps I should not have been surprised by the resilience, ingenuity and sheer effort made by all in finding new ways and means to support, help and comfort each other and particularly the most vulnerable in the village since the pandemic started.

For Sawtry Methodist Church, Covid may have caused us to close our building, but it has not stop us being church. After all God is not minded to stay put within humanly constructed walls. Far flung family and friends have joined us via Zoom and we have visited other churches and denominations across the UK and abroad. Together with the people at the All Saints Benefice, there has been much activity supporting local people who are particularly isolated and in maintaining contact with those who don't have access to IT. And work has far from paused on building repairs and refurbishment. Whilst we are now prepared for opening for worship as soon as government guidance allows, members are equally keen to look further ahead and plan towards having a community resource fit for the future. This means talking with the whole community to see what this future might look like. So watch this space!

It's been an odd time to be a new arrival and I have barely been able to say hello to more than a handful of people connected to churches in Sawtry. But I have seen enough to be inspired by the resilience in this community and its determination to continue to make Sawtry a place where people can flourish. I look forward to being part of the journey and am confident things will be very different again this time next year.

But right now, many people are tired and exhausted. I trust that the quieter than normal Christmas will bring rest and recuperation and allow us to take more time to reflect on the real hope that was born, quietly in meagre surrounds, into the world 2000 years ago. I wish you all the peace of the presence of God, however you understand her to be, during this Christmas season.

**Rev. Sue Baker-Maher** - Joined Sawtry Church in September  
See below for contact details



### SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



*God, with us,  
As we enter this season of waiting,  
bear with us a little longer;  
When we are blinded  
by the brashness of this season  
When we want simple answers  
When we are deafened  
by our own shouting  
May we share with you in longing  
for restoration and renewal  
and may we be watchful  
for the light that breaks through  
the darkness of our world.  
God says 'Be patient and wait,  
Know that you are loved,  
forgiven and healed.  
Amen*

#### WE'LL BE BACK!

A lot of work has been happening behind the scenes to make it possible to safely return for public worship in our building. Look out for announcements when this becomes possible once again. Meanwhile we have undertaken a lot of refurbishment work in our hall and porch areas and look forward to being able to show this off when we reopen.

#### SUNDAY TEA BREAK SERVICES - 3PM

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

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

*Details of how to login can be found  
on our website [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
Or via our Facebook page*

**Come and join us, all are welcome**

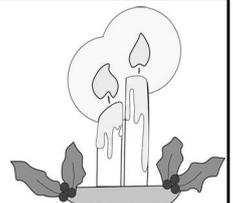


#### CAROLS AND READINGS

Sunday 13 December starting at 6pm

In-person (if permitted) and online

*Please contact [admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
to book your place or for login details*



**For more information, please contact Rev Sue Baker-Maher on 01480 473444  
or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)**



REMEMBRANCE

# REMEMBRANCE

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



REMEMBRANCE

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.*



**Carols On The Doorstep**  
**Sunday 20 December - 5.30pm**  
**See the front page for more details**



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

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

**\*\* Currently Suspended \*\***

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

**Contact in Sawtry: Tony – [tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com](mailto:tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com) - 01487 830680**

**Parish Priest: Fr Jeffrey Downie VF**

**Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Belnas**

**Deacon: Rev. Prameel Joseph**

**Administrator: Sr Erika Perini**

Phone: 01733 230464/371129

Email: [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk)

**Masses at St. Luke's, Orton Malborne, Peterborough:**

Mon-Fri 10am; Sat 6pm; Sun 9am, 10.30am, 12noon & 6pm

Social distancing and other measures in place, masks & sanitiser provided



## ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY, ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON & ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON PARISH CHURCHES



Christmas this year will feel different. The family gatherings may well be smaller. For at least some of us, we may be joining the familiar carols online rather than in church, but it will still be - as always - a time to care for one another and to be together. It will be a time to look back on a year when so much has changed. To remember those who have died, to support those who have lost jobs, to be thankful for all who have cared for the sick and the vulnerable.

What has not changed is the story and meaning of Jesus' birth. God with us. With us in the mess as in the good, in the disappointment and the difficult, in sorrow and in celebration.

As we seek different way to celebrate Jesus' Birth, we are excited to share a collection of resources on offer for 2020 across the villages of Sawtry, Glatton, Holme, Conington and nationally. Locally we have services being streamed online via zoom each Sunday and they include Noisy Nativity, Traditional and Contemporary Carol services, Christmas Eve Midnight Communion and a brand new Crib Service and of course a Christmas Day celebration. For the latest news, information and Zoom links for your local church visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

The *Zoom-Tastic Noisy Nativity* is just that, an online service where you are all invited to dress up as your favourite nativity characters – Sheep, Wise Men/Women, stars, whatever takes your fancy. There will be congregation participation as we do actions and sing along to some of your favourite carols plus some fun new ones. The Crib Service will be a space to reflect, listen to stories told in the quiet of the crib and pray for the needs of our family, friends and community. Our two carol services will be held as dual services streaming online and if allowed, in person. Everyone wishing to attend in person will be asked to book in advance to reserve a space and you can do this from Monday 7 December by visiting [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk) or *calling Mary on 07870925742*. *All services are subject to change and I would advise checking online or calling to double check if you wish to attend in person.*

Nationally there are also some great resources for Advent including reflections and prayers shared across all social media platforms. Smart Speaker services and online events and activities for everyone – search for 'Church of England Comfort and Joy' to find the latest news.

My prayer for you all as we come into Advent is that you may know Peace, Comfort and Joy. In this topsy-turvy world in which we live, that you will find glimpses of light and know that you are loved. Whatever you are going through good, bad, as someone who has a confident faith or someone with none, you are not in this alone. If you ever wish to talk please give me a ring, drop me a text or jot an email.

God of Comfort and joy, may we all know your presence with us today and bring your gentle, joyful love to others, this Christmas and always. Amen

**Rev Becky Dyball**

**Email: [revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com); Mobile: 07444 574039; Office: 01487506217**

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



### BENEFICE SERVICES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

As part of our Covid-Secure compliance, we are asking anyone wanting to attend an in-building church service to complete a track and trace form. Visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk) for all the details and the 10:30am Zoom link.

Date	St. Giles, Holme	St. Nicholas, Glatton	All Saints' Sawtry
6 December	9.00am CW Holy Communion		10.30am CW Holy Communion
13 December		9.00am CW Baptism	10.30am CW Holy Communion 6.00pm Contemporary Carols
20 December	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Carol Service - Zoom	10.30am Zoom-Tastic Noisy Nativity
24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i>		10.00pm Holy Communion	3.00pm Zoom Crib Service of Storytelling & reflection for all ages 11.30pm Holy Communion
25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.30am Join Churches Together	10.30am Join Churches Together	10.30am Churches Together at All Saints' All Age Celebration - TBC
27 December		10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	
3 January			10.30am Reflection of the Word
10 January		9.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
17 January	9.00am Holy Communion		10.30am All Age Service
24 January		9.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Celtic Style Holy Communion
31 January			10.30am Holy Communion



Bedfordshire  
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## Huntingdonshire Local Group

***In view of the uncertain future regarding the Covid-19 virus, all our remaining events organised for 2020 have been cancelled.***

***We will review the position later in the year with regards to events in 2021.***

Contact Alistair Grant  
on [alistairgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistairgrant@hotmail.com) or 07775365507

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## DOING ANYTHING SOCIALLY DISTANCED ON SUNDAY?



Peterborough Conservation Volunteers work on local nature reserves, where you can normally help us with practical conservation work – scrub clearing, hay-raking, hedge-laying, and similar jobs. However, because of the unusual circumstances, this season, things are different!

As most of our work providers are either still furloughed, or struggling to catch up, we don't have a fixed programme at the moment.

***Please visit our website <http://www.p-c-v.co.uk>, or email us ([info@p-c-v.co.uk](mailto:info@p-c-v.co.uk)) for more information.***

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

If you are an NHS hearing aid user, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is pleased to announce the limited re-opening of its hearing aid re-tubing service. If your hearing aid needs cleaning and maintenance, we have launched a 'drop-off and pick-up 30 minutes later' service at four Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres located in Ely, Cambourne, St Ives and

Fulbourn, please contact us or check our website for details of locations and times.

To comply with the social distancing regulations and Covid-19 risk assessments, our re-tubing process will take longer and therefore our sessions will be **by appointment only** and initially for those most in need.

We ask that your hearing aids are handed to us in a sealed envelope labelled with your Name, Date of Birth, Postcode and contact phone number.

To access this service if you are in urgent need of a re-tube please call 01223 416141 or email [enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk).

If you are unable to get to any of our Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres please contact your original provider: your hospital audiology department or Specsavers.

We continue to provide batteries by post. Please telephone us on 01223 416141 or email [enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk). We will need to know what SIZE batteries you require. This will be either size 13 Orange, size 312 Brown or size 675 Blue.

<https://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk/>

Tel: Cambridge: 01223 416141

## WHAT IS THE CENSUS AND WHY DOES IT MATTER? CENSUS 2021 - SUNDAY 21 MARCH

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about us and the society we live in. It tells us what our needs are now, and what they're likely to be in the future. It also gives a snapshot of how we live, for future generations.

All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need. Information you give informs where billions of pounds of funding is spent on things like transport, education and health. Without the census, this would be much more difficult.

The whole population has the chance to provide the information that ensures all communities are represented in decisions on funding and services. By taking part, you'll be helping make sure you and your community get the services needed now and in the future.

The first census was in 1801 and the most recent in 2011. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England Wales and the next one will happen on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is so important that it's compulsory for everyone in England and Wales to take part. Census 2021 will be the first digital-first census. It's easy to do and can be done on any device. If you can't get online or need help completing the census online, there'll be Census Support Centres across England and Wales. We'll also have guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats.

Charities and voluntary organisations often use it as evidence to get funding. It helps businesses to understand us as customers and, for example, decide where to open new shops. Plus, those doing research, like university students and people looking into their family history, use the information.

Without the census – and without people in your community telling us about their household and home – it would be much more difficult to do this. That's why it's so important everyone takes part.

For more information visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

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# AN EYE ON NATURE

Brightening up our gardens with structure and colour are aliens. Not the little green men from Mars, but so called exotic plants from across the world, which if allowed to escape, can cause havoc in our natural environment.

Deliberate or accidental introductions throughout the world have had a devastating effect on the local fauna and flora. The introduction of non-native species always has unpredictable outcomes. An example which springs to mind is the purple loosestrife which thrives in the UK alongside riverbanks and lake shores. It is in perfect balance in our country, but has become a pest species in New Zealand and is out of control.

Back here in Great Britain, there is a war going on against Japanese knotweed and rhododendrons. Where these two plant species get a stronghold, eradication is difficult and can be expensive. In the wrong place, they can have hugely destructive powers.

Another example of innocent introductions is the Spanish bluebell, much loved in our gardens. Our native bluebell is unique and very rare worldwide, the UK plays host to the largest proportion of the total population. Where Spanish bluebells are dumped with garden rubbish in our bluebell woods, they hybridise with the native variety, resulting in a cross which in time becomes dominant. The hybrid has no scent and is not as attractive to pollinators, so we then lose that unique perfume on a spring morning walk.

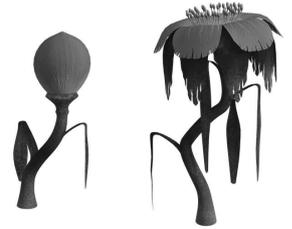
During this winter, whilst clearing your garden ready for the Spring, take care of the unwanted plants and please dispose of them responsibly to prevent a real alien invasion.

**Martin Baker**

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Phone 01954 713543, or visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)



## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Our traditional end of season match of President's team vs Secretary's team was severely affected by the numbers available to play on our closing day. Instead the 14 players that were able to attend played in a one-off 'killer' competition where the bowl furthest from the Jack was removed until there was only one bowl (and one player) left. The outright winner was Garry Goodes – well done. Emma Gardiner won the 'plate' event for those that had lost in the earlier 'group' sessions. So, like everything this summer, our 'Closing Day' was a bit different but enjoyed by those that could attend.

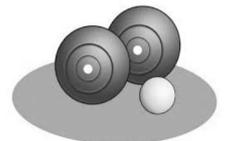
Like everything, this pandemic has also meant that our social activities during the non-playing season have been curtailed, and we wait to hear what future restrictions maybe before we can commit to any of our events. We will also wait to see how any future playing restrictions may affect next season, but I know the men's and Over 60s leagues have already expressed a desire to run some form of matches if there is the ability to do so...fingers and everything else crossed.

A big thanks to those that continued to support the club this season, especially those that paid their subscriptions...particularly those that paid the full amount. Whilst the bowling was curtailed, there are still things to do and bills to pay to maintain the facilities. So, the subscriptions received, and support given throughout the season were very much appreciated.

Here's hoping for a less affected 2021, and wishing everyone good health over the winter months. If anyone needs any assistance in these uncertain times, please remember there is a network of fellow members that would be willing to help. just get in touch.

**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'**



## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE

**- EVEN THOSE WHO THINK THEY CAN'T RUN!**

As a club affiliated to and insured with England Athletics, we of course have to follow all the Covid rules. We started off the year running freely, then couldn't run at all, then we were in groups of 6, then bigger groups and now, at the time of writing, down to running in twos. Who knows what might come next!

Lots of our members regularly participate in races and of course that hasn't been possible for most of this year. However, we do want to get some running fun in this Christmas period and so after much mulling over, we have decided to go ahead with our Santa Run on Sunday 6 December with profits raised going to CARESCO.

We have 100 places up for grabs and each entrant will be supplied with a Santa Suit. The current plan will be to walk or run a 5K route starting at the point nearest your house starting any time between 8.30am and 10.30am. Unless Covid rules allow otherwise on the day, this will have to be on your own, with those in your own household or with one other. Hopefully, you will see other Santas on route to exchange a wave!

Entry is £10 with all profits going to CARESCO. We plan to have some Santa's Sack collection points on route for items for the Sawtry Foodbank too and so even if you are not up for walking or running round the streets dressed up as Santa, you can help our local food bank and charity.

This will be run as a club session (as opposed to an event) and so booking is on our Run Together page at <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/SawtryWalkToRun> (just register and book)

**For more details call Nona on 07861 740040 and keep an eye on that site for updated details and route. More details at [www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk)**



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



## SAWTRY COLTS

Sometime between schools going back and Lockdown 2 kicking in there was some football played over at Greenfield, here's a look at how some of the older Sawtry Colts teams were doing back then.

The U12s continued their unbeaten start to the season with victories over St Neots, Alconbury and Godmanchester in the league and Eunice Huntingdon in the cup. They sit proudly atop the league table with a 100% record from their first 7 games.

The U13s have continued to see goals fly in at both ends scoring 16 and losing 26 in their last 4 matches. Their best performance, albeit in defeat, came in an exciting 6-5 loss against league leaders Fenstanton where they lost to a late goal in a game where both sides played some decent football.

The U14 Yellows followed up losses to Stilton, Whittlesey and Godmanchester Blue by picking up the pace with victories over Godmanchester Yellow and March. The March victory was particularly pleasing as they were denied a win against the same team the previous week with a controversial late equaliser.

The U15s look set for another good season with three victories out of three - wins coming against Grinton, Boston and Stamford before the enforced mid-Autumn break kicked in.

The U16 Blues are still seeking their first win, losing narrowly to Godmanchester and more heavily to Brampton, Godmanchester and Buckden. The U16 Yellows defeated Godmanchester and were also victorious against the Blues in the battle of both Sawtry U16 teams. Their last match before lockdown was a disappointing loss to Eynesbury in the cup.

The U18 Blues are another team seeking their first win as they began with narrow defeats to Riverside, Malborne and Hampton before ending with a 2-2 draw away to Malbourne.

By the time you are reading this in the Sawtry Eye, I hope the football season has reconvened and the Colts teams can get back to playing football, scoring a few goals and, most likely, losing a few as well in this strangest, and most forgettable of years.

**Brian Craig**

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### Classes:

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

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Mark Adlington, 9th Dan**

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

### Events and Local Seminars:-

- Chi Energy Seminars every month
- Dowsing, Reiki, Meditation, Breathing, Yoga - Workshops every month
- Gathering of the World Masters TBN

Many more events contact for info

### Recent Promotions & Awards:

Janet Clark, Helen Shellard - Crystal Attunement  
Kaye O'Donnall, Paul Salmon - Reiki Level One

## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

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



### Recent News

In September we played our Autumn Trophy which is a stroke play competition at the Corby Golf Club, once again it was a very close call for the winners, with AJ Longford beating Neil Bohonis on count back both with scores of net 68, Club Chairman John Lindsey was 3<sup>rd</sup>, only 1 shot behind.

The highly anticipated Captain verses Chairman Matchplay competition was next on our calendar in October, this time we were back at The Woolfox Course, the society are split into two teams with players being picked by their respective leaders, Chairman John Lindsey has won the last two encounters, so could Captain Nigel Keaveney end this winning streak? Well no was the answer with Team Chairman winning 9 - 8, with the final result being decided with the last teams out, returning life member John Hedington managing to bring home the trophy for his Chairman.

Sadly our November competition has had to be postponed due to the latest lockdown, but we hope to catch up in by January.

**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**