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SAWTRY CHARITY SANTA DASH



5K WALK OR RUN SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

Route will start and end at the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Start time 10am

£10 entry fee will include your Santa Suit,
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or nona19@live.co.uk



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Saturday 4 December
At Sawtry Village Academy
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Hot Food
Refreshments
Santa Grotto (small charge)

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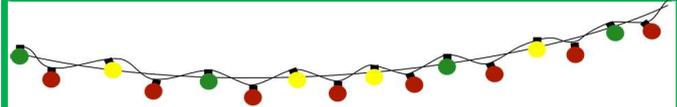
Monday 13 December
Starting at 6.00pm

At Greystones,
The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

Followed by refreshments

Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council

For information call 01487 831771



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5RD

Open for public viewings:

On Saturday / Sunday 4 / 5
and 11 / 12 December

from 1.30pm - 5.30pm

(Closing at 4pm on Sunday 12 December)

and on Friday 10 December

From 6.00 - 9.00pm

No charge for admission
Refreshments will be available

For details see page 9,
Or phone 01487 830243



OPEN CHRISTMAS TEA



All welcome
At Sawtry WI Hall,
Gidding Road,
Sawtry PE28 5TS

Thursday 9 December
Doors open 3.30pm

Tickets £3

includes hot drinks,
mince pies and cakes

Cakes, Crafts and Book Stalls

Contact Pam – 07724 111004

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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2022**

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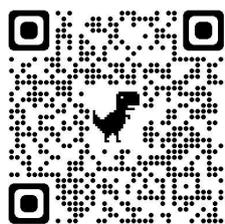
If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with the subject 'Make a Date'.

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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Zap this QR code to visit our JustGiving appeal page

HELP! WE NEED A NEW BUS

Our bus is 15 years old and we need to replace it. Time has taken its toll and the need for a new minibus is greater than ever so that we can continue to do the good work we do at CARESCO.

Any help towards our goal would be greatly appreciated by us and you know that you would have helped our charity



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Welcome...

to our Christmas & New Year edition!

Who can believe it's almost two years since the pandemic hit us and twelve months since Boris cancelled Christmas on us?! Still, if we all behave, try to keep safe and above all make sure we've had the Covid and flu jabs, hopefully we'll be able to celebrate properly again this year.

A huge thank you to all our readers, contributors and advertisers who have kept us going through 2021. It is so good to be back to having so many contributions to fit now most groups are back to their regular meetings.

We have details of lots of activities which are happening around the villages, particularly church services. Who doesn't fancy a good old carol sing this year?

Be good to each other, keep safe and have a lovely Christmas. We'll be back in 2022!

Liz - Co-Editor



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Don't forget to visit our website for updates and details of all our services and activities:
www.caresco.org.uk

Meanwhile, everyone at CARESCO would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

For more information please call 01487 832105

Email office@caresco.org.uk or visit www.caresco.org.uk

CARESCO UPDATE

We have launched a fundraising campaign to purchase a new minibus as our current one seems to be spending more time at the garage than picking up our club members! Please see the bottom of page 2 for details.

Our CARESCO Centre is also beginning to come to the end of its useful life and we are beginning to explore possibilities for a more permanent structure which is more suitable for our future needs. If you have relevant knowledge and skills to help us on this journey, and would like to get involved, please get in touch.



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SCHOOL TERM DATES



Autumn Term 2021
End of term 17 December



Spring Term 2022
Start of term 4 January
Half term: 14 - 18 February
End of term 1 April

Summer Term 2022
Start of term 19 April
Half term: 30 May - 3 June
End of term 22 July

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)
13 & 27 December
10 & 24 January

**GARDEN WASTE (GREEN)
& RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)**
(Week Beginning)
6 & 20 December
3, 17 & 31 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'

With the support we have received for our first two post-lockdown concerts I have decided that Keyboard Showtime will continue through 2022. Hopefully the pandemic doesn't worsen again and our audiences continue to grow again as confidence in going out returns.

Sunday 5 December - Andrew Nix
Sunday 6 February - Mark Thompson
Sunday 6 March - Michael Wooldridge

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm)
at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA
Entrance £10 with refreshments included.

All Covid safety measures will be taken but the wearing of face masks will be optional.

More details will be provided on Facebook pages for the area.

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



SOUNDS GOOD

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

*Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information*

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



FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET

£1.00 PER COPY

Available from the CARESCO Charity Shop
and the CARESCO Centre

All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO

Prize: Hamper of Goodies

Closing date Friday 21 January



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Download our Annual Report for 2020/21
from our website

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Email: office@caresco.org.uk

www.caresco.org.uk

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Sport
4 ALL**

**SAWTRY
SPORT 4 ALL**
Save the Date

Saturday 9 July 2022

www.sawtrysport4all.com
or follow Facebook page



SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

Announcement

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Wednesday 17 November where a new committee failed to be appointed. As a result of this, the Society can no longer function and will have to fold.

Sawtry Winemakers has been in existence for fifty years and once boasted around three hundred members and there was a waiting list for those who wished to join. The membership in recent years had dropped to almost ten percent of this and few people seem to want to make wine these days. A farewell social event is being planned for the New Year and all existing members will be invited to attend.

For more information contact Babs



CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Saturday 11 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm



Thankfully we can all look forward to a much more fun-filled festive season than last year! And what better way to get the party started than with *Christmas Magic*, which returns to Peterborough Cathedral.

Featuring performances from city choirs Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choir, with Peterborough Festival Brass, there will be a 2.30pm matinee for the whole family to enjoy as well as an evening performance at 7.30pm.

Christmas Magic is organised by Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choir, tickets at www.peterboroughsings.org.uk or call 0333 666 3366



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for more details

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or call 01487 832105

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays

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



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

We're back in-person!

13 December
10 & 24 January

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



For more information
email: office@caresco.org.uk
or call the CARESCO Office
01487 832105

CHRISTMAS TREE HEARTS TREE OF LIGHT

£1.00 per heart

Available from
the CARESCO Charity Shop
See page 7 for details



SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN & TRADITIONAL 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.

I am a dance Instructor and Choreographer with 24 years experience and a member of the Best Western Dance Academy.

I run classes for Beginners, Improvers and Intermediates in the Old School Hall, Sawtry and Glatton Village Hall, Glatton.



Line Dancing

For more information on days
and times and to book a class
contact Julie Gillmore
On 07939 070 406
Jcgillmore@sky.com
Or ask to join
Sawtry Steppers on Facebook

LITTLE SAINTS

Every Thursday in term time

9 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

Methodist Church Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UCX



All Saints' Sawtry, St. Nicholas Glatton and St. Giles Holme welcome all 0 - 5 year old's and all those who care for them.

From each session you can expect: Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments, Singing, Prayer and lots of fun. If you care for a little one as a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder, come along and join the fun.

£1 donation per family

For more information please contact Alex Dyball
[littlesaintssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestssawtry@gmail.com) or call 01487 506217

Julie Gillmore's

Charity Linedance Evening Featuring Tony Rouse

Saturday 26 March

At Sawtry Village Academy

Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5QT

£12.00 per person
All proceeds to CARESCO



For more info
Phone 07939 070406 or email jcgillmore@sky.com

GREEN END DAY CLUB

For a day of friendship, food and fun



Volunteer Drivers Required

We are looking to increase our team of volunteer drivers who are willing and able to drive our 16-seater accessible minibus

Successful candidates will:

- Be between 25+ - 75yrs – (for insurance)
- Be required to complete a clear DBS check
- Hold a clean driving licence
- Have weekday availability
- Be reliable and flexible
- Be willing to undergo relevant training
- Enjoy being with people of all ages



If you would like to know more, please contact the CARESCO Office

on 01487 832105

or email

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office@caresco.org.uk

SAWTRY FOODBANK CHRISTMAS HAMPER GOODIES



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

We are once again, looking to support local families this year and need your help. Please consider making a donation of suitable items from our list to help us:

Christmas Cake or Christmas Pudding	Custard or Rice Pudding	Box of Chocs or Selection Pack
Tinned Fruit	Long-life Juice	Cheese Crackers Snacks or Biscuits

We would like our Christmas hampers to include Christmas treats and some essential items

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

Donations can be made at our food store behind the Community Centre between 9.30am – 11am and 3pm – 6pm on Thursday 9 December

Thank you in anticipation

www.caresco.org.uk



CHARITY SHOP

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7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR
01487 208026

Happy Christmas!

Closed from midday Christmas Eve, reopening Tuesday 4 January



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

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CHRISTMAS TREE HEARTS TREE OF LIGHT

This year Sawtry Parish Council will be putting a Christmas Tree on the village green again. They have very kindly agreed that we can put our wooden tree hearts on them as we did last year.

If you would like to take part by writing a message on a heart for someone dear to you, they will be available to write from 1 December in the CARESCO Charity Shop. Please go along to the shop, write your message and pay a £1 donation, and we will put your heart on the tree for you.

All proceeds will go to support the work of CARESCO

Jacqui Hedington
Fundraising Manager, CARESCO



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INSPIRING WOMEN

HOLME WI

November is our AGM meeting, so there was a lot of business to get through and the re-election of the President and the Committee. Once this was all out of the way we then settled down for an evening of fun.

After a very last minute cancellation by our booked guest speaker, one of our member's daughter very kindly stepped in and organised a team building event at our November meeting. We were given three tasks to complete, all within a certain time, as a team.

The first was one involved one team member drawing what was written on a card without the rest of the team seeing it, the second member then had to write down on the card what they see, and the next team member has to draw what has been written down. Some of the answers were hilarious!

We were then given a piece of A4 card cut into shapes, we had to arrange the shapes back into the A4 size without touching every piece or talking, very difficult, as one thing we are good at is talking!

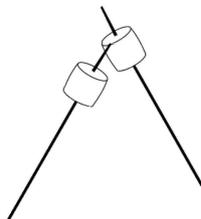
Our last challenge was to build the tallest tower made out of marshmallows and pasta sticks. When finished, it had to stand on its own without support for at least 30 seconds with one last marshmallow balanced on the top. A very sticky task and unfortunately some marshmallows didn't make it on to the structure, they were consumed! A very fun evening and something very different too.

An impressive display of knitted woolly hats was on display, made by our ladies for the Sailors Society. The ladies certainly have been very busy.

Remember, we meet on the first Thursday of the month in the village hall starting at 7.30pm and would warmly welcome anyone wishing to come along and see what we get up to.

Anyone wishing to contact us
please email
Wiholmevillage@gmail.com
or call 07711 224437 (evenings only)

Alison McGuinness, President



CARESCO CAVE

Repairing - Restoring - Recycling

We are located at the back of the Community Centre, behind the Old School Hall, off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

We are open
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 9 to 12 noon

The CARESCO Cave is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice new skills and to enjoy making and mending. It is all about social connections and building friendships, sharing expertise and passing on knowledge. Come for a cuppa and a chat with likeminded people.

Service we can offer:

- Replacing watch batteries
- PAT testing electrical items
- Woodworking - Bird boxes; insect houses; hedgehog boxes; garden planters
- Lawnmower repair, servicing & blade sharpening.
- Furniture repairs (depending on size)

We cannot accept general donations of furniture, please contact us in advance to check.

You can contact us on 07851 803482
please leave a message and
we will get back to you
or follow us on Facebook

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SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

As the dark nights get longer, Sawtry Gardening Club are turning their thoughts to brighter things to come. We have our first event ready to cheer everyone up with snow drops, drifts of them. Plus refreshments and a chance to buy some great specimen plants.

Sunday 20 February

we will be car sharing to visit
Deane Park, Nr Corby, NN17 3EG.

Meet at 10.30am at Sawtry Club Car park.

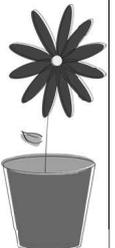
Admission £7 each. Tickets to be bought in advance please. Call Penny on 07598 431308 to book your place.

Saturday 19 March

Daffodils at Chippenham Par, Nr Newbury, CB76PT. More details to follow.

For info: 07598 431308,
or email
sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook at:
Sawtry Gardeners





**It starts with Christmas,
but it doesn't have to end there...**

Christmas can raise a lot of questions,
and so as we head into the new year,
why not add Alpha to your bucket list?

*Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith
in an open-minded and friendly environment.*

*There's no cost and no pressure! Just lots
of great conversation and space to think.*

If you have a nice time, you're welcome to come back,
but snow pressure, the baubles are entirely in your court.

What do you think?

Starts on Monday 10 January

then five more sessions - same time, same place.

Venue: Greystones Pub, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

Time: 7:30pm

Including delicious food served hot from their kitchen!



www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk/alpha.html
to register interest and get more info

What do you think?

**Want to find out more about Alpha
- use the QR code to go to a short video**



SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion supports our Armed Forces community,
including serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

The Sawtry & District Branch meets on the first Monday of each
month in the Sawtry Social Club at 7.30pm. The village is full of
serving military personnel and veterans and we would really love to
meet you and chat. You do not have to have served to be a
member; we would welcome all those interested to join. So please
come along or you can contact us, see details below.

Events

- **RBL Christmas Bingo** - Thursday 9 December
at Sawtry Social Club, Eyes down 7.30pm
Prize for best Christmas jumper.
- **Quiz Night** - Tuesday 15 February

Poppy Appeal

The 2020 Poppy Appeal officially ended in October, and we raised
£6,149.62. The 2021 Poppy Appeal has started, and I would like to
thank all of you have donated over the Remembrance period and to
all our volunteers. I will update you on totals in the next edition of
Sawtry Eye.

**For more information, contact
sawtry.secretary@rbl.community,
call Billy on 07864 296519,
follow us on Facebook
or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk**



HOLME YOUTH CLUB

We are definitely up and running again with
38 or so members attending each week. Our
capacity is 40 so members may start to be
turned away. We have quite a few volunteers
but could really do with more as we need 5
helpers each week for this number of
members – you don't have to be a parent you
just have to be willing to help out once every
six weeks – you can actually enjoy yourself.
We have been very lucky that our year 9 and
above members have offered to run the tuck
shop and a brilliant job they are doing.

We now have our own website
www.holmeyouthclub.co.uk and a brand new
logo both set up by our brilliant chairman.
The website has all our policies, membership
application form, helpers' rota, etc. We are
also on Facebook.

We had our first "night out" to Laserforce in
November and are really sorry for those who
couldn't get in as we were restricted to 30 and
it was very popular.

Because we have become so popular, we
have to insist that guests can now not be
catered for and everyone must meet the
criteria laid down in our constitution ie school
years 5 - 10 who live in Holme or attend or
have attended Holme School.

If you would like to find out more details about
the Youth Club please contact

Renee Mitcham

**Facebook: @HolmeYouth
reneemitcham@
btinternet.com**



MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 18 December
& 15 January**

4.30 – 6.30pm

At All Saints' Church,
Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5RD

**Bible themed activities and crafts,
story and song, followed by supper.**

**Messy Church is for all ages and
families of all shapes and sizes!**

*If under 16, you will need to bring
an adult with you*

To find out more and to pre-register,
contact Ali Scott
childrensministry@allsaintssawtry.org.uk
or go to our website
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk



**No charge,
but donations
welcomed**

**We look forward
to seeing you!**

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

First the bad news ...

The Sawtry History Society's Archive is currently closed as Sawtry Library, where our Archive is situated, is still shut on Saturdays. Unfortunately, no one in the library service can tell me when that will change, so it is still unclear as to when we will be able to reopen the Archive. We will post updates on our website, on our Facebook page and in this publication.

Now the good news ...

New Year New Venue - as of 20 January Sawtry History Society will meet in the Methodist Church on Green End Road. The change of location will enable us to grow the membership as there is increased capacity and superior audio visual facilities. We look forward to welcoming our "Facebook followers". The team are looking to welcoming back existing members and are arranging a programme of local & national history subjects.

We would request that you use the local parking arrangements as parking on Green End Road is not ideal, dropping off at the church is fine.

Please visit our new website www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk where you can read our local history articles. There is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.

From January, the History Society will meet at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Methodist Church, Green End Road, PE28 5UX

For info call
Chris Merton 01487 831441

www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

All Saints' Church is holding a Tree Festival to mark the start of Advent, the period leading up to Christmas.

The chosen Charity, this year, is "Above and Beyond", the North West Anglia NHS Trust Charity which covers Stamford, Peterborough, Ely and Hinchingsbrooke.

The Festival will be run over two weekends; 4 / 5 December & 11 / 12 December. At the weekend it will be open 1.30pm - 5.30pm and on Friday 10 December 6.00 - 9.00pm. Please note on 12 December we will close at 4pm.

It will also be possible for Groups/Clubs/Organisations to visit during the intervening week. Please contact Roger or the Rev Becky to arrange a time.

There is no charge to take part, and entry to the Festival will be free of charge. Refreshments will be available when the Church is open.

For more information,
please email
rogerjubb@btinternet.com
or phone 01487 830243.



QUINTUPLICATION PART SIX - BEATING THE BOUNDS

It was once an ancient custom for parishes annually to walk their legal boundaries. Although there is no record of this happening in Sawtry, we newcomers did just this for a number of years. Nowadays parish boundaries mean little to anyone except the adjoining owners, the map-makers ... and Rating Assessors. But it was felt it would be a good way to help people become aware of the lovely land they were living in. Not all these boundaries are Rights of Way but, thanks to the cooperation of landowners, we were allowed to walk the route and do it as a sponsored charity walk. In the 1970s such larks were just coming into vogue. Lots turned up, and even the local volunteer St John Ambulance were willing to back it.

Being a large parish the perimeter is extensive; 13 miles and quite a challenge. Starting from North East of the village in what was once a bend in the Great North Road but now a quiet layby, our long line of people set off North West across a dyke. Thanks to the current excavations of the Sawtry Internal Drainage Board this meant walking a narrow plank. Then along field edges to cross the Sawtry-Glatton road. Then, going West beside a wood (Sawtry Gorse) on to higher ground reaching the ancient Bullock Road. This was the route for animals from the North being driven South maybe all the way to London. Much of it is just a track but originally it was wider and much of it hedged. From here the walk was a long straight journey South with splendid views East across to the Fens.

As we travelled we passed many fields but, before the 1805 Enclosure Act, there would have been just a few vast areas on which the annual crop rotations were based. Each field was divided into strips (look for the furrows) allocated for each person in the parish to cultivate. The first one, which we passed was the Far Field (hence Farfield Close) and then Middle Field. As we joined the Gidding Road for a short distance we passed above Wood Field, which extended as far as Aversley Wood, about which more later. As we turned East we bounded St Judith's Field since this area used to be St Judith Parish but now part of Sawtry. So, long ago, there were two churches in Sawtry. To our left is marked, on maps: Manorial Earthworks but sadly these are now ploughed over. But thanks to local vigilance there was a 1979 rescue dig by Sawtry people before it was too late.

This Bounds walk now heads down towards the Great North Road. At one time there was talk of a footbridge across but just imagine that today! So here we pause, not on our walk (we did get across!) but until a continuation in Part seven.

Maurice Dybeck

**Former Sawtry resident
and first Warden
at Sawtry Community College**





HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



We are still very busy supporting Cambridgeshire Police in trying to educate the drivers who like to speed through our village but despite the fact they are contacted by the police to point out the error of their ways they still continue to do it. With 15 - 20% of through traffic exceeding the limit there is a continuing need for both the fixed signs and the Speedwatch Campaign. Recently we had 259 vehicles pass our session with 29 of them speeding despite the fact traffic was held up by traffic lights on the B660 approaching the village and they were coming through in a queue.

A recent problem we have experienced on Church Street is drivers tearing round "danger corner" on the wrong side of the road and when they meet a car coming the other way swerving onto the grass verge and putting pedestrian lives at risk. We are liaising with the police to address this issue.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGE

For further information please email csw.holme@btinternet.com

YOUR CARE HOME EXPERIENCES WANTED!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?



Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you. What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future.

If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope, call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/care-home-survey>

HUNTINGDONSHIRE RECYCLES WASTE MINIMISATION CHRISTMAS

Most would agree that Christmas should be about spending time with people they love, giving presents and showing their appreciation for each other. What better way could there be to do this than to put extra love and attention into making the perfect present. Here are some suggestions for alternatives:

- Home baking (mince pies, biscuits, chocolates)
- Time vouchers (babysitting, day trips, movie nights)
- Experiences (tickets to shows, train tickets)
- Homemade giftsets (buy the individual components and present in a reusable box or basket)

Taking the additional time and making the additional effort will not only be more appreciated by loved ones, but it can also be more enjoyable to do, getting you in the Christmas spirit. In addition to making the present more individual and one of a kind, think about the presentation. There are many ways to make this more individual too:

- Use reusable wrapping – cloth and ribbon, newspaper and string
- Buy some cake tins, or pass along ones you have been stuck with for years, tied with a reusable ribbon.
- Upcycle some paper shopping bags, get the kids to redecorate over any shop logos.

And it would not be Christmas without dinner and all the trimmings! Most of us go overboard and are still eating some of the Christmas food way into January. So think about how many will need feeding, and if you are visiting others, you will need less at home. If you are taking food to others, check ahead if and want they want.

It goes without saying that most of us will produce more waste across the seasonal period, and so it is even more important to make sure that we are disposing of any waste correctly. Here are some tips to help you do just that:

- Think about the waste hierarchy in planning – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- If you know that come Christmas day you put everything in a black bag, plan ahead. Make sure you have some clear sacks ready for the recyclable packaging. Have a tub on the side for any food waste to go into.
- Make sure all food waste is added to your green bin to be composted. No amount is too small.
- Plastic ribbon and bows must go in the general waste, use these sparingly, or switch to reusables.
- Shiny wrapping paper and ones with glitter cannot be recycled. Do the scrunch test. If it springs back it is plastic and is rubbish, if it stays in a ball it is paper and can be recycled.
- Flat pack any boxes, even small ones, and this will save extra room in your recycling bins.
- Larger boxes, can be left flat packed alongside your recycling bin on collection day.
- If your recycling bin is full, remember you can place out additional recycling in clear sacks.
- Ensure you know when your waste collections day are. There are four weeks of disruptions this year due to how Christmas falls. View your dates via www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins.

Facebook – [Huntingdonshire Recycles](#)

Twitter – [HDC Recycles](#)

Instagram – [Recycle For Huntingdonshire](#)

wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



ALL SAINTS' FREE POP-UP CINEMA

Come join us on Tuesday 21 December @ All Saints' Sawtry

4pm - For a children's classic featuring a Snowman followed by Snow Dog with Luxury Hot Chocolate and Popcorn.

7pm - For a timeless masterpiece with that brilliant line "It's a Wonderful Life" with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

Open to Everyone and Totally Free.
(donations for refreshments welcome)



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for more details

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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

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



 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

DID YOU KNOW?

The song *Jingle Bells*, was not written as a Christmas song, it was intended for the American holiday *Thanksgiving* and was originally titled *One Horse Open Sleigh* when written in 1850.



CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

I'm sorry officer but I didn't know that it was against the law (Part 2). The previous issue of Sawtry Eye (154) carried Part 1.

The following are a few more rules that can trip you up:

- Playing music too loud in your car and causing a public nuisance can result in a Fixed Penalty Fine.
- Swearing at other road users can, for persistent offenders, result in a fine up to £1,000.
- Hogging the middle lane of a three-lane motorway or outside lane of a dual carriageway – on the spot fine of £100 plus 3 points or up to £1,000 plus 5 points if contested in court.
- Dogs loose in a vehicle – fine up to £200 for failing to have proper control of the vehicle.
- Failing to switch off engine when waiting for someone – Fixed Penalty Notice £20 (CUR).
- Sections of the RTA consider the following to be "driving without due care and attention" or "driving without reasonable consideration for other road users". Breaching these regulations can result in a fine up to £5,000 but mostly £100 plus 3 points on your licence:
 - Braking without due cause (probably resulting in a collision).
 - Flashing car headlights to force other drivers to move over. This is dependent upon the circumstances.
 - Excessive beeping of a vehicle horn – Fixed Penalty Notice of £30.
 - Driving with full beam "undipped" – dazzling other road users..

The use of E-Scooters is against the law unless they are used on private land with the permission of the landowner. Certain locations are involved in the trial usage of E-Scooters but under strict restrictions. E-Scooters are **NOT** mobility scooters ie, invalid carriages and fall outside of Rules 36 – 46 of the Highway Code.

E-Scooters currently fall under Rule 157 of the Highway Code in that they do not meet the construction and technical requirements for road vehicles and are not intended, or suitable for legal use on roads, pavements, footpaths, cycle paths or bridleways. In addition to the construction aspect the rider is unlikely to have third party insurance or an appropriate licence or be wearing appropriate protective clothing including a helmet.

RoADARC is a club where members are trained to recognise and manage HAZARDS using the System of Car Control as taught to police drivers. RoADARC's mission is to promote safer driving.

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

Visit our website at www.roadarc.org.uk for information on the car and bike training that is available (subject to COVID-19 restrictions). Or contact us by email at info@roadarc.org.uk

ROSPA
Advanced Drivers
and Riders
Cambridgeshire

TERRY MCCOY 1924 - 2021

One of Sawtry's oldest residents, Terry McCoy, passed away on 7 September at Soham Lodge Care Home, Ely. Terry was aged 97; he was born in Liverpool in 1924.

Terry was a D-Day veteran and drove a large army tank recovery vehicle ashore on Sword Beach on 7 July 1944. He saw service in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. He was awarded five British military medals and a French Honorary Normandy Medal.

Terry settled in the Thames Valley after he was demobbed and married Kathleen Joan, whom he met in Buckinghamshire in 1943. They lived in the village of Langley near Heathrow, where Terry had a successful career as a construction engineer. Terry and Joan enjoyed their annual holiday tremendously, initially in south west England and later venturing abroad when European destinations became more accessible.

In 1996, Terry and Joan decided to relocate to improve their retirement and resided in Farm Close, Sawtry. They settled down to a life full of friends, some local living family members, and very caring neighbours. They were also very dedicated to the RC Parish of St. Benedict, a doting religious community.

Their joyful marriage came to an end when Joan died early in 2013. He remained a spirited person, doing all he could to sustain his health. He steadfastly participated in Sawtry annual Remembrance Day activities including 2020.

Terry's funeral and cremation took place on 29 September and he was interred in the same Sawtry grave as Joan in November.

Terry's family would like to express special thanks and appreciation to the following:

All those who sent messages of sympathy

Fellow worshippers and friends who attended Terry's funeral and cremation

Fathers John and Jeffrey for conducting Terry's ceremonies

The Veterans whose presence was very poignant

The Members of the British Legion who formed a splendid Guard of Honour

Co-op Funeralcare Sawtry for their sympathetic and efficient handling of all funeral matters

Sawtry Club for helping us to celebrate the life of Vincent Terence McCoy.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to all. RIP Terry



Editor: As Terry had been a long time supporter of the Sawtry Foodbank, the family kindly chose Sawtry Foodbank as the beneficiary from the collection taken at the funeral. Our thanks to them for this support which raised £283.50 to support local families in financial crisis.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SAWTRY WI

Charity number 229016

Sawtry WI meets on the
first Thursday of the month,
at 7pm,

in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS.

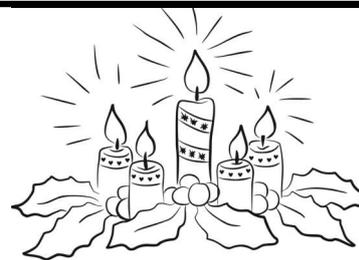
Members donated new hand-made blankets, quilts and other items to Refuge at our October meeting. Those who were unable to make things brought other much needed items on the night, such as adult mindfulness colouring books, washing capsules and cleaning products which were all very much appreciated and needed by Refuge.

The Refuge representative gave a very informative talk. We are currently making bags for Refuge which we hope to fill with pamper items for hand, nail, face and feet as well as some treats and practical items. Please contact us if you would like to contribute.

Sawtry WI welcomes all women regardless of background or circumstances. You are welcome to be a guest at a monthly meeting or receive a copy of our current programme.



Please contact
Jacqui Svensson on 07841 647345
j.svensson@btopenworld.com
or Rosemary Jubb on 01487 830243
rosemaryjubb@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook 'Sawtry WI'



SAWTRY LITTER PICKERS

**Passionate about the environment?
Enjoy the outdoors?**

The Sawtry Litter Pickers invite you to join our small team of volunteers, dedicated to eradicating litter from our village. How can YOU help?

- Join our team of regular pickers
- Register for future events
- Where possible, pick litter up (or cover your street)
- Make littering a topic of conversation
- Donate equipment (email in for required stock)

For further information email
sawtrylitterpickers@yahoo.com

Or follow us on Facebook





It's been a busy couple of months at the Club. We've had a varied list of private events, from wedding receptions, engagement and birthday parties, to sadly, a few funeral wakes.

Of the events which the club has put on, the live band 'Let there BDC' and our 80's disco were both very popular. Our afternoon tea / singalong raised a brilliant £550 for the Poppy appeal so thanks to all of you who supported that event. The next singalong was the Christmas one at the end of November with (hopefully) the Christmas decorations up by then. Last year we decorated the bar, then went straight into lockdown and no-one ever got to see them! Fingers crossed that won't happen again this year.

In the bar and the function room all the ceiling tiles have been replaced with new ones and the lighting upgraded. It took us a while to get used to the bright lights – no, (for those of you old enough to remember Gremlins the movie) we didn't explode into a pile of slime!

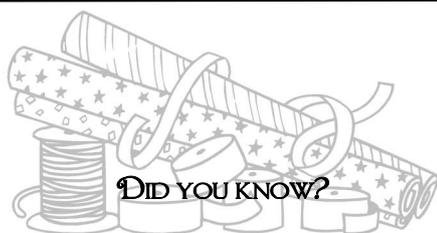
The bar staff have new shirts and personalised fleeces to wear showing the new Club logo, and they look pretty smart.

The Christmas period looks to be busy with parties and discos. We're not having a children's party this year but do hope to do something for them which will be advertised on social media.

If there are events which you think would be popular and benefit the community then please get in touch and we'll put your ideas to the entertainment committee. Don't forget memberships are due in January.

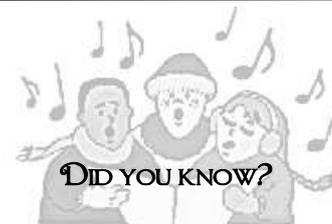
The Committee would like to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and we hope to see some of you out and about celebrating. Whichever drinking establishment you choose, it's important to support local business; we all have a different role to play in the community. Cheers!

We can be contacted by email sawtryexservicemensclub@gmail.com, Facebook as 'Sawtry Club', or phone (01487 830462) or call in during opening hours. Our website is currently being updated.



DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately, 83 square km of wrapping paper is sold in the UK every Christmas.



DID YOU KNOW?

Carols began as an old English custom called wassailing, toasting neighbours to a long life.

AN EYE ON NATURE

Christmas will be here soon and I have a great suggestion for a last minute present which can last a lifetime. I can also guarantee there will not be a problem with shortages in the shops or a late online delivery. Since the awful pandemic started, and all which followed, nature reserves have been the salvation for many of us – me included. Those wonderful places such as Archers and Aversley Woods in Sawtry are not public but privately owned. The owner, however, has given us all access and what a joy it has been. It does cost money though, to maintain these nature reserves we enjoy, but where does the money come from? Well, it's you and me. By giving the gift of membership of the organisation which owns your favourite place, they can be maintained for posterity.

As a voluntary warden for the local Wildlife Trust, it has given me a unique insight into just how hard the staff and volunteers work to enhance the reserves in their care. Just to give this perspective; a beautiful ancient meadow in Upwood was saved in the 1970s by the Wildlife Trust. Back then the orchid count was a couple of hundred. On our last count in May 2021, over eight thousand were in bloom. If that's not a success story, then I don't know what is.

I have listed below the organisations which look after wild places in our area. Joining them is just a click of a mouse online, or a phone call to a friendly person in the office, away:

- **Wildlife Trust BCN:** wildlifebcn.org/become-member membership@wildlifebcn.org 01954 713500
- **RSPB:** rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate membership@rspb.org.uk 01767 693680
- **Woodland Trust:** woodlandtrust.org.uk/join supporters@woodlandtrust.org.uk 0330 333 3300

Just think, your present will also be helping in the climate crisis as these organisations are busy planting trees and doing all they can for the protection of our environment.

May I wish my readers a very happy Christmas and here is to a wildlife-filled 2022.

Martin Baker

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

**For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust:
Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org**



SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Draft policies have emerged from this year's consultation. If you approve those policies in a local election, they will carry legal weight in planning applications up to 2036.

Would you endorse the following proposals:

- Extending sporting and leisure facilities; for example, at the Greenfield site.
- Enlarging the current medical, health and mental services.
- Increasing the range of community services and facilities; for example, supporting CARESCO's new building project.
- Protecting green spaces and developing woodland areas, such as the Queen's Green Canopy to mark the Jubilee in 2022.
- To provide off-street parking areas equipped with electric vehicle charging points.
- To encourage the development both of shops within the village and a supermarket on the edge of Sawtry.
- To extend footpaths and cycle ways to allow healthy travelling in the parish.
- To support climate change precautions, such as the greater use of renewable energy, low carbon modes of transport, and economies in home heating.
- To encourage the development of business parks, with associated employment and apprenticeships; for example, on the east side of the A1M.
- To plan for additional school places to meet the demands of a growing population.

Some popular schemes may not be admissible as policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, but could be included in the non-statutory section for future action. These might include:

- Repairing road surfaces and pavements.
- Managing the flow and speed of traffic through the village.
- Improving the safety of pedestrians with more crossing points and CCTV.
- Providing specific local flood prevention measures.
- Dealing with litter in the Parish area.

Please address any comments on the above points either by email to john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk or in writing to the Parish Council Offices at 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY.



PUMPKIN TRAIL

What a lot of effort went into the Pumpkin Trail this year, with lots of imagination and wonderful decorations. It never ceases to amaze me how people come up with the ideas and the thought that goes in when they decide how to decorate. As always there were many houses to choose from and I am so glad that it wasn't me who had to judge them.

Our thanks must go to Rob and Wendy Suter who drove around the village looking and judging all the entries - what a hard job that must have been. Rob and Wendy decided that the following houses were the winners:

Joint First place	1 Rowell Way and 2 The Briars
Second place	14 Gloucester Road
Third place	17 St David's Way
Fourth place	9 Stumpcross
Fifth place	8 Newton Road



Rowell Way



The Briars

Well done to everyone who entered and to our overall winners.

Sawtry Cars generously donated the £100 prize money for this event and the kind winners donated their winnings to CARESCO and the Foodbank. On behalf of CARESCO, I'd like to thank Rob and Wendy for everything they did to make this yearly event a success, to the winners for donating their prizes and to everyone who took the time to join in. I hope it gave Sawtry residents something to do over the half term holiday and hope that next year we get even more entries.



Gloucester Road



St David's Way



Stumpcross



Newton Road

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CARESCO
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WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Covid Vaccination Update

Boosters

There has been some confusion with regards to the timescales for booster doses. Booster doses can still only be given after at least 182 days have passed since a second dose. Patients who are in the eligible groups can pre-book their booster before this time by visiting www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119. Whilst you will be able to pre-book an appointment after 152 days since your second dose, you will only be offered appointments from 182 days after your second dose.

Patients who wish to walk in for their booster, which is currently possible at the Queensgate vaccination centre in Peterborough, should not attend before they have reached 182 days since their second dose. Patients who do attend early will be turned away.

The Covid Pass

Patients can get an NHS Covid Pass digitally through the NHS App or the online NHS Covid Pass service. You can download your digital NHS COVID Pass and print it out if you need to.

If you cannot access your Covid Pass via the NHS App or online service, you can call 119 and ask for a Covid Pass letter to be sent to you in the post.

You only need to have proof of your first and second dose to obtain a COVID Pass for events and travel. Proof of having had a booster jab does not currently appear on the NHS App. NHS Digital are currently still deciding if booster doses will subsequently appear on the NHS App.

Vaccinations given abroad

Whilst vaccinations given abroad can be added to your GP medical record, there is currently not a way for vaccinations given outside of the UK programme to show within the Covid Pass. The data within the Pass is downloaded from a central database created by the clinical system used at the point when the vaccine is given in the UK.

Vaccination Data Queries

All patients with queries relating to their vaccine records should contact 119 and ask for a referral to the Vaccine Data Resolution Service. The VDRS aims to resolve missing or incorrect vaccination records for people vaccinated in England who have a current NHS number and are registered with a GP practice in England. If you believe you have missing or incorrect Covid-19 vaccination data, please call 119 and ask the call agent to make a referral to the VDRS team on your behalf. The VDRS team will then call you back within 5 working days. Alternatively you can contact the VDRS team yourself - <https://resolution.nhs.uk/contact/covid-19-vaccination-records/>

Any patients with queries about the NHS App should contact NHS Digital - <https://www.nhs.uk/contact-us/nhs-app-contact-us/>

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve	Open as usual	Thursday 30 December	Open as usual
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed	Friday 31 December New Year's Eve	Open as usual
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed	Saturday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Monday 27 December Bank Holiday	Closed	Sunday 2 January	Closed
Tuesday 28 December Bank Holiday	Closed	Monday 3 January Bank Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	Open as usual	Tuesday 4 January	Open as usual

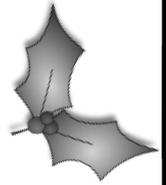
During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow two working days for your request to be processed.

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
www.wellside.org.uk



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



Opening Times

Our opening hours may have changed from what is advertised below. Please look at the latest opening hours on our website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library> or call us on 0345 045 5225.

Christmas Crafts

Come and join in our Christmas Craft session at Sawtry Library on Saturday 11 December from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Get in the Christmas spirit by making fun, festive crafts. For children aged 4 - 11 years old, 50p per child.

Dry January Display

Overindulged at Christmas? Then why not join the 6.5 million people who last year went alcohol-free in January? Not only is it good for your health but it is also good for your wallet. For lots more information about Dry January pick up some leaflets from Sawtry Library in January.

Bus Pass Assistance

Is your Bus Pass up for renewal? Do you need to apply for your first Bus Pass? If so, pop into Sawtry Library and staff there will be happy to help you complete the online application form.

Social Media

Please look at our social media pages for information, updates and events. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3pm - 7pm
Wednesday	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3pm - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed

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



YOU CAN HELP GIVE CARERS SOMEONE TO TALK TO THIS CHRISTMAS



Caring Together is a leading charity supporting carers of all ages across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk. We provide information and advice, run services in our local communities and campaign so that carers have choices.

A carer is anyone, including children and adults, who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and cannot cope without their support.

In the run up to this Christmas, we are asking you to help make sure carers have someone to talk to.

Looking after a family member or friend can be very hard, and at this time of year the advice, information and support the charity has available to carers is even more important. The Caring Together helpline team are available to carers year-round and talk to carers and their families living in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk.

Everyone the helpline team speaks to has their own personal story. Some have just become a carer and are completely new to a situation that has turned their life upside down. Others have been caring for a loved one for many years, and have reached a point of crisis, or where they need help or support they have not had before.

The donations made by people like you mean the charity can help more carers in your community in the way they want and need. You can donate online at caringtogether.enthouse.com/cf/christmas2021 or by posting a cheque made payable to 'Caring Together' to Caring Together, Unit 4, Meadow Park, Meadow Lane, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 4LG



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Overlooked Winter Wildlife

Online illustrated talk (hosted via Zoom) on **Wednesday 8 December at 7.30pm**

Brian Eversham, the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire will be giving a fascinating talk on the more unusual aspects of wildlife that we may sometimes overlook.

Events are free, please book for the talks by emailing Pat on jp.doody@ntlworld.com in advance. He will send you a zoom link. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

For more information, contact Alistair Grant on alistairgrant@hotmail.com or 07775365507

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SAWTRY'S CHORALE

Sawtry Chorale are so excited to be back and look forward to inviting you to '*A Celebration of Christmas*'. As we emerge from these unprecedented times, we'd love to entertain you as we all start to get into the Christmas spirit, this year and for many years to come. Sawtry Chorale will present a wide and varied programme of Christmas favourites, performed by our ever-enthusiastic choir led by our hugely talented and patient Musical Director Jeremy Jepson.

- **Keyston Village Hall** - 3 December at 7.30pm
Loop Road, Keyston, Huntingdon, PE28 0RE
Tickets £10 available from Caroline Spink,
Tel: 01832 710168 or 07811910712
- **St Nicholas' Church, Glatton** - 10 December at 7.30pm
Church Road, Glatton, Huntingdon, PE28 5RR
Tickets £10 Available from Jacqui Pigott,
Tel: 01487 506007 or 07468 459994, jacquigott@hotmail.com



Tickets for both concerts are also available on the door and Under 12s go free.

This year we will be making a contribution to 'The Light Project Peterborough' to help them continue their valuable work, providing shelter and support for the homeless.

If you are looking for new hobby, we are always looking for new members, particularly men, we'd love to see, we meet every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Hall in Sawtry, PE28 5UX from 19:45 – 21:30.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

For more information, please call 07870 248897 or visit www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" is one of those ear worms that stick in your head this time of year and has been covered by heaps of artists due to its popularity...Bing Crosby is probably my favourite one. Yet this brilliant time called Advent precedes Christmas but sometimes it is easily overlooked. Advent is 'the final countdown' to Christmas day and many people will have an Advent calendar to help them count the days. It's also a really special time for the church.

The word Advent simply means 'coming' – it's the season when Christians remember that God came to earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus.

God also promised that Jesus will come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions. Advent remembers this amazing promise, so it's a time of hope, of getting ready, and expectation.

Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for – it's a special time, and at its heart is a gift of love from God to the world. An AWESOME gift in Jesus and this gift is for everyone. I am one of "those" people that really struggle to keep a surprise a surprise...If I have brought someone a present I cannot wait to give it to them, or if I've arranged a special outing I am rubbish at not blurting it out (to the annoyance of my family) and that is because I am so excited about what is to come and the anticipation is too much to contain. It's also fair to say I love giving a gift and give time, thought and energy into the gifts I give and because of that get as much out of giving it as I hope the recipient does in receiving it.

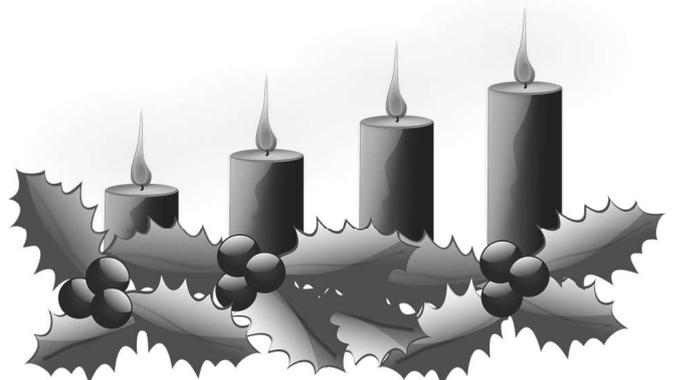
Yet the countdown, the wait, the getting ready is so worth it and we mark it in different ways as a church, in advent you will see an advent wreath with candles on it. One candle is lit each week (usually at the start of the service) – often with a special prayer. You will see this replicated outside All Saints' in the graveyard as we light a different tree each week in advent.

This year you will also see large Christmas Trees in or outside each of our churches, these trees have been sponsored by The Addison Arms and Outside Structure Solutions. The trees, simply decorated with lights and a star, represent hope and faith during times of sadness and challenge, acknowledging the difficulties of the pandemic and offer thanks for light in darkness.

There are services taking place across the villages and I encourage you to take a look at all that is on offer from the different churches and join in as you feel able. You will receive a warm welcome and the odd mince pie.

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas and all through 2022.

Reverend Becky Dyball
Benefice of All Saints', Sawtry,
St Nicholas', Glatton
& St Giles', Holme with Conington





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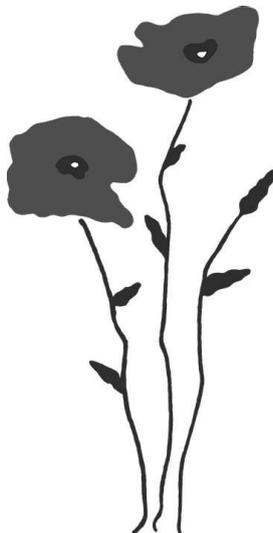
The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion
remember the fallen throughout the year



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.*



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 ****

Like many smaller Mass centres and church communities, St. Benedict's remains closed due to the pandemic. Discussions are taking place around the practicalities and possibilities of reopening. Mass and other Sacraments are available at St. Luke's Orton, Sacred Heart Ramsey, & St. Michael's Huntingdon.

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

Parish Priest: Fr Jeffrey Downie VF - Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Belnas - Deacon: Rev. Prameel Joseph

Phone: 01733 230464

Email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk

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

Monday - Friday 10am; Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

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



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



BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	St Giles, Holme	St Nicholas, Glatton	All Saints' Sawtry
Sunday 5 December	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	10:30am - Holy Communion
Saturday 11 December	2:30 - 4:30pm Festive Coffee and Cake followed by 30@4:30	--	--
Sunday 12 December	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	10:30am - Christingle Service 6:00pm Traditional Carol Service
Saturday 18 December	--	--	4:30pm - Messy Church
Sunday 19 December	9:00am - Holy Communion	6:00pm Traditional Carol Service	10:30am - Noisy Nativity
Christmas Eve 24 December	6:00pm Candlelit Carol Services 11:30pm - Midnight Service	10:00pm - 'Midnight Service'	11:30pm - Midnight Service
Christmas Day 25 December	--	--	10:00am - Churches Together Christmas Celebration
Boxing Day 26 December	Alternative online provision	--	No Service in Benefice or Zoom
2022			
Sunday 2 January	--	--	10:30am - Holy Communion
Saturday 8 January	2:30 - 4:30pm Festive Coffee and Cake followed by 30@4:30 with baptism	--	--
Sunday 9 January	--	11:00am Benefice Holy Communion followed by New Year Lunch	--
Saturday 15 January	--	--	4:30pm - Messy Church
Sunday 16 January	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	10:30am - Holy Communion
Sunday 23 January	--	9:00am - Morning Prayer	8:00am - Holy Communion BCP 10:30am - Northumberland Morning Prayer
Sunday 30 January	--	--	10:30am - Benefice Service

Please check www.allsaintssawtry.org or call the churchwardens for the latest service details, Zoom and information.

Rev Becky Dyball

Email: revdyball@gmail.com;

Mobile: 07444 574039; Office: 01487 506217

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



A PLACE FOR ALL



With the messages from COP 26 ringing in my ears, I have been trying not to eat or drink anything wrapped in plastic and, let me tell you, it's not easy. The option to pick up different products in the supermarket is just not there much of the time. One way to lose a pre-Christmas pound or two perhaps, but it became very clear to me that a more fundamental shift in lifestyle is needed if I mean to live differently in this regard with so little of what we eat and use each week coming plastic free.

COP 26 coverage has been debating whether changes in the way business and industry work is our only chance of stopping the reality of climate change, or whether it's down to the changes that individuals make – with many arguing that the latter is unlikely to make any difference at all. But what government requires of commerce and business much depends on what we are prepared to do differently. Turkeys don't vote for Christmas and consumer land needs consumers to consume. The reality is that, yes, we need systemic change, but what we do has an impact on bringing that about. Don't let anyone tell you that your contribution doesn't matter.

No doubt the media's emphasis on climate change will quickly diminish, but I am hoping that our lock down learning of needing less becomes part of our 'new normal'. I am hoping that climate concern changes our shopping behaviour. I am hoping that advertisers promises that this item or that product will satisfy our needs, are seen for what they really are. I am hoping to make different choices about Christmas presents as well as what food I buy.

Christmas is about the arrival of a baby who became hope; hope of a different way of being and living. Living differently, swimming against the tide, is what Christians aim to do in following the example of Jesus. The big thing is this; by ourselves Christians know we will fail, again and again and again. Living differently is only possible because of the change that Jesus still brings, 2000 years or so after his death on a cross. The reality of his present presence is the gift of Christmas, a gift that empowers and makes the impossible possible.

Jesus came on earth for all. At Sawtry Methodist Church we are thinking about how we are also a Place for All. We know that whilst many people have become more aware over the last year of their spiritual needs, the question of whether church is a place to explore these issues is much on our minds. This New Year will see a new service at SMC – on the first Sunday of each month – offering a Place for All, a place to come and explore in different ways whether the promises of Christianity has anything to offer you in dealing with the impossibilities of your present reality. Look out for more details on our website or do get in touch with me (see details below).

Rev Sue



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



COFFEE MORNINGS

We're back!

Open Saturdays from 9.30am to 11am

*Drop in for light refreshments,
a chat with friends
and a chance to see our newly
refurbished hall*

We would love to see you!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

*There is a service both in the building and online,
(using Zoom) every week*

5 December at 10.30am

12 December at 10.30am

- Nativity Service

19 December at **6pm** - 'A Place for All'

- Candlelit Carols

Christmas Day at 10.00am

- at All Saints'

26 December - no service

2022 - first Sunday of the month, 'A Place for All'

2 January 4pm & 6 February

*For details of January's services
and how to login via Zoom check our website
or call 01487 830345*

Come and join us, all are welcome



**For more information, please contact Rev Sue Baker-Maher on 07483 153948
Email sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk or via www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk
Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch**

FLOODING – BE PREPARED AND KNOW WHAT TO DO

Many residents across Cambridgeshire will remember the wet weather we experienced during the Christmas period and the weeks that followed last year. Whether the cause is excess surface water, blocked ditches and drains or rivers overflowing, flooding is very upsetting and could happen to anyone.

There are a number of organisations who have responsibility for managing flood risk in Cambridgeshire and each of these organisations work hard to invest in flood management maintenance and infrastructure that will provide the most benefit to communities affected by flooding. We can't stop flooding, but we work to limit the impact.

And as residents and business owners, you have an important role to play.

Being prepared and knowing what to do if your home or business floods is vital. Here are some top tips:

- Check if your property is in danger of being flooded by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding>
- Register with Environment Agency Flood Warnings Direct service by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188
- If you're in a flood risk area, find out about insurance <https://www.floodre.co.uk/> and how to reduce your premiums <https://www.floodre.co.uk/flood-resources/>
- Buy or make your own sandbags. A quick internet search will list stockists or show how to make them. Do not rely on being given them by the local authority as many do not keep a supply to hand out.
- Have a plan for what you will do if your home floods – there's some great advice here [Flood warnings in England - GOV.UK \(check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444444/flood_warnings_in_england_-_gov.uk)
- Move people, pets and valuables to a safer place (for example, upstairs). Be cautious, the flood water may be hiding hidden hazards underneath and cause furniture to be unstable.
- Know how to isolate the electrics in your home and turn the gas off should you need to. Do so.
- Keep your insurance documents somewhere safe and handy. Make a checklist of what you need to remember to pack should you need to leave your home in a hurry – things like medication or provisions for young children and babies.
- If your neighbour or elderly/vulnerable relative lives in a flood risk area, make sure they know what to do and who to contact.
- In a life risk situation, always dial 999.

During the last year, many villages have worked to develop flood preparedness plans, which identify vulnerable points in the village, including homes that are more at risk, and bring together 'flood groups' – people who spring into action to help others if there's a risk of flooding. If you are interested in setting one up or being involved in one for our local area, please you can find out more information by emailing cfap@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For more information, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk,

follow us on social media or

call 01480 444500



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
Working together to improve community safety

SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE - (& NOW SAWTRY BIKE TO CAKE)

Our last group run of the year will be on Sunday 19 December when we will start our run at Holly Lodge Cafe at 9am. We will stay after for coffee & cake. We will return on Tuesday 4 January at our normal 7.15pm time at Sawtry Village Academy Leisure.

Before the break, we have our 5k Santa Dash on Sunday 5 December - everyone welcome. £10 for entry includes your Santa Suit plus drinks and nibbles. The Santa Dash record is currently held by David Bartle who ran it last year in 21.43. You can try and beat that or simply run or walk with friends and family and enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies. All profits go to CARESCO. Children under 12 free.

On Wednesday 15 & Monday 20 December, we will be helping Huntingdon Round Table once again bring Santa to Sawtry. Be sure to come out to wave at Santa! For more information visit <https://huntingdonroundtable.co.uk/santa/>

Our next beginners course will be in the Spring but in the meantime, you are welcome to join one of our run/walk/run groups, our Social runners or our Coached group. We are running a 5k Improvers from January for those returning to running and those who have graduated from our recent beginners course and those who want to push for a 5k PB - all speed abilities welcome.

If you want to join us, either as a runner or a walker (or join our spin off 'Sawtry Bike To Cake' cycling group) or you want to get involved in volunteering either as a Run Leader or as part of any of the community events we get involved with, please email Jean at jeandrumm_1@btinternet.com or call Nona on 07861 740040.

www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk



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

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Not a huge amount to report since the season closed, especially as we have limited the number of social events until the New Year.

That said the 'Autumn work' has been carried out on the green, and the grass is growing nicely. It even looks good enough to bowl on once it has been cut. The green will be spiked soon, so that will put paid to that.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID we held a more 'cosy' Presentation Night in our own clubhouse, which was very well attended, and all seemed to enjoy the night. It's the first time such a large gathering has been together in nearly two years.

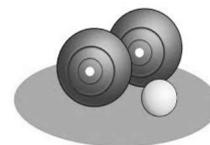
We are planning on holding our infamous Burns Night on Saturday 29 January, and full details will be circulated to members soon. Other events will be decided by the new committee who will be in place when you read this.

So that just leaves me to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and friends.

Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 07989 503740

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'



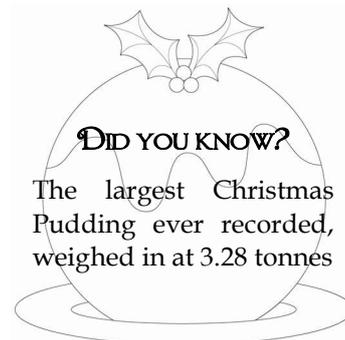
DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas Trees were first decorated with food such as apples, nuts and dates.



DID YOU KNOW?

The largest Christmas Pudding ever recorded, weighed in at 3.28 tonnes



SAWTRY COLTS

Despite the prevalence of COVID in school-aged children which has affected a few teams with matches called off at fairly short notice, football has continued apace with the weather being helpful in that respect. The County Cup has also returned this year with some of the older teams involved in that competition. Below are a few details on how some of the Colts teams have fared of late.

One of our youngest teams, the U7 Yellow Sox (U7) have had an eventful start to the season. In a tough start they lost their first five matches but have begun to find their feet now and have proceeded to win their last four games scoring 30 goals in the process with a fine win against Papworth the latest of those victories.

The U12s have 3 wins, 1 draw and 4 defeats in the league to date and sit mid-table in what is a very competitive league. They have a bye in the first round of the league cup so are already on a cup run!

The U13s in their first season at 11-a-side, and with a bigger squad, have started the season with 2 wins and 6 defeats. Their last league match was an 11 goal thriller where they went down by the odd goal to St Ives. They also exited the County Cup in the first round going down 6-1 at home to a strong Eynesbury side.

The U14s have been highly competitive in all their matches so far, bar one, when they "didn't turn up" and lost 5-0 at home to Ramsey in their worst performance of the season. Victories against March Town, when they came back from 2 goals down at the break, to win 5-4 and a comfortable 2-0 away win at Somersham means they currently sit mid-table. A hard fought league cup win against Priory and a more comfortable County Cup win away against Fenstanton means they have 4 wins and 4 losses in their 8 matches so far this season.

The U15s have just one league win so far, a 4-0 home win against Godmanchester White in their 7 matches although there have been a number of close games amongst their losses. They also went out in the first round of the league cup and have a home first round County Cup game against Huntingdon upcoming.

The U16 team, who are in the top division of the Peterborough league, are struggling for goals at the moment and have only one draw and a win so far in their 8 matches. They have a bye in the first round of the County Cup so have a second round home match against St Ives to look forward to in the new year.

Plans are in place for the return of the Sawtry Colts tournament next season and bigger plans are also in place for the development of the Greenfield clubhouse in the near future for all the clubs and organisations that use it.

Don't forget, to keep up with the Colts teams, pop along to their dedicated website at sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk where details of all teams and their managers can be found for anyone who wants to get involved both on and off the pitch.

Brian Craig

sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk



SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Sawtry Table Tennis Club has been holding its October TT Kidz 8-week programme.

The TT Kidz 8-week programme has been designed and developed by our Governing Body, Table Tennis England, to provide youngsters the opportunity to give Table Tennis a go for the first time, to have some fun, while at the same time, meet new children, learn new skills, build new friendships, learn about teamwork, exercise, learn how to interact with others, and learn how to play this great sport.

We will be hosting another TT Kidz 8-week programme (7 to 11 years old, not children at secondary school) starting at the beginning of February 2022. So, if your child would like to try table tennis for the first time, then register your interest by emailing: - ttkidz@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk.

Sawtry Table Tennis Club meets for our twice weekly Club Nights on a Monday and a Tuesday evening at Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH

The Club Nights are split into sessions, players are required to pre-book onto a session and not just turn up.

Club Nights Sessions are:

Mondays	Tuesdays
5:45pm to 6:30pm	6:30pm to 8pm
6:30pm to 8pm	8pm to 9:30pm
8pm to 9:30pm	

The early session (5:45pm to 6:30pm) on a Monday is primarily for the younger generation (6 to 10 years old) with their parents or grandparents to attend and play.

During all of these sessions, players are able to play some fun, leisurely table tennis, as well as some competitive table tennis, this is totally up to you. We also offer players the chance to have some coaching from our very own qualified Table Tennis England

Coach Pauline Williams, who is on hand.

There is no membership fee, only club night fees -

Adults £2.00 each, Juniors (under 18's) £1.00 each per session, per night.

If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact the Club at welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk , www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

Or find us on Facebook [@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)



Short mat bowls is based on the outdoor sport of lawn bowls and many of the rules are adaptations of the outdoor game. The basic aim being to deliver as many bowls as possible nearer to the smaller target bowl (the jack) than the opposition. A portable mat between 40 to 45 feet long and 6 foot wide, allows up to 8 players per mat. Played in village halls, sports halls or schools ensures the sport takes place regularly throughout the winter months.

Holme Short Mat Bowls Club is your local club

The Club celebrated its 30 years anniversary during the 2019/20 season, also gaining promotion to the First Division of the Cambridgeshire Short Mat Bowls Association League overcoming teams from March, Doddington and Fen Drayton.

There is an open invitation for anyone over 16 years who may like to try this sport during the winter season (September to April) to come along on Tuesday / Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in Holme Village Hall, Short Drove, Holme, PE7 3PA.

Equipment - You are asked to bring indoor flat soled shoes

Costs - annual subscription £15.00 - plus £2.00 per evening

Further information Viv Hempzell 01733 234089 Team Captain



SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

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

September saw the Society re-visit the Pavenham Golf Course in Bedfordshire, on a much better day for golf from the last time we visited when we were interrupted by a monsoon, Rob Langley came out a comfortable winner with a score of 39 points, two ahead of Ian Simpson, who in turn was two ahead of Keith Phillips.

The following month was the highly anticipated Captain vs Chairman match play competition at the Woolfox Golf Course. Team Boom Boom led by Captain Kevin Medlock was tasked to try and get the shield off the three times winner John "The Guzzler" Lindsey. Teams of 14 went out and as normal it was a very tight affair which ended in a draw 7-all, that then went back to the result from the two captains' game which was won by John Lindsey giving his team the win on the day.

Later in October a new competition was held for the Vice Captains Challenge at Thorpe Wood. This is a day for the society's charity which this year is Cancer Research, in honour of one of our founder members Stuart Elliott. The Captain & Vice Captain play against the rest of the field, the pairs scores are added together, whoever loses to the Captain & Vice Captain score pay a small donation to the charity fund and if they beat them then the Captain & Vice Captain pay a donation. The overall winning pair on the day were Jay Bohonis and Mark Lindsey with a final score of 57 points, well ahead of the rest of the field.

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

