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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

### CHRISTMAS

# BINGO

### & RAFFLE

Prize for best Christmas top

Thursday 5 December

Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road,  
PE28 5TS



## VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Monday 16 December

Starting at 6.00pm

Outside Greystones Public House,  
(opposite The Green, Sawtry,  
PE28 5ST)

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies  
and a Warm Welcome

For information call 01487 831771



Sawtry Parish Council

Serving the people of Sawtry

SAWTRY CHORALE  
supporting CARESCO

# Christmas Concert

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER  
AT 7:30PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
SAWTRY PE28 5TD

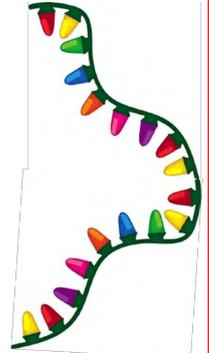
TICKETS JUST £10 FROM:  
[www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)  
Under 12's free



Mulled wine & mince pies by  
donation during the interval

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Join in and be part  
of the fun!



If you would like to join in the Christmas fun and light up your house for everyone to see, Jonathan from 'Through The Drone Lens' will be once again taking drone footage or a photograph of your Christmas Lights.

If you would like your house added to the list then please email [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) with your name and address including postcode by Thursday 5 December. Drone footage will be filmed between Sunday 8 to Saturday 14 December, between 6pm and 9pm

Don't forget to look out for the finished video on our Facebook page or enjoy a walk around and see all the wonderful Christmas Lights in our village.

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

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# WISHING ALL OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



## AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2025



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### ***ADVERTISE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT HERE***

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion, please email the details along with a contact number to [sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk) with the subject 'Make a Date' or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours).

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Please check with the individual group concerned.



### **CARESCO CHRISTMAS BREAK**

To give our wonderful teams a well-earned rest over the Christmas period, most of our activities will be closed from Friday 20 December and will reopen from Thursday 2 January.

There will be a couple of exceptions, our Charity Shop will be closing at 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December for those last-minute bargains and of course our Christmas Day Party on the big day.

Merry Christmas to all our lovely volunteers, trustees, service users and staff, see you in 2025!



### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND GIFTS FOR SALE!**

**The Charity Shop will be selling Christmas Hampers and Gifts on Friday 13 December from 9.00am until 11.30am at the CARESCO Coffee Shop**

There will be another opportunity to grab a bargain on the same day from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Please come along and take a look, there's something for everyone!



**CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX**



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Cambs PE28 5UX

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# Welcome...

We have lots of details for you in this issue of all the seasonal activities and community events planned, please give your support to the local organisations running them.

Thank you to our loyal team of distributors who deliver your copy of the Sawtry Eye, not much fun in the cold and dark at this time of year. Please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work if you see them out and about, a cheerful smile will help them on their way.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025.



## Sawtry Eye Team

### CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

### CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

CARESCO has been in the village helping the community for over 40 years and has been in its present home at Green End Road since 2001. This is a modular building that has an expected lifespan of approximately 20 years. It is now showing its age and has been deteriorating for many years. With this in mind, we have been looking for a new home since 2021.

We wanted to stay within the village and when the Sawtry Village Plan was approved and published it was reassuring to see that an area within Belgrave Square had been set aside for development of a community building with CARESCO mentioned as a possible new location.

With the help of the Parish Council and TMV Architects we have begun a long and slow process of obtaining planning permission to enable us to build a new Base. This planning process is very much in its infancy, and we have a long road ahead of us.

I hope, with all your support, we will be able to continue to serve the Community for another 40 years.

I will be using this space in the Eye to keep the Community updated on our progress along with any other items of interest.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Dave Dougherty - Chairman**

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES



**Autumn Term 2024**  
End of term 20 December



**Spring Term 2025**  
Start of term 6 January  
Half Term - 17 to 21 Feb  
End of term 4 April

**Summer Term 2025**  
Start of term 22 April  
Half Term - 26 to 30 May  
End of term 23 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

**LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)**  
(Week Beginning)  
9 & 23 December  
6 & 20 January

**GARDEN WASTE (GREEN)  
& RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)**  
(Week Beginning)  
2 & 16 December  
3, 13 & 27 January

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

## 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 their Christmas Day Party at the CARESCO Centre for people in the Sawtry area who are going to be by themselves this year. Would you like to join in the fun? The deadline for requesting a meal at the Centre is Friday 6 December. Transport can be provided.

If you are unable to attend on the day we are offering a delivery service within Sawtry at a cost of £10 per person and we will require payment at the time of booking. The deadline for requesting a delivery is Friday 13 December.



*For more information and an application form,  
please get in touch with  
the CARESCO office  
on 01487 832105 or [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)*



## SOUNDS GOOD

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

**13 December  
10 & 24 January**

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

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

## JULIE'S SAWTRY/YAXLEY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLASSES

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

**From Monday 6 January**

10am - 11am - Beginners/Easy-Going

11am - 12pm - Improvers/Intermediates (can start at 10am,  
no extra cost)

**From Friday 10 January**

7pm - 9pm - High Improvers/Intermediate

Royal British Legion Social Club, 210 Broadway, Yaxley, PE7 3NR

**From Thursday 9 January**

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Beginners

7.30pm - 9pm - Improvers/Intermediates  
(can start at 6.30pm or 7pm - no extra cost)



Line Dancing

*For more information contact:  
Julie Gillmore*

*[jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com)*

*or 07939 070 406 or ask to join*

*Julie's Steppers' Facebook group*

## Sawtry CARNIVAL 2025

Save the date:  
Sawtry Carnival  
14th June 2025!

This years theme...

## Sawtry on Safari

Stall bookings being taken from January. Email  
[Sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Sawtrycommittee@gmail.com) for more information!



Sawtry Court Selection &  
Crowning Evening  
Spring 2025!

We can't wait to see you all there! Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sawtry Carnival Committee



## THANK YOU

Sawtry Foodbank would like to thank all the local churches and schools who collected Harvest Festival donations for us.

We have been amazed by the generosity of our local community during these difficult times.

These donations have given our stock levels a much-needed boost as we approach the winter months. This will enable us to continue to provide food support to our local community.



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## SAWTRY WOODCRAFT FOLK

Starts 9 January 2025

Methodist Church, Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Elfins: age 6\* to 9  
Pioneers +: age 10 plus

\*Note if you have a 5-year-old you are welcome to bring them, but you need to stay.

#spanning the world with fun and friendship  
#Everybody welcome

**£35 a term for first child in family  
£25 for subsequent children**

No child should miss out from attending due to costs, please contact us for a confidential discussion on how we can help.

£15 joining fee for Elfin and Pioneer. This will not be payable until Easter and will cover a Sawtry T shirt and badge book.

Woodcraft Folk will be 100 next year and we will be launching our Sawtry division. We will work with East of England and Cambridge groups and join them in camps throughout the year.

*Woodcraft Folk: a place to grow in confidence, learn about and value our world!*

*Woodcraft Folk: we support children to take the lead through weekly group activities, trips and camping trips.*

We are working with lots of other Sawtry community groups and businesses. We have a fruit and vegetable patch to grow and take care of items and once a month we plan to have an outside session with night walks, activities and gardening.

You can enrol on the woodcraft website, search for Sawtry.  
<https://woodcraft.org.uk/find-a-group/>

Follow us on Facebook and join our launch group.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SawtryWoodcraftFolk>



Every Thursday (term time)

9:00 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

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

A safe play space to enjoy adventures with 0 - 5 year olds and all those who care for them.

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.

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

## 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 2.15 - 4.15pm

Come and join us  
No meeting on Bank Holidays

9 December  
13 & 27 January

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

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## CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR  
01487 208026

Join us for late night shopping on Wednesday 11  
and Tuesday 17 December until 7.30pm.

We will be closing at 12 noon on  
Tuesday 24 December and will reopen  
on Thursday 2 January at 9am.

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Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from  
all at the Charity Shop



## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

14 December & 11 January -  
10.00 till 11.30am

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

Donations invited in exchange for the above  
Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information  
please contact :  
Sue Fowler  
01832 293215



## SAWTRY WI HALL

### Available for Hire

Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS

Regular or occasional bookings

refurbished, accessible, clean and bright,  
kitchen, fridge, microwave, excellent lighting,

Wi-Fi - Capacity 55

Terms and conditions available on request.

[sawtrywihall@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrywihall@gmail.com)



## CARESCO CAR SCHEME

*Providing transport for local people*

Run by volunteers using their own cars,  
journeys (to medical appointments only)  
can be booked via the Co-ordinator  
9am - 5pm, Mondays to Fridays only  
(subject to availability)

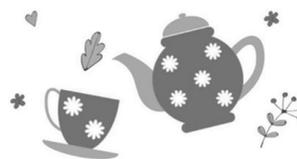
on **07810 476979**

Please leave a message, your name & phone number and the  
team will get back to you as soon as they can

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)



## SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



*Open on the first Saturday of each month  
12 - 3pm*

*\* 7 Dec, 4 Jan & 1 Feb \**

*Open to everyone in the community  
at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS*

*There is no charge for food*

*Join us for a warm welcome*

*Free Wi-Fi*



*Access to support available*



*Community Meals provided by  
volunteers from Sawtry WI and others*

*Funded by local organisations and  
contributions*

*Enquiries and donations  
07841 647345*



# afvbc

ARMED FORCES & VETERANS  
BREAKFAST CLUBS

## SAWTRY

[www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)

Welcome to the Sawtry Armed Forces  
& Veterans Breakfast Club.

We are a group of veterans and serving members of  
His Majesty's Armed Forces who meet up for breakfast  
and other events

There are no commitments or subs,  
just pay for your breakfast.  
So come to a great place and meet like-minded people  
for support, chat and banter.

Our Breakfast Club meets  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
from 09.45

at The Greystones Public House, Sawtry

Interested then get in touch via Facebook, email or via  
the web *Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/afvbc.sawtry>

[sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com](mailto:sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com)

[https://www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)



 **2024/2025**

## SAWTRY 2024 / 2025 CARESCO CENTRE

### Hearing Aid Maintenance Sessions

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 10am until noon.

#### Dates:

December 12	March 13
January 9	April 10
February 13	May 8
	June 12

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

#### Batteries

Please collect from any Hearing Aid Maintenance  
session, no need to book.

You can also collect batteries from any  
**Cambridgeshire Mobile Library**  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

#### Donations

We need volunteers and donations to ensure this  
service can run, please get in touch if you would be  
interested in helping.

Send a cheque payable to Cambridgeshire Deaf  
Association. Post To : 8 Romsey Terrace,  
Cambridge CB1 3NH

Online at [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)  
or in person at any of our drop-in sessions

**We can then plan for our  
future help throughout  
Cambridgeshire.**



**CHRISTMAS FOOD AND  
CRAFT MARKET**  
**SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER**  
**9.30AM TILL 1.30PM**

The Old School Hall  
Green End Road  
Sawtry  
Huntingdon  
Cambridgeshire  
PE28 5UY  
40+ Stalls

A variety of food and Drink  
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Free entry  
Refreshments Available

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For More Information And To Book  
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TREE'S AND  
WREATH'S  
FOR SALE**

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FROM  
SANTA**

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BACON  
ROLLS,  
BURGERS,  
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FRIES,  
CHURROS

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CARESCO

*Christmas  
Concert*

SATURDAY **7th** AT 7:30 PM  
DECEMBER

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, YAXLEY**  
PE7 3LH

Tickets just £10 from:  
www.sawtrychorale.co.uk  
Under 12's free

*Mulled wine & mince pies by donation during  
the interval*

## **CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL**

**Saturday 14 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

Christmas is coming, and what better way to start the festivities than with *Christmas Magic*, the city's favourite Christmas celebration, which returns to Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 14 December.

Always a high point of the festive season in Peterborough, *Christmas Magic* has delighted audiences from across the city and beyond for well over a decade. Expect to hear stunning arrangements of classics like *Away In A Manger*, *Silent Night* and *Jingle Bells* as well as festive favourites like *O Holy Night*, *The Christmas Song* and *Carol of the Bells*, all performed against the glorious backdrop of Peterborough Cathedral!

Featuring performances from Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Community Chorus 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. With something for everyone young and old, *Christmas Magic* is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit, so bring the kids and the grandparents too!

"It really is the start of Christmas for me" says Mark Currier of Peterborough Male Voice Choir "It's a fantastic concert, great fun, in a wonderful setting!". Fellow singer Bridget Pengelly of Peterborough Voices agrees "It's a real family affair, so bring along your nearest and dearest and I guarantee that you'll leave with a huge smile on your face and a warm fuzzy festive feeling inside!"

Over one thousand people from across the city and beyond came to see last year's performances, with comments including:



- ★ *Amazing! Thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon's performance!*
- ★ *Enjoyed every minute! Thank you one and all!*
- ★ *Absolutely amazing performances from such talented people!*
- ★ *We enjoyed every second of it. Thank you so much... fabulous!*

Christmas definitely is the most wonderful time of the year, so book today, and be part of Peterborough's favourite Christmas celebration... it wouldn't be the same without you!

**Tickets at [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk) or by phone on 0333 666 3366 (fees apply) BOOK NOW!**

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## GREEN BOTTLE CHALLENGE



Pop your small (or big) change into one of our Green Bottles then donate the contents

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

*giftaid it*

Are you a UK tax payer?  
Please ask for a Gift Aid declaration form so we can claim back the tax on your donations

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year

**Thank you for your support**



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### DID YOU KNOW?

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

Fen Edge Churches

## POP UP CINEMA

It's back...Join us on Christmas Eve

**At All Saints' Sawtry**

10am: The Snowman followed by The Snowman and Snowdog

1pm: The Grinch.

Free - No need to book with an array of refreshments on offer



### What is Coffee Ark?.....

Coffee Ark is a mobile coffee shop in the form of a converted Land Rover Defender and community interest company, with a particular heart for reaching those who find themselves separated or isolated whether through loneliness, location, challenges around mental health or other social circumstances.

Coffee Ark exists to build community, resource positive mental health, offer radical hospitality and serve great coffee. We use income from sales, donations, public and private events, fundraising, sponsorship and grants to help fund our community action and enable us to be where we need to be.

### 'Transforming lives one cuppa at a time'

Resourcing Mental Health first Aid training

Barista and Well-being workshops in school

Ethical trading and sustainable sourcing

Proactive presence in rural communities

Great Coffee and so much more...



### To find our more and to book us for your event...

Website: [www.coffeeark.org](http://www.coffeeark.org)

Email: [coffeearkcic@gmail.com](mailto:coffeearkcic@gmail.com)

Social Media: [www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic)

## HOLME YOUTH CLUB

As we only had 7 members attend on the last Friday of half term, we have decided to cancel the session on 20 December so our final session for this year will be on 13 December. We will start back again on 10 January.

We have had a difficult year financially this last year as numbers dropped off dramatically and we weren't taking in enough to pay the rent for the hall so had to dip into our reserves. As a consequence of this we were unable to have our usual summer day out and an evening out before Christmas as they are subsidised, and we just didn't have the funding.

On the bright side attendance has picked up and we are slowly recovering so hope to do a night out in late January or early February.

We like to offer a wide selection of activities to our members but need some input as to what the current favourites are (not PlayStation games) and would very much welcome some suggestions - we currently have air hockey, table tennis, table football, pool/snooker, a PS4, hairdressing heads and a selection of board games - any other suggestions.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may 2025 be a Happy New Year for you all.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or who attend or have attended Holme (CofE) Primary Academy. We meet on term time Fridays in the Village Hall from 6.30-8.30 pm.

For further information check out our Facebook page @HolmeYouth or website [HolmeYouthClub.co.uk](http://HolmeYouthClub.co.uk) or email [holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com) or pop down one Friday and see what goes on.

**Lyneise Caslin – Chair of Holme Youth Club**



## 100 YEARS AND MORE OF SCOUTS IN SAWTRY (PART 1)

My interest to looking into the history of scouting in the village came about when Alex Alexander, then parish councillor and previous Sawtry Scout troop leader mentioned while working on the rededication of the war memorial in All Saints Church yard, told me at the original dedication in 1921 a scout leader was present.

I started with records from Scout Headquarters, in the early days these were often kept locally and were less than comprehensive. I tracked a registration back for the 15<sup>th</sup> (Sawtry) Norman Cross local scout Association with a leader named Mr Henry. R. Paddison. He was a horse trainer/dealer living at Manor House Farm, born in the African Cape Colony in 1853.

His Leadership Warrant was for Scoutmaster on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1911. He had 9 children of which 7 lived past childhood. You ask where does this fit in with the war memorial, one of the names on it is for John F Paddison of the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion Northampton regiment, who died 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917 near Ypres, perhaps Henry's son



That was the mystery solved, I wondered about the following years, so looking into the records further, Henry's assistant leader was listed as T Sherian c/o Manor House Farm, poss. one of Henry's workers. Leadership warrant issued 4<sup>th</sup> April 1912. From documents it appears that the scout troop was listed as the Wesleyan Boy Scout Troop and they held their meetings in the church schoolroom, possibly the Methodist Chapel on Green End Road. The troop was thriving from newspaper reports of various activities attend around south Peterborough area unit Dec of 1914 when it appears the Troop was put into Abeyance.

In February of 1919 the scout Troop was reformed, following the great war and still attached to the Wesleyan church. I cannot find details of the leaders until Jan of 1921 when it reported that the scout master was Mr R Fitton of White Hall Estate Coppingford. At this point I am unsure of the role of Henry Paddison, it was reported by the Sawtry friendly Society that he has stood aside from his duties as he was traveling over the past and coming months to a number of countries.

In 1922 there was a reorganisation of Troops, Sawtry became the 15<sup>th</sup> Huntingdonshire as troops were now in counties, with Major Dane of Hinchingsbrooke house (now a School) as county commissioner, with Sawtry's assistant scout master listed as J.M. Weston (a former patrol leader)

If anyone has details, photos etc for the following years I would be interesting in see them.

**Neil Fountain**

**Group Lead Volunteer - 1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry Scout Group**

**Email - [gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org)**



### **HOLME NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

There has been a certain amount on the local media about people being hit (some killed) by speeding motorists in some of the county villages which has resulted in them setting up Speedwatch sessions. We started our sessions approximately 15 years ago to prevent this happening in Holme and so far, we have been successful and have reduced the percentage of speeding motorists from 50% to approx. 10%. We are not complacent however and will continue to educate motorists who pass through the village. Anyone registering a speed above the 30mph limit during our sessions will be reported to the police who will issue letters pointing out their error and requesting they do not repeat it. If you receive letters from anyone else, please let us know as it is not us and we can follow it up through the police.

As always we are always welcoming new volunteers to join our merry band so if you feel you can spare an hour or so each month, at your convenience, please email [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) and ask for further details.

In the meantime, a big thankyou to all our current volunteers and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

**Situation Vacant**

## **MINIBUS DRIVER**

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**Based at the CARESCO Centre,**  
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'The CARESCO Garden has received an It's Your Neighbourhood Community Garden Award, Level 3 – Developing, plus a £15 Gardening Voucher, by Britain in Bloom in conjunction with the RHS.



The Volunteers who help to maintain our garden work extremely hard at improving the outside space we have and are proud of what has been achieved so far. If you can spare any time at all and are interested in joining our Garden Team, please contact Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email [sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk) – Thank You

## A MESSAGE AT CHRISTMAS

Write a message to a friend or loved one near or far.  
We will hang it from the Christmas tree  
on the Green for you!



**£1.00 per Heart**  
all proceeds to CARESCO

Available from the CARESCO Charity Shop,  
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The deadline for purchasing a Wooden Heart will be Wednesday 18 December.



## CARESCO CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET

meeting needs in our local community



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## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SAWTRY FOODBANK



The first steps to create a Foodbank in Sawtry occurred when representatives of the 3 churches in Sawtry, together with someone from CARESCO Ltd, had a meeting.

It was decided to have a meeting with Godmanchester Foodbank, which took place at their premises at the Baptist Church. While in the meeting, a volunteer from their Foodbank asked if we could take someone back to Sawtry who had walked all the way to Godmanchester to collect a food parcel. Godmanchester confirmed that they received a number of requests from Sawtry residents, and this was the trigger required for us to all agree that we needed a Foodbank in Sawtry.

We opened our doors in January 2015.

We became part of Godmanchester Foodbank who in turn were part of Trussell Trust, and because we had no stock, they kindly gave some, once a parcel was given out, they would replenish it with more of their stock, this continued for a while.

We obtained our own stock eventually and we were based at the CARESCO Centre. We used the Community Centre for our Warehouse, and our own paper voucher system came into use. The Trussell Trust used so many restrictions, we had to weigh everything going into stock and coming out, and we could not issue fresh vegetables or fruit amongst other things. So, we decided in 2017 to become independent, and all parties agreed, and because CARESCO were already doing the Governance etc. it was agreed that this would continue.

We started with about 2-3 parcels a week issued from the CARESCO Centre and the families would collect them. Four hours a week was spent running the Foodbank.

Once Covid 19 struck in March 2020, we became inundated with requests for parcels and at the height we reached over 30 parcels a week. We decided to deliver food parcels during the lockdown, therefore we had people packing and delivering on their own or in a family bubble. All the paperwork was done from a laptop from someone's house and the Foodbank had to change the way everything was done. That Summer, Sawtry Community Centre had alterations done and so Sawtry Parish Council gave us permission to move all our operations and stock to the Old School Hall on a temporary basis. To cope with this increase in demand, the trustees appointed a part-time manager to coordinate everything in November 2020. The Foodbank returned to the Community Centre in January 2021 and in the coming months developed an online referral system which was easily accessible to staff working from home. Post Covid, 36 hours a week was spent running the Foodbank.

The demand has continued and from January to October 2024 there has been the need for around 15 food parcels a week. We have a wonderful team of 24 volunteers who keep the Foodbank running and a generous local community who support us with donations. Grateful thanks to all the volunteers, who over the past ten years, have kept the Foodbank running and thank you to everyone who gave a donation to us during this time. Without your support the foodbank would not be here today.

Sawtry Foodbank has provided food support to our local community for the past ten years and during these difficult economic times we will aim to continue to provide help for local people in need of food support for the next ten years or as long as it is needed.

*'We would like to give a special mention to Tony Stefanelli, CARESCO Trustee and one of the original Foodbank volunteers. Tony has been a key part of the Foodbank since its inception and has been involved in every aspect of the service. From serving on the Steering Group, working with local schools, churches and other community organisations, to sorting donations, packing up and delivering food parcels to families in need, Tony has done it all. Without his hard work, dedication to helping others and generosity of spirit, the Foodbank would not be what it is today'*

# WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

## Annual Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination but have not yet had yours, please contact us on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our practice nursing team.



## Patient Partner

I am pleased to confirm that Patient Partner is now live and can be used for the following functions:

- Check and/or cancel an appointment
- Book a blood test
- Book a physiotherapy appointment
- Request the continuation of a current fit note

For convenience, you do not need to call the practice to access this service, you can access it directly by calling 01487 800270.

Additional functionality will be introduced over time and we will share details as appropriate.

## Seasonal Opening Hours

Monday 23 December		Open as usual
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve		Open as usual
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day		Closed
Thursday 26 December Boxing Day		Closed
Friday 27 December		Open as usual
Saturday 28 December		Closed

Sunday 29 December		Closed
Monday 30 December		Open as usual
Tuesday 31 December New Year's Eve		Open as usual
Wednesday 1 January New Year's Day		Closed
Thursday 2 January		Open as usual
Friday 3 January		Open as usual

During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow at least three 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**



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## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### The Great Fen: A Bird's Eye View

**Wednesday 11 December at Brampton Memorial Hall**

We are pleased to welcome back Henry Stanier. Henry has been with the Wildlife Trust for 24 years, the last 9 as Monitoring and Research Officer at The Great Fen. This post includes training volunteers and staff in ecological survey skills and regularly leading Wildlife Trust training workshops. Henry has studied amphibians, bats, dragonflies and dormice as well as being a bird ringer.

For tonight's talk Henry will concentrate on birdlife of the Great Fen. This promises to be a very interesting talk and everyone is most welcome to attend.

Booking is not necessary. The charge is £4.00, and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

**For more information please contact Tim - (07941 261346 or [timpfryer@googlemail.com](mailto:timpfryer@googlemail.com))**

### Dragons, Damsels and Demoiselles Sex and Violence in the Insect World

**Wednesday 8 January at Brampton Memorial Hall**

We are pleased to welcome Steve Cham. This talk will focus on the fascinating behaviours of dragonflies, damselflies and demoiselles in and around the home counties.

Steve has been fascinated by dragonflies since childhood and is currently a member of the British Dragonfly Society (BDS) conservation group. He has previously been the county recorder for Bedfordshire as well as being the National Co-Ordinator for the BDS recording scheme. Steve's main interest is in the behaviour of this group of insects, and this will be illustrated by his talk.

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## **SIMON BYWATER** **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Dear Residents,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on my activities since the last edition of the *Sawtry Eye*. It's been a productive few months, with a focus on addressing local issues, attending important council meetings, and representing our community's interests across various platforms.

### **Council Meetings and Committees**

I've been actively involved in attending Full Council meetings at both Shire Hall and Pathfinder House. These sessions are crucial for staying up to date on county and district matters and ensuring our ward's voice is heard at the highest levels. Additionally, as a member of the County Council's Asset and Procurement Committee, I've been engaged in decisions around the management of the Council's estate and contract processes. This role involves scrutinising how council-owned buildings are managed and ensuring that public contracts are awarded efficiently and transparently.

### **Engaging with Parish Councils**

Over the past few months, I've attended numerous meetings with various Parish Councils, including those in Sawtry, Stilton, Conington, Abbots Ripton and Kings Ripton. These meetings provide invaluable opportunities to connect with community representatives and listen to the specific concerns of each parish.

In October, I was also able to attend the Parishes Meeting for the northern part of the ward, bringing together representatives from Stilton, Elton, Folksworth, Glatton, Conington, Stibbington, Chesterton, Haddon, and Gidding. We had an insightful briefing by Huntingdonshire District Council's waste management team, followed by an open discussion where parishes could raise local issues. It's always beneficial to hear directly from parish councils about the challenges and initiatives affecting their communities, and I'm committed to supporting these efforts.

### **Highways and Infrastructure**

At the end of October, I attended a meeting at New Shire Hall with the Service Director to discuss ongoing highways concerns in our ward. I took the opportunity to voice the recurring issues that residents have raised, including potholes, overgrown hedges, weeds, and uneven pavements. Ensuring our roads and pathways are safe and well-maintained is a priority, and I will continue to advocate for improvements in these areas.

I'm also pushing for updates on Gidding Road, which many of you know has been affected by development-related delays. Now that most of the new homes are completed, I'm seeking a clear commitment on when we can expect the necessary road improvements to move forward.

### **Reporting Highways Issues**

A reminder to everyone: please continue to report any highways issues using the County Council's "Report It" tool. Your reports help us maintain a record of concerns and expedite action where possible.

### **Wishing You a Joyous Holiday Season**

As we approach the festive season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of you. Thank you for your ongoing support and for taking the time to reach out with your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. It's an honour to serve as your County and District Councillor, and I look forward to continuing our work together into the new year where I will be seeking re Election at the County elections in May 2025.

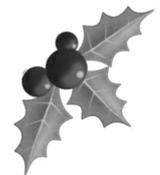
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Warm regards*

**Cllr Simon Bywater**

**Sawtry and Stilton Division, Cambridgeshire County Council**

**07984 637553**



## **CARESCO GRANTS NEWS**

If you were able to attend our recent AGM, you will have heard that CARESCO is running with a significant financial deficit of £25,000. This is mainly due to cost-of-living increases, an ageing building, higher demand and reduced donations in what has been a difficult period for many. The income to run our groups and services comes entirely via donations

from you, our Charity Shop sales, grants, fundraising initiatives and subsidised user contributions.

We have had three grant declines since my last article. Our Foodbank stocks and financial reserves to buy food remain a concern, so we thank Sawtry Parish Council very much for helping us with a small grant award. We have been fortunate in again receiving unrestricted grants from the Postcode Places Trust and Garfield Weston and these will be allocated across the charities core running costs and to some building maintenance work.

Whether you are attending our groups, using the Charity shop, donating, volunteering your time or giving food to the Foodbank, you are helping us to keep going and for that we are truly grateful. The team are working hard to try and reduce our deficit, and we would welcome your support. You can follow CARESCO on Facebook for updates or see our website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**Denise Pike**

**Grants Officer CARESCO**

**[grants@caresco.org.uk](mailto:grants@caresco.org.uk)**





## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is now open on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in the Community Centre access is via the library, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome, search census records & view old documents relating to our area.

The programme for the year continues again in January, when membership subscriptions will be due, we have a full programme of talks booked for next year, details next time.

If you read this section regularly you may have a dormant interest in history. Not everyone knows we are a registered charity & although we have the correct officers on the committee, we need a couple more members to help us expand our activities. Perhaps our Thursday meetings are not convenient for you, but you could still be part of what we do.

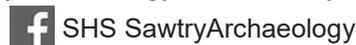
In September our meeting subject was **D-DAY AND THE NORMANDY AFTERMATH** Presentation by Richard Gibbons from March Specialist on topics related to World War II & the Cold War. An obvious choice for this year, a most unusual presentation delivered as a continuous film of real footage narrated with perfect timing by Richard.

October meeting **The Wise Women, Spells & Witchcraft** - Chris Carr, an interesting slant on the witchcraft theme singing the praises of the well-meaning souls who used herbs, plants & semi-precious stones to cure common ills & ailments. All delivered in, as usual, authentic costume. Both these speakers will return next year

'Sawtry Archaeology' is a group within Sawtry History Society that is committed to investigating the archaeological record of Sawtry and neighbouring communities and presenting interpreted findings in the public domain in order to enrich the communal heritage. Details of projects, publications of interest and useful links can be found on the Sawtry Archaeology website (below). Follow Sawtry Archaeology on Facebook (below) where details of fieldwork, other activity and updates to the website will be posted. You can contact Sawtry Archaeology at the email address below.'

Sawtry Archaeology website: <https://sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com/my-site>

Sawtry Archaeology email: [sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk)



Don't forget our sister website the details being [www.sawtryhistory.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistory.co.uk) [sawtryhistory@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryhistory@gmail.com)

**The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month  
in the Methodist Church, 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX at 7.30pm**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**



## SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL

**Fireworks.** Thank you to everyone that attended the fireworks at Greenfields on 3 November, we hope you enjoyed the show! Many thanks to everyone involved in making the evening such a success: DJ Dave Whiskey for the disco, Sawtry Cycle Club for marshalling, Wedge Galvanizing and NetCeed UK for the use of their carparks, Sawtry Colts, Sawtry Tea room and The Coffee Ark for all the refreshments, David O'Brian for first aid and Cambridge Fireworks for the fantastic display.

**St Andrews Cemetery.** The long-awaited work to improve drainage has now been completed. In the New Year we will be looking to add some tree and shrub planting to improve the site.

**Live theatre.** At the time of writing tickets are selling fast for our show on 30 November to see 'Watson: The Final Problem' a one-man play performed by Timothy Marriott. Our next show will be on Sunday 9 February 'Set Menu'. George Egg is the comedian who cooks. This award-winning, multi-sell-out, touring performer presents cooking-with-laughs. Three plates of gourmet food prepared in the most unconventional of ways (using household appliances, power tools and other non-culinary items). It's time for the funniest recipes and the most delicious jokes!

**Allotments.** There are still full and half plots available at St Judith's – please contact [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk).

**Old School.** The Parish Council were successful in obtaining National Lottery Funding to install new doors to the building to improve accessibility for all.

**Remembrance Parade.** Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and took part in the parade on Sunday 10 November.

**Parish Councillors.** We would like to thank Steve Rose and Amy Harber for their time as councillors and welcome Joyce Day, Barry Ingram and Joy Isaacs. This now leaves us with 2 vacancies so do please get in touch to find out more [clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk) or just pop along to one of our meetings.

**Village Carol singing 16 December at 6pm.** Greystones have again kindly agreed to host this annual event. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and a warm welcome.

**Office Closure.** The parish council office will be closed from 1pm on 23 December until 9am on 2 January. Season's Greetings to all from the parish council staff.

**Steve Browning - Clerk to Sawtry Parish Council**

**37 Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5UY**

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## SAWTRY CHORALE

With rehearsals well-advanced and the festive season only just around the corner, Chorale has been busy learning some exciting new music and reacquainting ourselves with a few old favourites – all of them crowd pleasers.

We will be giving two concerts in December.

**7 December, St Peter's Church, 43 Church Street, Yaxley, PE7 3LH from 7.30pm.**

**14 December, All Saints' Church, Sawtry, PE28 5TD from 7.30pm.**

Tickets are priced at £10 each and are available via the link on our website [www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk) or from any choir member.

As regular Christmas concert-goers will know, our Musical Director, Ollie Box-Hamilton plans the festive concert programme to suit all tastes, with a mixture of sacred and secular, serious and silly pieces of music – and as there's also a fair bit of audience participation,

Looking ahead, the New Year promises all sorts of new initiatives – and you could be part of them. We love to welcome new members and don't forget there's no need to be able to read music, you won't have to do an audition, and you will get lots of help from other choir members, to help you gain confidence and thoroughly enjoy the enormous pleasure that singing brings to so many.

We rehearse term time Wednesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall on Green End Road. If you're interested, just come along for a no-obligation peep into how we work. Or, if you'd like to find out more in advance, call 07796 972580.

**Find us on Facebook, email: [sawtrychorale@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrychorale@gmail.com) or visit [www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)**



## CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm and Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please come along for a coffee and chat. See the projects and repairs we are working on at present. Do you have a project you want some help with?

Everybody is welcome, male or female. We are a happy crew and welcome new members.

We replace watch batteries and carry out PAT testing at a fee of £3 each.

**Contact us by calling 07851 803482 and leaving a message, emailing us at [thecave@caresco.org.uk](mailto:thecave@caresco.org.uk) or pop in during one of our sessions to speak to us, you can find us at the rear of Sawtry Community Centre off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.**

## SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets once a month, on the third Thursday of the month, at the Sawtry Social Club in Gidding Road, 7.30pm start.

The members have a variety and a wide range of different makes and types of cameras.

So if you would like to join us you might have a bridge camera or a small digital or maybe use the camera on your phone, it doesn't matter all are welcome. You must download your images to a USB stick.

If you would like to join us, please email me at [sawtrycameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycameraclub@gmail.com) and each month you will be sent the subject title for the monthly meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Neville Diss**



## GREEN END DAY CLUB

We have had some lovely trips out this year to restaurants, a local farm and a lovely afternoon tea at the club in Stilton. We have Golden Games in once a fortnight which our members find so much fun. Our membership has continued to increase throughout the year, and we are delighted at how our club goes from strength to strength. Each day is filled with a lot of laughter, chatter, games and of course good food!

With our minibus we are now able to offer shopping trips to our members and all CARESCO users. We have had several successful trips this year, including one to Springfields and we plan many more next year.

As the end of the year is fast approaching this is a busy time for our club. We have our end of year Christmas meal to look forward to at The Greystones, plus our Christmas party day for our members at the beginning of December.

Our club is a lovely place to come and meet new people and make new friends. We are based at the CARESCO Centre, Monday to Thursday from 10am – 2pm. We are full on a Thursday at the moment but have availability on our other days. If you are at a loose end or fancy trying something different in the new year, then please come and see us or give us a call. We offer door to door service and your first visit is completely free.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**Vicki, Suzanne and Helen**

**07743 216746 or email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)**

## AN EYE ON NATURE

Climate change is affecting all our lives, sometimes very dramatically (Spain Nov 24) with flooding, drought and wildfires or very warm weather in winter and record hot, dry or wet summers. It is having a dramatic effect on nature too. I am a Voluntary Warden for the Wildlife Trust BCN and have the great honour of caring for two ancient woods. They are a stone's throw away from each other but so different in many ways but have in common the sad loss of bluebell cover in spring.

Raveley Woods bluebells started declining first. The, so called bluebell walk has so few bluebells now. Year on year they decline in number and the woods are now smothered in spring cleavers too, just when the bluebells should be at their spectacular best what remains of them are covered by the blanket of cleavers. Lady's Wood bluebells are suffering from cleavers also known as (sticky willies, goose grass or sticky weed) and bramble. This is a "double whammy", and I bet you have noticed brambles have become more numerous on your allotment or in your garden.

I have witnessed this decline in Aversely Wood too. If you have enjoyed Aversley's bluebells over many years, the decline will be stark where large areas are now enormous bramble patches. I have no practical solution when it comes to cleavers, but the brambles can be controlled. I tried an experiment several years ago. Looking back at a painting of Lady's Wood (on my wall) I noticed the area the artist focused on was covered in a carpet of bluebells, she showed me the photo taking to use to paint the scene. There was a quite a difference! I then embarked on a radically solution to clear the whole bramble patch down to the ground. It was a lot of hard work but during the following spring a miraculous reemergence of a carpet of blue appeared, wow, it took just one growing season. We have since opened up several more areas and the results have all been the same, spell binding carpets of blue again. Sadly, the areas of bramble are encroaching so vigorously in Aversely Wood that the wonderful site will continue to be just a memory.

I have focused on a very small example of climate change where the warmer wetter conditions favour cleavers and bramble, but as the world heats up many more examples will emerge. Whether we can halt situations such as the disappearance of our bluebells remains to be seen. One thing is for certain our grandchildren will be growing up in a very different world unless we and our politicians take action now. Time is running out, let's not leave it too late.



### **Martin Baker**

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

**For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust:**

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



### **SAWTRY WI**

Charity Number 229016

Sawtry WI would like to thank the community of Sawtry Parish for supporting our recent Halloween Tea and Festive Bazaar which raised funds for the maintenance of the WI Hall. Tickets have sold out for our annual Festive Tea on Thursday 12 December, also raising funds

for the WI Hall.

Our recent talk on Tandem Riding with people with visual disabilities was well received as we heard about the creation of the idea, the development, the fun and the pitfalls of trips and stayovers in unknown and sometimes in-accessible environments on their way from Land's End to John o' Groats. Once a year, all WI members have the opportunity to select and vote for a resolution that will progress to campaigns at national level, so we discussed at our November meeting. Last year's chosen resolution was about free dental care for all, and previously about cleaning up our rivers and access for women with autism. Members are looking forward to a Festive Social evening on 5 December with Handbell ringing. We don't meet in January so our first meeting in 2025 will be on Thursday 6 February with an evening of Line Dancing so if you fancy this do visit us.

Our programme for the period April 2025 to March 2026 is now available on request or you can pick up a printed copy in the WI Hall lobby where you can also help yourself to a free magazine and find flyers for WI events held at WI Centre in Huntingdon. You don't have to be a WI member to enjoy the trips and events organised by our Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation of WIs. Members of our on-line WI called 'Filoxenia Virtual' have similar benefits to an in-person WI and they can now also enjoy Virtual Festivals twice a year. You can join as many WIs as you want at a reduced price so if you are already a member you may want to visit a different WI as a guest.

Visitors are always welcome in Sawtry WI and you can try out one or two of our meetings free. Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm with a speaker or activity followed by lovely refreshments, business, raffle, competition, books and produce stall. We have a varied programme of events, outings, social groups and activities. WI members with members of the community continue to enjoy our weekly and monthly social groups.

Sawtry Community Café continues to be a success run by wonderful volunteers from our community and Sawtry WI. We recently celebrated our 2 years anniversary of starting the Café which is open on the first Saturday of each month, Sawtry WI Hall. Food is served from 12 noon to 2.45pm and there is no cost, it is all free. This is a great community space where residents of all ages come together in friendship. Everyone enjoyed the soups, chilli-con-carne, toasted sandwiches, beans on toast, fruit and cakes served at the November café.

**Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345**

**[sawtrywi@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrywi@gmail.com)**

**Instagram: [Sawtry\\_WI](#)**

**Sawtry WI | [Facebook](#)**



# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Royal British Legion is here to help members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families.

The British Legion, then to become The Royal British Legion (RBL), was established in 1921 to care for those who had suffered as a result of service in WW1. Over the years the scope of the RBL's support has expanded with the changing needs of service personnel. The charity is helping in many ways, whether with debt, housing concerns, combatting loneliness and isolation, assisting with care and independent living or supporting physical and mental health. The latter of these, mental health and the support that the RBL can offer has undergone a significant shift in recent years. Mental health is an issue that impacts the Armed Forces community more than most and the RBL is not shying away from this.

The RBL has rethought its beneficiary support and introduced a more joined up approach with a bespoke service available to meet individual's needs, with over 8,000 people attending the RBL's Battle Back Centre since 2009. So, if you have served in the Armed Forces and feel that you would like to discuss any of the issues mentioned here call the support line on 0808 802 8080, (8am to 8pm, seven days a week). Or for much more information on the support available and who is eligible, visit <https://britishlegion.org.uk>

If you would rather talk to someone from the Sawtry Branch first then email us at [Sawtry.Secretary@RBL.community](mailto:Sawtry.Secretary@RBL.community) with a contact number and we will get in touch with you.

**Billy, Chairman**

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



Sawtry Library is a friendly, welcoming library based in Sawtry Community Centre. We offer a range of services such as children's activities, free pc and internet access and of course fiction, non-fiction books and audio books. We also provide help to get Bus Passes and we have a selection of local information leaflets.

### **Christmas Card Craft - Saturday 7 December 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Get into the festive spirit this December - make your own Christmas tree card to send to a friend or relative!

This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years.

£1 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Christmas Star Crafts - Saturday 14 December 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Come along to Sawtry Library this Christmas and decorate your own wooden star decoration.

This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years.

£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Chinese New Year Craft - Saturday 25 January 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Celebrate Chinese New Year by making snakes, lanterns and write a message on a bookmark using Chinese characters.

This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years.

£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### **Rhymetime - Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am**

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhymetime sessions.

Drop in. No booking needed.

For children under 5

### **Lego Club - Saturdays 10.00am - 12.00pm**

Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning.

Drop in anytime throughout the session.

Suitable for children aged 4+

50p Donation appreciated.



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

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





# FINALISED SAWTRY SHOW CLASSES - TO GET YOU STARTED!

Saturday 13 September 2025 Sawtry Village Academy

The full schedule with instructions and entry forms will be available from June.

## Fruit and Vegetables

1. 5 Runner bean pods
2. Longest runner bean
3. 5 French bean pods
4. 3 beetroots
5. 3 carrots
6. 3 courgettes
7. 3 onions
8. Heaviest onion
9. 3 bell peppers
10. 5 chillies
11. A truss of ripening tomatoes
12. 5 tomatoes
13. Heaviest marrow
14. 5 potatoes any variety
15. Pumpkin or squash
16. Misshapen fruit or vegetable
17. 5 eating apples
18. 5 pears
19. 11 blackberries
20. Tray of your 5-a-day, mix of fruit and / or veg

## Home grown flowers and plants.

21. 3 dahlia stems, may be mixed varieties
22. A vase of mixed herbs
23. 1 rose specimen, will be judged on scent
24. 3 rose stems may be mixed varieties.
25. Vase of 10 Flowering Stems, minimum 3 varieties

## Pot plants

26. A fuchsia
27. A begonia
28. Cactus or succulent
29. A Pelargonium Geranium
30. Any foliage pot plant

## Flower Arranging (flowers may be bought)

31. A table arrangement for a Ruby Wedding - (Fresh Flowers)
32. A modern arrangement of Artificial flowers
33. An arrangement of berries, fruits and foliage (Fresh only)

## Cookery

34. Victoria sponge 3 egg mix, jam filled, caster sugar on top
  35. 5 Pieces of Flapjack your favourite recipe (Men Only)
  36. Boiled Fruit cake – (given recipe\*)
  37. 5 Chocolate Chip Cookies
  38. Apple tart – with homemade pastry top & bottom
- \*Recipe will be published in full schedule

## Preserves

39. Soft fruit jam
40. Stoned fruit jam
41. Lemon curd
42. Orange marmalade
43. Chutney any type
44. A jar of pickles

## Home Brews

45. A bottle of red wine, dry
46. A bottle of white wine, sweet
47. A bottle of liqueur
48. A bottle of non-alcoholic cordial



## Crafts

49. Christmas tree ornament - any medium
50. A bird feeder for the garden
51. A knitted novelty hat
52. A crocheted item
53. Make and embellish a shopping bag
54. An item from recycled wood or metal
55. A pop up / 3D greeting card
56. A piece of cross stitch
57. A Gonk - Any medium
58. A handmade bracelet
59. A needle case
60. Any other item not included in the above classes



## Art

61. A city scape
62. A portrait
63. A drawing of 3 fish - pencil, pastel or charcoal
64. A papier Mache sculpture
65. A illuminated Letter- initial of your choice A5
66. A cartoon character
67. A miniature

## Photography (Maximum size A5)

68. A winter scene
69. A sunset
70. A portrait of a wild animal
71. The night sky - Northern Lights
72. Humour, with a caption
73. A Bee on a flower
74. Own choice photograph subject

## Juniors

The following age groups will be judged in each of the classes listed below:

up to 5yrs (75-86) 6-8yrs (87-98) 9-12yrs (99-110) 13-15yrs (111-122)

- Photography - my favourite place in my village
- Craft - a decorated paper aeroplane
- Craft - a sock puppet
- Craft - a Lego model
- Craft - A model from plasticine or playdough
- Craft - item made from anything recycled
- Craft - a fairy door
- Art - a decorated pebble
- Art - design your own book cover
- Art - a picture from my favourite book or story
- Art - A potato print
- Cookery - a teatime favourite

There will be a special prize for the aeroplane which flies the furthest!

Adults Competition - make a paper aeroplane at the show, paper provided, test which flies the furthest.

Academy entries - To be decided

**Message us through our Facebook page  
'The Sawtry Show' or email  
[thesawtryshow@outlook.com](mailto:thesawtryshow@outlook.com)  
for more info**



## 1<sup>st</sup> SAWTRY SCOUT GROUP

The group has an urgent need for Volunteers to work in the Beaver scout section, working with young people aged 6-8 yrs, some checks like DBS and vetting will be needed, at no cost, this is done through the Scout Association along with some training mostly online modules. Also, there are vacancies on the trustee board, who's role is to support the sectional volunteers with group admin, finance and governance matters, again some checks and training has to be completed. If you think you can make a difference to young people's lives, are over 18yrs and would like to be part of a team having fun while helping deliver activities and skills for life to young people. Please contact us for more details.

There are many other roles and flexible ways of volunteering within the group should the above roles not be for you. The Scout group teaches life skills through fun and challenging activities to young people from the age of 6-14yrs, both boys and girls.

**Beaver scouts 6 - 8yrs**

**Cub scouts 8 - 10.5 yrs**

**Scouts 10.5 - 14yrs**

Joining is via a waiting list, which is quite short at present for Beavers and Cubs and immediate entry for the Scout section. Contact us should you wish your son / daughter to be added

**Neil Fountain**

**Group Lead Volunteer**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry Scout Group**

**Email - [gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org)**

**Website - [www.1stsawtryscoutgroup.org](http://www.1stsawtryscoutgroup.org)**



## COFFEE SHOP

**CAN YOU HELP?**

*We are looking for some Volunteer bakers to help us with our increasingly popular Coffee Shop. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for us once every 4 weeks, sweet and savoury, please get in touch.*

*The expense of ingredients can be covered if required - Many Thanks*

**Sharon Dougherty - 01487 208026**

**[sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)**



**CARESCO is a unique charity providing a range of services to meet needs within our local community - visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) for more details.**



## ENGAGED? THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

Did you know that you can get married in your local parish church - All Saints', Sawtry, St. Giles, Holme and St. Nicholas, Glatton.

We love ♥ a wedding and would love to discuss how we can play a part in your special day.

Please look at our website [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org), be in touch Reverend Canon Becky Dyball.

**Email: [fenedgechurches@gmail.com](mailto:fenedgechurches@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 07444 574039 / 01487 506217**



## CARESCO FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone that entered the Pumpkin Trail this year, we had 13 houses take part in all. If you didn't manage to join in this year and you would like to next year, then it would be great to see your house on the trail. All the houses looked amazing, and it was wonderful to see all the families out and about and all the children dressed up. A huge Thank You must go to Rob and Wendy Suter of Sawtry Cars for sponsoring this event for us again and for their generosity.

The trail made £100 for CARESCO so thank you to everyone.

At the time of writing we would of held our first 'Music Bingo' held at the Sawtry Social Club. I hope everyone enjoyed the night and we look forward to organising another one in the new year.

Thank you to Dave Wisker for his expertise as the music bingo caller and also to Sawtry Club for their hospitality.

Our Christmas Wreath making night sold out very quickly, so thank you to everyone who got in touch to make one. I am sure it will be a fabulous start to the Christmas season, and we are looking forward to the night. There will be photos of the finished product after the event.

Last year we had "Through the Drone" come to Sawtry and take footage of the amazing Christmas lights that you all put on. This is such a nice idea especially for people who cannot get out and about but can watch it online. This was available to see on Facebook and the displays were wonderful and so much effort had been put into them. This year we will doing this again from 8 December to 14 December and if you'd like your house to be shown on the drone footage then please email me on [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) by 6 December.

I would like to say a personal Thank You to all you lovely people out there who have helped and supported fundraising this year. You are always so generous in giving me prizes for the raffles and hampers for our events.

It never ceases to amaze me how generous our wonderful village is and without you none of this would happen. Also, to everyone who comes along and supports all the events and for your help on the day or night. It simply couldn't be done without you.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year.

**Jacqui Hedington**

**Fundraising Manager**





# SAWTRY FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who generously supports the Foodbank. We are extremely grateful for all the donations of food we are receiving during these difficult times.

The following is a list of items we particularly need currently to make up our food parcels:

## *SHOPPING LIST*

- Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Squash
- Custard
- Long-Life Milk
- Jam
- Rice Pudding
- Tea/Coffee

Extras..... We can also use donations of toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and pet food.

A few do's and don't's..... *Donations need to be well in date please. We can't accept fresh, frozen, chilled or home-made items or any alcohol.*

**Collection points :** CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Co-op Food Store, Local Churches, Sawtry Social Club, and Gt Gidding Store

**For more information please call 07743 593863**  
**Email: [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk) or visit**  
**[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)**



**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES



## Help your local community – become an on-call firefighter!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help local communities by responding to emergencies.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of your fire and rescue service. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires and attending road traffic collisions to rescuing people and animals in need. They also respond to medical emergencies.

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, on-call firefighters support their communities by providing a range of safety advice helping people to keep safe in their homes.

Being an on-call firefighter has many benefits. As well as being paid an annual wage and for the time spent at incidents or training, there are also opportunities to develop first aid skills and heavy good vehicle driving qualifications.

**Find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter by visiting our website: [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall)**

## Take Charge and Be Safe!

Over the last year or so, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries. E-bikes, e-scooters, mobile phones, laptops, game console controllers, cordless tools and garden machinery, all use lithium-ion batteries that can heat up and catch fire if not used correctly.

Keep safe by following our top tips for charging safety:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off
- Do not overload sockets.

Lithium-ion batteries can't be disposed of in your regular household recycling. Doing so can cause fires, either in the refuse vehicles or at the waste processing centres.

- Never put any kind of battery in with your household rubbish or recycling!
- Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.
- Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

**Find out where you can dispose of batteries by visiting <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>**

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Please do not reply directly to this email. If you wish to get in contact, please email [pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk).

### VOLUNTEERING

Helping CARESCO to support our local community

## TRUSTEES REQUIRED

CARESCO is looking to increase our team of trustees who oversee and manage our Charity.

As well as having a passion for supporting local people, successful candidates will:

Be willing to go through the relevant training

Be willing to work as part of a team with staff & volunteers

Have time, availability and willingness to get involved

Bring their own unique set of skills, knowledge & experience

The AME for volunteer groups

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Registered with  
**FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR**

**If you would like to know more, please contact the CARESCO Office on 01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)**

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REGULATOR

### FUNDRAISING

Funding our Future

#### CAN YOU HELP TO SECURE CARESCO'S FUTURE?

Would you like to help support CARESCO in our new fundraising initiative? We are looking for friends and supporters to kindly donate £4 per month by standing order to help fund our future.

**SINCE 1982 WE HAVE PROVIDED HELP AND SUPPORT TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT STANDARDS, NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH FUNDRAISING.**

## CARESCO

WWW.CARESCO.ORG.UK

The setup is simple, with 4 easy steps:

1. CONTACT YOUR BANK
2. INPUT OUR ACCOUNT DETAILS
3. TYPE REFERENCE: FUNDINGOURFUTURE
4. SET THE DONATION AMOUNT TO £4

That's it, you're all set up!

DONATE

£4

A MONTH

TO

FUND

OUR

FUTURE

To contact us for our account details and for information about how you can Gift Aid this regular donation please email: [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) or telephone 07512 201378 or 01487 832105

**THANK YOU**

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX office@caresco.org.uk 01487 832105 www.caresco.org.uk  
Reg in England & Wales Charity No: 1140728 Company No: 7513432



# REMEMBRANCE

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



DECEMBER		
Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

JANUARY		
Private Frederick ROSE	7 January 1916	Winwick
Private Charles JARVIS	21 January 1917	Hamerton
Bombardier Thomas Eric DRING	25 January 1942	Sawtry



Those from World War 1 whose date of death is unknown	
Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

Those from World War 2 whose date of death is unknown	
Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston

When you go home tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

## *A Victorian Christmas Advent Series*

### A STUDY IN SCROOGE - HUMBUG & HAPPINESS!

**Week 1: The Chains of Life**

**Week 2: In the Past**

**Week 3: Living Now**

**Week 4: Future ... Perfect?**

**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

Film show: Sunday 24th Nov 7pm

Wk 1 Monday 25th Nov 7pm

Wk 2 Monday 2nd Dec 7pm

Wk 3 Monday 9th Dec 7pm

Wk 4 Monday 16th Dec 7pm

**All Saints', Sawtry**

Film show: Thursday 21st Nov 7pm

Wk 1 Thursday 28th Nov 7pm

Wk 2 Thursday 5th Dec 7pm

Wk 3 Thursday 12th Dec 7pm

Wk 4 Thursday 19th Dec 7pm

The sessions are being run in parallel at the two churches so if you need to miss a session hopefully you can catch it at the other venue.





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



**BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

For latest service information and online service links please visit [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org)

<b>Date</b>	<b>All Saints', Sawtry</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Glatton</b>	<b>St Giles, Holme</b>
Sunday 1 December	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - BCP* Holy Communion
Sunday 8 December	10:30am - Noisy Nativity with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Saturday 14 December	--	--	2.00pm - 4.00pm Coffee & Cake 4.30pm - BCP* Evening Prayer
Sunday 15 December	6.00pm - Carol Service	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 22 December	10.30am - Holy Communion	6.00pm - Carol Service	--
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Tuesday 24 December	11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion	10.00pm - Midnight Holy Communion	6.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service ( <i>Holy Communion available after the service</i> )
<b>Christmas Day</b> Wednesday 25 December	9.30am - Churches Together Christmas Celebration	--	--
Sunday 5 January	--	--	9.00am - Benefice Holy Communion
Saturday 11 January	--	--	2.00pm - 4.00pm Coffee & Cake 4.30pm - BCP* Evening Prayer
Sunday 12 January	10.30am - Service of the Word with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 19 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 26 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	--



*\*BCP A much loved traditional service using the 1662 prayer book*



## FOLLOW THE STAR THIS CHRISTMAS

Hello everyone,

As we enter this most joyful season, let us gather together to celebrate the light that Christmas brings into our lives! This year, as we "Follow the Star," we're reminded of the journey the Wise Men undertook, following a brilliant light in the sky to reach the place of joy and hope. Just like them, we, too, are called to find moments of wonder, love, and peace this Christmas.

To bring some festive magic to our celebrations, we are thrilled to announce our *Pop-Up Cinema* on Christmas Eve! We'll be showing some beloved Christmas classics to share a little sparkle and warmth with you all. At 10 am, join us for *The Snowman*, followed immediately by *The Snowman and the Snowdog*. These heartwarming films are perfect for little ones and those young at heart, reminding us of the simple joys of companionship and kindness.

Then, at 1 pm, we'll bring in the laughter with *The Grinch!* It's a wonderful reminder that Christmas can soften even the most stubborn of hearts and that generosity and love can truly transform us. We'll have refreshments available, and there's no cost to attend – bring friends, family, or come alone; there's a place for everyone here.

As we "Follow the Star," let us remember that this season is not only about giving gifts but about following in the footsteps of love and compassion. We are drawn to that radiant light in the manger, a light that shines in our hearts and leads us to serve, love, and celebrate together. Come, celebrate with us, and may we all find the joy that lies at the heart of Christmas.



Blessings at this special time,

**Reverend Canon Becky Dyball**  
**Rector of Fen Edge Churches**  
[www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org)



### DID YOU KNOW?

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

## Christmas Services 2024

 Fen Edge Churches

**Sunday 1st Dec**  
**St. Giles, Holme** 9am  
 BCP Holy Communion  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 10.30am  
 Holy Communion

**Saturday 7th Dec**  
**St. Giles, Holme** 4.30pm  
 BCP Evening Prayer

**Sunday 8th Dec**  
**St. Nicholas, Glatton** 9am  
 Holy Communion  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 10.30am  
 Noisy Nativity with Cheeky Pandas

**Sunday 15th Dec**  
**St. Giles, Holme** 9am  
 Holy Communion  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 6pm  
 Carol Service

**Sunday 22nd Dec**  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 10.30am  
 Holy Communion  
**St. Nicholas, Glatton** 6pm  
 Carol Service

**Christmas Eve**  
 Pop Up Cinema  
**All Saints' Sawtry**  
**10am** - Snowman followed by  
 Snowman and The Snowdog  
**1pm** - The Grinch

**Services**  
**St. Giles, Holme** 6pm  
 Carol Service  
**St. Nicholas, Glatton** 10pm  
 Holy Communion  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 11.30pm  
 Holy Communion

**Christmas Day**  
**All Saints', Sawtry** 9.30am  
 Churches Together Celebration

**Sunday 29th Dec**  
**Sawtry Methodist Church**  
 10.30am  
 Churches Together Service



# SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



*All Are Welcome!*

## COFFEE MORNINGS

**Open Saturdays  
in the church hall  
from 9.30am to 11am**

*Drop in for light refreshments,  
a chat with friends  
all proceeds to the church*



**We would love to see you!**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

### SPECIAL SERVICES

#### **Drop-in Nativity Displays**

**Saturday 14 December at 10.00am - 12.00pm**

#### **Holy Communion**

**Sunday 15 December at 10.30am**

#### **Carol Singing at Greystones**

**Monday 16 December at 6.00pm**

#### **Candle Lit Carol Service**

**Sunday 22 December at 4.00pm**

#### **Christmas Day**

**Wednesday 25 December at 9.30am**

*Joint Celebration at All Saints' Sawtry*

#### **REST at Sawtry Social Club**

**Thursday 2 January at 7.30pm**

#### **Christingle Service**

**Sunday 5 January at 10.30am**

#### **Covenant Service**

**Sunday 12 January at 10.30am**

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

**For details of other services, how to login  
via Zoom, and for other services  
please check our website, or call 01487 830345**

## SAWTRY MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

**Meets fortnightly from 2.00 – 3.15pm in the Church Hall  
Second and Fourth Mondays**

*This is an informal fellowship group, sharing experiences, memories and plenty of laughter!  
Quantities of coffee, tea and cake available (of course!!). All are welcome*

**Contact Margaret Wilson 07794 607985**



**For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857**

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Dear Friends,

As we approach Christmas, I want to encourage us to keep in focus the reason we have Christmas at all – Jesus. It's all too easy to get caught up in the busyness: shopping, decorating, feasting and hosting. But amidst the hustle and bustle, may we find time to remember that Christmas is not just about the gifts we give or receive, but about the greatest gift of all: the birth of creation's Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Imagine Christmas like a beautifully decorated tree. The ornaments, lights, and ribbons are lovely, and probably take us back in time reconnecting us with people and events in our past. However, it's the tree itself that gives everything else their shape and purpose. Without the tree, all the decorations would just be scattered and lost. Similarly, all our cherished traditions and celebrations of Christmas are most meaningful when we keep Christ at the centre. He is the tree, the source of all our joy and hope.

So, this Christmas, let us seek to be more intentional about keeping Christ in focus - whether in prayer, in our relationships, or in our acts of service. Let Him be the light that guides us through this season and the joy that fills our hearts. May we like countless people down through the ages give thanks to God for His best and 'incredible gift' – Jesus.

May God bless you all with peace, love, and His presence this Christmas and through the coming year!

In Christ's love,

**James (Sawtry Methodist Church Minister)**

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Not a huge amount to report since the season closed. That said the 'Autumn work' has been carried out on the green, and the green put to bed, although as the grass (and weeds around the paths) still grows, so work on it continues.

At the time of writing, we are awaiting our AGM, so the new Committee will now start planning for new events next year.

However, we start with holding our Xmas bingo on Saturday 7 December 2024. Eyes down @ 7.30pm and plenty of Christmassy stuff to be won. All are welcome.

We will also be holding our Xmas raffle draw at Noon on Sunday 15 December, with some exceptional prizes to be won. Please join us for a social drink and bite to eat, and see if your one of our winners.

On a personal note, I have just taken up my term as President of The Huntingdonshire County Bowling Federation. This again means we will be busy in 2025 hosting a number of games and events, all of which bring income in to the club. I am sure I can rely on the support of all our members during my year as County President.

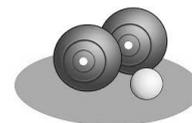
So, unless we see you at the above events, or on Xmas Eve for drinks and games, please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**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 google 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**



## SAWTRY COLTS

This season there has been a welcome improvement in facilities for football in Sawtry. We have an upgraded clubhouse and car parking at Greenfield, not to mention some new fencing to keep out the rabbits. Then there is the brand new 3g pitch at Sawtry VA which Sawtry teams are now training and playing on. Who knows maybe the improved facilities will lead to improved results on the pitch. Here's a look as to how some of the older teams have fared so far to let you be the judge of that.

The oldest team, the U17s, are all local lads and now play in the Cambridge league. They have had some very competitive matches and managed to get their first win in their last match defeating Linton 8-4. They have exited both cups at an early stage after losing to two very strong sides. The U16s also participate in the Cambridge league so are mostly playing against new teams. Nevertheless, they started the season with a bang defeating St Neots 11-1 and were close to getting that second victory going down by the odd goal in a 13, yes thirteen! goal thriller against Cottenham. Like the U17s they also exited the cups early losing to Burwell in the league cup and St Ives Town in the County Cup.

The U15s after an excellent season last season, when they won most of their games, has meant they find themselves in the top division this season. They have had a difficult start and an even tougher one as they have lost most of their matches so far this season! They are also another side to have exited both cup competitions at an early stage.

The U14s have started the season well, they currently sit top of the league with 6 wins out of 6 with a few double figure wins amongst that lot. They are another side who had a tough draw in the County Cup so exited early, and they have also had two draws in the League Cup which, at the moment is being played in groups rather than knockout.

The U13 Yellows have won 4 of their first 5 league games scoring 9, 8, 9 and 8 in those four victories. They are yet another team who lost early in the County Cup and have one win, one draw and one loss in the group stages of the cup to date.

The U13 Blues have also begun the season well winning 4 out of 4 in the top division. They are still in the County Cup, albeit with a walkover into the next round, and have one win and a draw in the group stages of the cup so far. It could be an exciting season for the team if they keep up that level of form.

The U13 girls' team (the Sawtry Falcons) have been hugely impressive since the start of the season. They currently sit 2nd in the league and have scored 51 goals in their first 7 matches whilst only conceding 7.

The U12 Blues, another team in the top division, have one win, two draws and two losses in their first 5 matches. Two wins in their group matches in the cup have them well placed to qualify for the knockout stages but they too went out of the County cup in the early stages.

The U12 Yellows who play in the Peterborough league, have 2 wins and 2 losses in the first 5 league games. They are already into the quarter finals of the County cup with 3 wins already in the bag so maybe they will have some success on that front.

Winter football weather now awaits for the next few months, let's hope for a mild winter or all the Colts sides will be queuing up to play on the lovely SVA 3g pitch in the next few months.

**As usual, a reminder of the Sawtry Colts website, available at [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk), where details of all the teams can be found as well as managers' contact details should any aspiring players wish to find a team.**

**Brian Craig - [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk)**



# SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



## Club News

The club is getting ready for its last few club nights before we break up for Christmas and the New Year.

However, there are still a few club nights before we do close for the festive season. The club meets on a Monday evening, with our normal Junior Development Session at 5:45pm to 6:30pm, followed by our Open Play Adult Session from 6:30pm to 8:15pm or 9:15pm depending on if there is a League Match being played.

- Our Junior Development Sessions are for young players aged 7 to 18 years old. They are for juniors who are just about to start or have already started their table tennis journey.
- Our Open Play Adult Sessions are for adult players of all abilities, plus our stronger Junior Members who have been invited or have passed the club's grading. Players are able to play some fun and leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis.

Booking is only required for anyone wanting to attend the Junior Development Sessions, as places are limited.

To keep up to date with what is happening at the club, look at our Facebook page or website (see below for details).

## League News

Our 2 teams have played some matches within the local league and they both have won some. They are due to find out shortly who they will be up against within the Handicap Competition.

## Other Club News

During November, our Junior Members have been working hard towards completing the Club's Grading Awards. Well done and congratulations to those members who passed their Bronze and Silver Awards.

**The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New Year. We hope you might join us in the New Year to help your New Year's resolution get off to a great start.**

## General information on the club

The club is a not-for-profit community-based table tennis club, where members can play some leisurely or competitive table tennis. The club is open to anyone over the age of 7 and all abilities are welcome. The club is open on Monday evenings, during term time.

There are **No Membership Fees**, only Club Night fees: Adults - £3, Junior (under 18's) - £2 per session, per night. Fees are payable on the night and can be paid by Cash or Card.

**All Under 16's will need to be always accompanied by a responsible adult while at the club.**

**The club meets at the club's venue:** - Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

**Times of Session:** - Junior Development Session - 5:45pm, Open Play Adult Session - 6:30pm.

**To keep up to date with club news, or to get more information about the club:**

**E:** - [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk) - **W:** - [www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)

**F:** - @SawtryTableTennisClub - **T:** - 01487 804040

## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

For our 4<sup>th</sup> game of this season, it was a return to Rutland Water Golf Course, we started the day in beautiful late summer sunshine, but after 3 hours the clouds rolled in followed by thunder & lightning, which obviously meant a delay in the game as everyone headed for shelter, after a long while the storms finally moved away which enabled us to complete the game. Coming out on top was Kevin Medlock, who after a long time finally put a round together to amass a score of 37 points aided by some putting that not even he could believe, he was 1 point ahead of Stuart Carroll & Neil Farrington who tied on 36 points with Stuart taking second on countback.

Next up in October we played Belton Park a beautiful parkland course near Grantham, this is a new course for to tackle, but as always there's always at least one member who steps up and this time it was Conner Wilkinson winning by a clear 6 shots with 43 points from Faz, with Dave Holbrow in third on countback with 36 points

In November we played Priors Hall at Corby for our first "major" of the season which is a stroke play competition instead of our normal Stapleford, winning the day was Lindsay McLachlan with a net score of 62 (46 points Stapleford) which is a fantastic round of golf for anyone. Coming in second was Shaun Hubbard 4 shots back with Luke Allen a distant third a full 7 shots back from the winner.

Currently leading the league after 6 games we have last year's Clubman of the year winner Jason Bohonis with 191 points, 12 points ahead of Ian "Chubby" Simpson, who in turn is another 5 points ahead of Shaun Hubbard.

We have one more game this year in December, which is at Barkway Park Golf Club near Royston, then we have a small break until February next year.



**Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf, if you are interested, please contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby (07834 386632) our membership is £20 for the season which includes insurance.**



# USEFUL CONTACTS



## Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

## Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072 or  
gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org

Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,  
Rangers & Y.L) - torthilldistrict@gmail.com

## Village Groups

Sawtry Camera Club - 07494 067666

Sawtry Chorale - 07870 248897

Sawtry History Society - 830715

Sawtry Motorcycle Club - 834190

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

## Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

Merton Kenpo Academy I MKA - 07753 228439

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740

Sawtry Colts - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk

Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Greenfields Fishing Lake - 07426 334079

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 804040

Sawtry Tang Soo Do - 07864 260338

Sawtry Walking Group - 830167

Sawtry Walk To Run - 07703 194937

## Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough -  
01733 230464

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

## Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School -  
833010 / 07483 942826

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

## Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline &  
Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies -  
0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

## Other Services

Alcoholic Anonymous - 01603 621128

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre -  
0345 045 5225

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon -  
0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740

Sawtry Social Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797

Sawtry WI Hall - 07887 624639

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

## CARESCO

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Community Support - 07873 187843

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

**SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487**

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