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# Sawtry Eye

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In aid of Sawtry Feast Supper  
another evening of

## STRICTLY DANCING

Friday 9 February  
7.30 – 10.30pm

At Sawtry Village Academy  
Generously sponsored by  
**David Wisker Disco**

The usual mixture of ballroom,  
old-time, social dances  
plus your favourites from the 50s and 60s



**Tickets £5**  
(Bring your own refreshments)

Raffle

Tickets available from  
Dick and Pam Tuplin (01487 830095)



Would you like to become  
a Dementia Friend?

Dementia Friends gives people an  
understanding of Dementia and the small  
things that you can do that make a difference

*Book your place  
and become a Dementia Friend*

Our next public session will take place  
at the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road on:

**Monday 12 February,**  
**7.30 - 8.30pm**

*A Dementia Friends Session is just 60 minutes*

**Everyone is welcome**

To book your place call 01487 832105  
email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
Or book online by visiting  
[www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)



Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018  
at  
**Sawtry Academy**



The SSBP in conjunction with  
Sawtry Colts are holding a fund  
raising evening of entertainment.

Licensed Bar

Delicious Hog Roast  
with

Comedian and Sky TV Presenter  
**Paul Boardman**



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or 01487 834647 - [Dean.dvmaintenance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Dean.dvmaintenance@hotmail.co.uk)

**£35.00**  
**per ticket**

(All profits going  
to Sawtry Colts)

and our after dinner speaker  
Ex Chelsea legend

**Ron 'Chopper' Harris**  
Playing a record 795 games for Chelsea.  
Anecdotes and memories to entertain  
you plus an opportunity for questions.

Sawtry  
**CARNIVAL**



## 2018 Carnival Court Selection & Crowning Evening

On Friday 16 March  
from 7pm  
At Sawtry Club

**Disco and Raffle!**

All are welcome

We will be selecting:-

**Carnival Queen** - 14 years and upwards,

**Two Princesses** - 9 - 13 years

**Rosebud** - 5 - 8 years.

For more information  
or an application form please contact  
[sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com)  
or call 07799 062276

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



# Make A Date

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15 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 832682	20
24 November	CARESCO	RAF Wyton Voluntary Band	01487 832105	--
1 December	SSBP, SYP & CARESCO	Frost Fayre	07720 583340	--

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'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, please let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline.

If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours).

We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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Please check with the individual group concerned.





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# Welcome

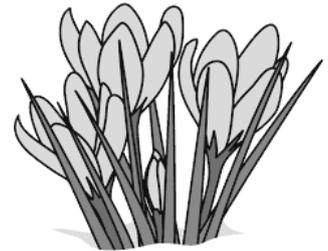
Welcome to our first edition of 2018 and thank you to everyone who made contact to send us season's greetings. We hope you had a good Christmas and are ready to face all that 2018 throws at us!

The bulbs are beginning to come through and Spring is on it's way with a promise of longer evenings and warmer days. We're grateful to our team of dedicated distributors who make sure that you receive your copy each time, this is not the nicest time of year to be out delivering. Why not give them a smile and a wave to thank them when you see them out and about?

Our thanks to those organised enough to start sending in their event dates, especially those larger annual events such as the Carnival, Sawtry Show and the Frost Fayre. Please watch for these on our Make a Date page along with many others and ensure your group send in their events too so we can avoid too many clashes like the six we had on Saturday 2 December last year!

From the Sawtry Eye team, have a good one.

Liz - Co-Editor



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### SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

#### Spring Term 2018

Half term: 12 to 16 February

End of Term 29 March

#### Summer Term 2018

Start of term 16 April

Half term: 28 May to 1 June

End of Term - 24 July

#### Autumn Term 2018

Start of term - 3 January

Half term: 22 to 26 October

End of Term - 19 December

**NB** 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 the Cambs County Council website at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



### HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

#### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

12 & 26 February

12 & 26 March

#### GARDEN WASTE & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

5 & 19 February

5 & 19 March

- The earliest you can put out your waste bins/bags is 6pm the day before collection
- Wheeled bins should be returned to your property as soon as possible once empty
- Do not put filled black or dark-coloured bin bags in your recycling bin
- Take clothing and textiles to your local clothing bank or favourite charity shop

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



### S A W T R Y W I

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS (wheelchair access and hearing loop)

Charity Number 229016

#### 1 February

'Trust me I'm a Paramedic' - Bob Hardin-Jones  
Competition - *Something I have done in the last month*

#### 1 March

'The Life and Music of Buddy Holly' - Denise Hanson  
Competition: *Something I have done in the last month*

#### 5 April

'Eating the System (*Tales of a Lady Plummer*)'  
- Sarah Oliver  
Competition: *Something I have done in the last month*

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

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

President **Roz Rowland** 01487 831793

Correspondence Secretary  
**Rosemary Jubb** 01487 830243

### SAWTRY WINEMAKERS



Our meetings take place on the third Wednesday in the month at The Old School Hall, Green End Rd, Sawtry PE28 5UY

#### Calendar of Events

##### Wednesday 21 February

The Upwood Ukuleles  
In support of MAGPAS

##### Wednesday 21 March

Ray's Wine Whist

We organised a collection on behalf of "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". May we say a big "Thank you" to other organisations in the village who also made a donation. A total of £64.90 was raised

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

For more information call Eileen 01487 830020

**For Issue No: 133**  
**April - May 18**

*Advertisements by*  
**12 Noon on 9 March**  
*News Items by*  
**12 Noon on 16 March**

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 Monthly SO - £11.50

For more information and prices  
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 9.00am - 12 Noon  
 Monday - Friday  
**0 1 4 8 7 8 3 2 1 0 5**  
[sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk)

**CARESCO Pens**  
**For Sale**  
**£1.00 each**

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

**Available from**  
**the CARESCO**  
**Centre**



**COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING**  
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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

[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

**NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE?**  
**TRUSTEE VACANCY - APPLY TODAY**

*Would you like to become more involved in your local community by helping to shape the work we do at CARESCO? Do you want to make a difference?*

*We are seeking a new member to our board of trustees. We are looking for skilled individuals who are willing to give their time voluntarily to help progress the work we do.*

*The board meet at least seven times a year usually on an evening. They carry out management roles and get involved with our projects. We currently have nine trustees who are a mix of employed and retired local people. Could you be our tenth?*

*CARESCO covers the area of Sawtry and the surrounding villages providing two day centres for the elderly, a friendly lunch club, charity shop, community printshop, weekly coffee shop, social music group, Christmas Day party, support for family carers, an autism support group, foodbank, Sawtry car scheme and the men's workshop due to open soon.*

*Please contact Miranda on*  
**07751 798287 or 01487 832105**  
*or email [volunteer@caresco.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caresco.org.uk)*  
*to apply or find out more.*



**MYDONATE**

CARESCO is registered with MyDonate which enables us to receive donations via the link on our homepage at

[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

Our account also allows you to set up a fundraising page to help us to provide vital care services for our local community.

Thank you to everyone who has already done this. **BT**

**CARESCO CHARITY SHOP**

Did you know that you can also support our charity shop through eBay?  
 Free local collection, so no postage costs! Look for us by searching for:

**[caresco\\_charity\\_shop](https://www.ebay.com/itm/caresco_charity_shop)**



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



For more details about our services, please visit our website or contact the CARESCO Centre  
[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

## What is CARESCO?

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

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

## Vintage Club

*because life gets better with age*

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**  
 9.30am - 2.30pm

We aim to bring together those who are looking to socialise, but may not have the means or are not physically able to get out and about by themselves for a regular day of friendship, food and fun. The team are able to offer a basic level of care in a safe environment where people can find company, activity and assistance where needed.

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

**Cost: £7.00 per session, includes cooked lunch, refreshments and transport**

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



Refreshments included

**Forthcoming dates:**  
 9 & 23 February)  
 9 & 23 March

There is a charge of £2.00 to help cover costs

## SAWTRY CAR SCHEME

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

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

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

**For more information**  
 contact the co-ordinator on 07810 476979

## Coffee Shop

Is open every Friday

9.00 - 11.30am

(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

**Come and meet friends for a warm welcome, tea/coffee, homemade cake, bacon butties (when available) and a chat**

## CARESCO PRINTSHOP

**Mondays to Fridays**

9am - 12 noon

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

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

Could we also meet the printing requirements of your group?

Contact us with your requirements and ask for a quote.

## CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR 01487 208026

<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>	<b>9am - 4.30pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9am - 12.30pm</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Closed</b>

Find yourselves a bargain while supporting our services.

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

All proceeds support CARESCO activities

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

**MONDAYS & TUESDAYS**  
 10.30AM - 1.30PM

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

Couples are welcome

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

**Cost: £5.00 per session plus transport if required.**

## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER EASTER PRIZE BINGO



At Sawtry Club  
On Thursday 22 March

Doors open at 7pm, EYES DOWN AT 7.30PM  
You do not have to be a member of the Club to attend.

**Everyone very welcome**  
**Great prizes**

For more information  
please call Karen on 01487 832645

## Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

### OUNDLE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Market Street

For further information please contact  
Oundle Town Council  
Call 01832 272055, or email [otc@lineone.net](mailto:otc@lineone.net)

### ST IVES

Held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 8.30am - 2.00pm  
at the Sheep Market in St Ives town centre

For further information please contact  
St Ives Town Council, call 01480 388929,  
or email [clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk)

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there  
must be from the local area and sold by the people  
who grow or produce it.

Bought-in produce is not allowed.

Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can  
tell you how it was grown or made.

## SAWTRY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLUB

Meet Wednesday Evenings

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

7.15 - 9.30pm ~ £4.50 per class  
Beginners Welcome

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

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

[www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk](http://www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk)



Line Dancing

## The Friendship & Vintage Clubs

Invite you to join them for their

### QUIZ SUPPER ? ? ?

On Saturday 28 April

? ? ? From 7.30pm  
At the CARESCO Centre

Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX

**Tickets £8.00**

(To include a hot supper)

**Bring your own drink and glasses**

*There will be a raffle on the night*

Tickets available from the  
CARESCO Office  
or please call 01487 832105



Saturdays  
17 February  
17 March

4:30 – 6:30pm

All Saints' Church  
Church Causeway, Sawtry

Crafts for all ages

Celebrate with  
bible story and songs

Share a meal together

For more information see  
[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)  
or contact the Rectory

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church  
Saturday 10 February

Saturday 10 March

10.00 till 11.30am



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

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information please  
contact:  
Sue Fowler 01832 293215

## SAWTRY WI

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

### BINGO

9 February - 9 March - 13 April

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm



Contact:

Rosemary Jubb - 01487 830243

Charity Number 229016

### In celebration of Mothers



CARESCO will be hosting a

**Mother's Day Tea Party.**

**At The Old School Hall - 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

Please look out for publicity or contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 for more details

In aid of CARESCO



## WINWICK TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 19 May from 10am - 4pm



On The Royal  
Wedding Day

Houses around the village will be selling plants, cakes / puddings, bric-a-brac, books, and more

**Children's Treasure Hunt**

Maps and light lunches in the village hall

To rent a stall (£10) contact:

Sue 01832 293215, Jenny 01832 293478,  
Jane 01832 293513, Alison 01832 293209

Before 12 May

Save  
the  
Date



**Frost Fayre  
Saturday  
1 December**

## THE CONNECTIONS BUS PROJECT

The Connections Bus Project are currently recruiting for a sessional youth worker for their Youthzone in Sawtry on Tuesday evenings to cover long-term sickness from February to April 2018

Details at:

[www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/vacancies).

There will also be opportunities to work in other youth zones and youth buses around the county.

## Craft Buddies



Do you love to knit or crochet or sew? Or would you like to learn? We're a small friendly group of people who love to welcome new members.

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

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

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday

At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

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

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

## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB



Come along and enjoy a varied programme of activities and speakers throughout the year.

We meet at the Sawtry Club on Gidding Road, on the third Monday of the month from 7.30pm.

**Monday 19 February**

Enjoy a talk on beekeeping, honey and the plants that attract bees to your garden by Sue Jackson

**Saturday 17 March**

We are going to Anglesey Abbey

Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146  
[susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk)

or

Janet Spencer on 01487 208676

[janet.spencer14@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.spencer14@yahoo.com)

## CLARMA'S CHALLENGE

### Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 8 April

Starting from the Greystones Pub Car Park,  
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5ST

Max 4 per car (3+driver) £10 per team

**Staggered start - not a race**

**Prizes awarded**



Check in at 12 noon  
for instructions and route  
(Approx. 35 miles  
/2.5 hours)

Book via the Parish Council office,  
37 Green End Road 01480 831771  
or email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)

**Raising funds for the community  
by the community**

# CA/RMA'S CHALLENGE

## Quiz Night

Saturday 10 March  
Starting at 7pm  
In the Old School Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



**£2 Per Person (Max 6 per Team)**

### Prizes & Raffle

Pre-Booking Required.

Bring Your Own Refreshments

Book Via the Parish Council Office,  
37 Green End Road 01480 831771  
or email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)

*Raising funds for the community  
by the community*



## RAF Wyton Voluntary Band

Saturday 24 November

In Aid Of CARESCO



## GLATTON WI

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

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

**Thursday 8 February**

Banner Assembly

Competition: *Guess who is in the photo?*

**Thursday 8 March**

Bee Keeping

Competition: *A bee associated item*

**Thursday 12 April**

Tartan & Hand Sewn Kilts

Competition: *Accessory to wear at Burn's Night*

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

For more information see  
the WI website at [www.theWI.org.uk](http://www.theWI.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook  
'Huntingdon & Peterborough WIs'  
or Glatton Village Website  
[www.glatton.org.uk](http://www.glatton.org.uk)



## SAWTRY WI

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

## CAKE SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 15 March

10.30am - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

Raffle

Everyone welcome

Contact: **Roz Rowland 01487 831793**

Charity Number 229016

## SWEETIE QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who bought  
a copy of our quiz sheet and  
Congratulations  
to our Winners



Wendy and Ann



Look out for our next quiz  
coming Summer 2018

Available from  
the CARESCO Centre  
and our Charity Shop



All proceeds to CARESCO

## Reverse Advent Calendars

Thank you to everyone who took  
part in this scheme for your  
overwhelming support  
& to Emma for organising

All donations received have been or will be used by  
Sawtry Foodbank to support local people

For more information  
contact 01487 832105

Or email

[foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk)



## CARESCO CHARITY SHOP



Thank you to everyone who  
decorated a bauble for us before  
Christmas, they looked amazing  
when all strung up together in the  
shop.

We hope you enjoyed them over  
the holiday period.

7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR 01487 208026



The first years of your child's life are very special to your family, with new challenges and exciting changes for you all. Our friendly, experienced Children's Centre staff offer a wide range of services, activities and support to help you make the most of this time.

Contact us for more information:

**Sawtry Children's Centre**  
Middlefield Road, Sawtry, PE28 5SH  
Tel: 01487 830618

**Farcet Children's Centre**  
St Mary's Street, Facet, PE7 3AR  
Tel: 01733 743721

**Email:**  
North.HuntsChildrensCentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres)



Search for 'Ramsey, Sawtry, Somersham & Facet Children's Centres'

## Come along to your local Dementia Café in Yaxley

Information and advice in a relaxed setting for people affected by dementia

**First Thursday of every month  
10.30am – 12pm**

The Royal British Legion,  
210 Broadway, Yaxley PE7 3NR

**Get in touch today**

**01733 893853**  
[peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk)

In partnership with Care Network and Cambridgeshire County Council

Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and N Ireland.  
Registered charity no. 296645



*Here for everyone affected by dementia*

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Club, Gidding Road

### PRIZE BINGO

Thursdays

**8 March - 7 June**

**6 September - 6 December**

**Eyes down 7.30pm**

*All Welcome*

Profits to Sawtry Branch  
For more information,  
call 01487 834338



## Walk with Jesus

suitable for all ages

**On Good Friday – 30 March**

Starts at 10am from  
All Saints' Church, Church Causeway  
with an a brief act of worship

**Leave at 10.45am to walk through the village,  
pausing to hear readings describing  
the events of the first Good Friday**

Arrive at 11.15am at the Methodist Church,  
Green End Road for a reflective service  
followed by refreshments

*All are welcome to join this thoughtful walk*

**For more information, please contact  
Rev Alan on 01487 209457**



## SAWTRY WI

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

Charity Number 229016

### KNIT & NATTER CRAFT GROUP

*Every Wednesday afternoon*

*2 - 4pm, in the WI Hall*

*£1.00 a session*

*Everyone welcome, call in or phone  
Maureen on 01487 832841 for further details*

**Also**

### PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

*Every Second Monday each month*

*11am - 3pm, in the WI Hall*

*£1.00 a session*

*Everyone (including beginners) welcome,  
call in or phone Jacqueline on 01487 830849*

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

**Quarterly Hearing Help Service  
for NHS hearing aid users**

*Free batteries and hearing aid servicing;  
advice on how to manage hearing loss.*

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

*From 2.30 - 4.00pm*

*On Wednesday 4 April*

*And Wednesday 4 July*

**All Welcome**

**Cambridgeshire Hearing Help CIO,  
8A Romsey Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 3NH  
Tel 01223 416141**

**Registered Charity No 1154071  
[www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)  
(formerly Cambridge CAMTAD)**



SSBP presents  
**MARSHALL KING**  
 on Friday 20 April  
 at Sawtry Club

In aid of CARESCO and SYP

We are very fortunate to have secured the brilliant Marshall King, all-round entertainer, who was voted ITV's Best Elvis Tribute act. We will have his highly acclaimed Legends Show for the evening.

**Tickets available now**  
**Early birds price of £12, under 14s go free**

This show is suitable for all ages so why not bring the family and friends. More information will be in the next edition of Sawtry Eye and updates on [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)

For tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>  
 and search for 'SSBP'

To see a preview of the man himself, visit:  
<http://www.kingentertainment.co.uk/>

**Remembering a Very Special  
 Dad & Grandad**

*Stanley Reginald Redhead*

**who passed away on 6 February 2008**

*We sit here and ponder how very much  
 we'd like to talk with you today.  
 There are so many things  
 that we didn't get to say.*

*We know how much you care for us  
 and how much we care for you,  
 and each time we think of you  
 we know you miss us too.*

*And though you've walked through Heaven's gate  
 we are never far apart  
 for every time we think of you,  
 you're right here, deep within our hearts xxx*

Loving you Always,  
 Forgetting you Never.

**Mark, Mandy, Sam & Jordan**

xxx



**Chatterbox**

**DROP-IN SESSIONS  
 FOR FAMILY CARERS**

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

Guest speakers  
 & Carers Assessments.

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

**On 12 & 26 February  
 then 12 & 26 March**

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



**AUTISM & ADHD**

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Chat & offload with other parents  
 & carers. Find help & advice.

All family & carers of someone  
 with Autism or ADHD welcome.

Come along for a cuppa.

**on Wednesdays**

**7 February & 14 March  
 7.30 - 9.30pm**

at The CARESCO Centre,  
 Green End Road, Sawtry



**Befrienders**

— **It's Good To Talk**

Befrienders are volunteers who  
 offer friendship and support  
 through a weekly chat & cuppa  
 in your own home.

If you would like a befriender to visit  
 or find out more

**We cover Sawtry and surrounding villages**

**For more information on any of these activities:  
 Call Miranda on 07751 798287**

**for a chat or email: [carers@caresco.org.uk](mailto:carers@caresco.org.uk)  
 CARESCO office 01487 832105  
 (9am - 12 noon)**



**CARESCO DONATIONS**

We never fail to be blown away by the generosity of those who support us financially and are grateful to everyone who has done so over the past couple of months. This time our thanks must go to the members of SSBP for donating the proceeds of £170 from their Magic Night. To those who organised the Frost Fayre which raised a total of £770 for CARESCO, particularly to Steph Taylor for her leadership and inspiration and our friends at Sawtry Youth Project.

Our RAF Band concert back in December, raised an amazing £1385, thanks to the hard work of Maggi Stewart and her colleagues and to the Sawtry Junior Academy choir for performing beautifully.

The lovely team and customers at Salon 42 raised an impressive £210 in the run up to Christmas.

Finally our thanks to those who give personally and anonymously during the year, in particular for the very generous £500 which went towards covering the costs for our annual Christmas Day party along with the £230 raised by Tina Campbell and her work colleagues.

**Liz Coates, CARESCO**

For more details please visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or contact the office



## FROST FAYRE THANKS

The Sawtry Small Business Partnership, Sawtry Youth Project and CARESCO would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Sawtry Frost Fayre in December last year.

Altogether the sum total raised for both charities was just over £1800 so well worth the effort. Over 500 people attended on the day and were treated to a great shopping experience from 46 small businesses.

We would particularly like to thank Sawtry Village Academy's Principal Mrs Sarah Wilson, Estate Manager Mr Pete Evens and Caretaker on the day, Tony for allowing us to use their premises. Also Dean Craigo & Darren Wailes for first aid cover, members of the village choir who sang us carols and of course, not forgetting Santa who paid us a visit and met lots of the children.

We plan to do it all again in 2018 and a provisional date for your diary is **Saturday 1 December**. See you there.

*Steph Taylor, Vice-Chair SSBP*

## LAND DISPUTE

I read the article by the Eco Apprentice in the Sawtry Eye No 131 and was disappointed that the Apprentice had been completely taken in by the spin on this subject, available housing land. This spin is designed to reduce public objection to the cost and impact of the massive estates to be built to house the hundreds of thousands of known immigrants arriving every year. Plus the ones we don't know about.

If the Apprentice had done any research whatsoever, instead of blithely sucking in the Government spin, they would realise that the figures the Government, or the body publishing the figures on "their behalf" take no account of:

- Unusable land due to: Terrain, gradient over 1/12 (forget most of Cornwall!), Waterways, Associated floodplains, National parks, the costal strip, proximity to Airports.
- Practicalities of utility service (i.e. the cost of running water and power to and from sites well away from the grid.
- Proximity to main water/GAS/Electricity/fuel pipelines. 10s of thousands of miles x a minimum 200 meter strip.

When all the above has been deducted from available land you will find that nearer 50% of our "useable" space has been used/built on.

Vast tracts of Europe remain untouched while we in the UK are catching Japan as the most densely populated country on earth.

Of course, it does not matter who the houses are needed for. We just don't want any more built here on our remaining spaces.

Please do a bit of independent research before publishing your articles.

*Phil Jones, Glatton*

## CARESCO'S CHRISTMAS DAY

A few comments from those who attended:

*"A big thank you for the brilliant day you gave us on Christmas Day. The friendly party atmosphere, the lovely food and wonderful company. This made our Christmas."*

*"I honestly enjoyed taking part in the Christmas party. and felt so welcome. God bless everyone at CARESCO for making such a difference to so many people's lives together with mine."*

*"Having been at Sawtry almost a year, I realise how very fortunate we are to have such a caring organisation as our CARESCO and it was indeed "the icing on the cake" for the amazing Christmas Day party, fun and entertainment. I cannot thank you enough; only send my love and gratitude to all."*

## THEY HAVE DONE IT AGAIN

Who has done it again? You might well ask, but not if you had been one of those very happy people sharing Christmas Day together at CARESCO. That is going to be the only clue you are going to get as to the identity of the person being referred to, which is of course Liz along with her amazing team who could not wait to share their Christmas with a bunch of strangers really, who over the years have formed into a family for one day in the year. When one considers the alternative would probably have been a pre-prepared meal for one, eaten whilst watching some old movie on the telly and thinking about happier Christmas' of the past.

When I looked around at all the smiling, happy faces of people tucking into a traditional Christmas lunch, washed down with either wine or fruit juices, with games, carol singing, the Queen's Speech and then a visit from the much over-worked gentleman of the season, yes you have guessed it, Santa Claus, who I might add, still found time to tick me off for arriving five minutes later than usual!

There were two notable people missing this year, because I understand they had a family party which they had to attend, so I hope that they had as good a time as we did and I would like to wish them a happy New Year and the same wish goes to Liz and all the CARESCO team, and thank you again.

*Derrick Morgan, Sawtry*



## SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

The Sawtry Small Business Partnership would like to invite all types of business people to find out more about who we are as group. As a 50 member strong organisation, we offer the community trusted local trades and services.

If you work from home full-time or part-time, you are as welcome as are all established businesses on the industrial estates and shops, etc.

We are non-for profit and membership is only £60.00 a year. True value for money!

**For further information, email Ralph at [ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org](mailto:ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org) or call 01487 832683**



## SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

Happy new year to you all. The Sawtry Youth Project (SYP) Committee enter 2018 with gusto!

2018 sees the launch of SYP's Awards of Excellence. The awards are designed to show recognition and inspire young people between the ages of 11 – 17 from within our community. Nominees should have acted in a manner that has inspired other young people or made a positive difference to the lives of others. Nominations can be made by anyone living within Sawtry or from anyone involved with young people within Sawtry, such as local youth groups/clubs, parents, school teachers etc. Nominees must be aged between 11 – 17 at the time of being nominated. The nomination should demonstrate why you believe the young person deserves an award of excellence, examples include (but is not limited to) contributions within the school they attend, youth group/club voluntary roles, their family or by contributing positively to village life. Nominations will be accepted for groups and individuals.

There is a nomination form on the SYP website. Please complete this to enter your young person into the awards process. There will also be a link to the form via Facebook.

Paper copies of the application form can be obtained from the CARESCO Centre.

Please keep up to date with us via our website [sawtry-youth-project.org](http://sawtry-youth-project.org) or via our Facebook page - *sawtry youth project*. Thank you for your ongoing support with the project.

### Sawtry Youth Project Committee

## SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year to all our children, their families and the Sawtry Eye readers. We have had a brilliant start to 2018 and it looks like it's set to be a great year.

The children have come back after Christmas eager to learn and we are already immersed in our topics for this term. Reception have started the New Year with "Ice is Nice", they have had fun exploring how it feels and experimenting it and finding out what it can be used for. They have even made their own ice lanterns. The topic in Year 1 and 2 is Amazing Animals; the children are having fun exploring different ways of finding out about animals. We are looking forward to a visit from The Lions Learners to round this half term off; they are bringing in a great variety of animals for the children to see and hold. Lots of questions have already been asked and it has certainly ignited their enquiring minds. The children will also be making their own amazing animal out of clay or Modroc in Art.

Our school clubs are up and running, they include gymnastics, multi-sports, gardening club, baking club, dodgeball, football, hockey and country dancing, so the children are experiencing a host of extra-curricular activities and experiences.

With best wishes from everyone at the Infant School.

**Email: [office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk) Telephone: 01487 830678**

## YOUR VIEWS ON SAWTRY

What are the best things about Sawtry? What could be better? Is there enough for your family to do?

Ben Pitt is the Communities Officer for Hunts Forum, an organisation that supports voluntary and community groups to help them set up, develop and grow. He's working in Sawtry this year and wants to find out what local residents think of existing community services, what they feel is missing and what can be done to fill the gaps.

Voluntary and community organisations might include pre-school groups, youth clubs, sports and exercise groups, support for older people or those with additional needs, faith groups, community car schemes, book clubs, community choirs, drawing classes, sewing clubs, gardening clubs, coffee mornings and cookery clubs. It includes organisations that support a range of activities, such as a residents' association, neighbourhood watch scheme or a timebank.

Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/sawtry](http://www.tinyurl.com/sawtry) to complete the survey. It should take about five minutes and can make a big difference to your community. You can also pick up a paper copy of the survey at the CARESCO Centre and Charity Shop, and drop off completed forms there too.

**Contact Ben directly at [ben@huntsforum.org.uk](mailto:ben@huntsforum.org.uk), 07745 805937.**

## SAWTRY HISTORY THEN & NOW

Our ongoing series on stories from Sawtry's past

### The Camp



Some people called it 'Tent' or 'Tin City', a group of Nissan Huts, later called 'Bungalows' by the Council, originally built for the N.C. Officers at the Area 'H' site at Holmewood Hall during World War II. They were converted into homes for local people returning from the war. At the entrance to the 'camp' was a guard-house, which was turned into a small shop run by Betty Stratton. There were 11 bungalows in total.

On entering the bungalows, you went straight into the kitchen with the bathroom on the right. All the bungalows had running water, the only properties in Holme to have this luxury. Moving through the kitchen you went into the living area where there was a large black range. Going deeper into the bungalow, there were three bedrooms running off a passage (great for football with a balloon). A simple home but very welcoming. It could become very cold in the winter with the windows having ice on the inside in the morning.

It was like a small community, all the children would play together (affectionately known as the 'Camp Kids') and it was not unusual on a Summer's evening for mums to be joining in, turning a clothes line into a skipping rope. There were cricket matches and old carts made out of bits of wood, pram wheels, and anything to hand. There was a ramp in the top corner near the back woods where the Americans used to mend vehicles; the carts would be taken to the top to be raced down.

During the summer holidays the boys would collect wood and old tyres to make the annual bonfire on a spare piece of land in front of one of the bungalows, to be lit on bonfire night for the community and some villagers would congregate around the fire and bring their fireworks for all to see. In winter – when we had snow – bigger children would clear the snow for the more elderly in the camp.

All around were deep woods, which made a big play area. In spring these would be full of bluebells and snowdrops, there was also a Summer House and a lot of good hiding places for 'Cowboys and Indians'. Following the road around the woods you came to all the buildings that were used in the war – now known as Area H – good places for roller skating and exploring. You could walk to the back of Holmewood Hall and gaze at the splendour, and wonder what it was like inside, even then it seemed like a mystery building.

There was a small pond where you could spend hours with your jam jar catching tadpoles and newts, another area had huge Horse Chestnut trees, where you could collect conkers and climb the trees if you were brave enough.

**Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell**

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

**Apologies:** *Regarding our piece on Linnet published in the Deb17 - Jan18 issue, we would like to correct the number of siblings 'Linnet' had. In fact he had one brother and five sisters, and we apologise for any upset caused to living relatives.*

## SAWTRY JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

After the excitement of Christmas which included our Lower School production of "Bethlehem the musical" and the choir performing with the RAF Wyton Voluntary Band we are now already well into the Spring term.

We will shortly be updating our website and prospectus, so please look out for those. We hope the new look website will be a lot easier to navigate and are currently consulting with pupils and parents.

This term we are focusing on our teaching of reading and have introduced a new reading programme called "Destination Reader". We are already seeing a positive impact of the programme and the pupils are really engaged with it. My House Captains have fed back to me their views. "I like having one book so you go deeper into that book", "I like being able to share my opinions with a partner" and "we focus on one skill at a time until you get the hang of it" are some of their comments. In addition, reading has been prioritised through upgrading our reading book stock with new titles and participation in the "read it again" organised by the library service.

We are also keen to recruit new Academy Councillors (what were formerly known as governors) from the local community. If you feel you would like to offer your skills to us either as an academy councillor or as a volunteer, please get in touch with us.

**Sarah Flack, Principal**

**Email: [office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk)**

**[www.sawtryjunioracademy.org.uk](http://www.sawtryjunioracademy.org.uk)**

**Telephone: 01487 830204**





## AN EYE ON NATURE

It might be mid-Winter as I write, but now is the time to plan a wildlife friendly garden. Most of us would agree that seeing wildlife around us gives a sense of wellbeing and a great delight as parent birds show their newly fledged chicks the bird bath ready for their first dip.

I will go through a five-feature plan with you, starting with the lawn. As I wrote about my lawn in the Dec17-Jan18 issue, all I will say is leave out the chemicals and allow an area to grow wild or, if you are really brave, the whole of your lawn could be given over to a wildflower meadow in miniature.

The second feature is a water area. Any size is great for wildlife, even a mini pond no bigger than a yard across. There are a few basic rules to follow though. Fish eat other wildlife so don't stock with lots of goldfish or carp. Instead, let it be a more floral feature with native water plants such as flag iris, marsh marigold and purple loosestrife. For the oxygenating plants, milfoil will not grow out of control too fast. Ornamental escapees have caused great damage to our nature reserves and waterways and must be avoided at all cost. Another rule to follow is to build an escape route from the pond for animals and birds which might fall in. To prevent drowning, a gentle shelving side solves the problem.

Feature three is the all important structure. In a study of wildlife in gardens, the garden left to do its own thing but with less structure was eclipsed in quality of habitat by the more formal, but variety rich garden. So try to create a rich variety of habitats. Where possible include flower borders, shrubberies, a hedge, taller trees, a lawn and a pond.

Feature four is a good compost heap. Where there is room, the heap will provide home for smaller animals, woodlice, beetles, grubs and worms. The larger species may include toads, slow worms and if you are really lucky, a grass snake may lay eggs in the heap. Where there is room, make a second heap so one is available for compost for the garden and the second can be maturing ready for use.

Finally, the fifth feature is a log pile, garden size permitting, it can be large or small. A good log pile with rotting wood provides great habitat for large and small animals. To increase its potential, drilling holes of various sizes will give places to hibernate and if in a more sunny spot, bees will love it.

So there we have it, the five point plan for a richer garden which will give endless pleasure watching all the creatures which choose your home to make their home.

### Martin Baker

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

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

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



## SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY NEWS

On 5 December, we were delighted that the Cambridgeshire County Council Children and Young People committee voted to invest £2M in SVA. This funding, together with the £1.5M already pledged by our Trust, will enable us to build a brand new teaching block to replace Oak House (6<sup>th</sup> Form) and the English/Modern Foreign Language block (Archers House). Work will begin during 2018.

Councillors also agreed to write to the Education and Skills Funding Agency to support our case for the further £1.5M required to refurbish the rest of the site. This will create modern learning environments the staff and students are so deserving of.

We received a letter from the previous Education Secretary following numerous letters to her from students, staff, parents and community members highlighting the condition of the current buildings. She agreed to send her officials to visit again to assess the site. We still, however, need to keep the momentum going for the additional funding required, particularly as there is now a new Education Secretary in place. We would be very grateful if you could support us by emailing, writing (or re writing for updates) to Shailesh Vara MP, specifically asking him to request the involvement of the current Schools Minister (Lord Agnew) and Education Secretary (Damian Hinds). Email contact information can be found on the pages below or address to Shailesh Vara MP, Houses of Parliament, London, SW1A 0AA.

Facebook - [NewBuildingStrongFuture](https://www.facebook.com/NewBuildingStrongFuture)  
and on-line petition - [www.newbuildingstrongfuture.co.uk](http://www.newbuildingstrongfuture.co.uk)

Twitter - [#SawtryNewBuild](https://twitter.com/SawtryNewBuild)

As I write, Ofsted Inspectors are in school and we will publicise the report outcome as soon as it is known! Once again I would like to thank all those that have helped SVA in so many ways and we look forward to continue providing all current and future students with the best possible education.

Please visit our Facebook page or website [www.sawtryva.org](http://www.sawtryva.org) to find more detailed information. You can also follow us on Twitter @Sawtryva.

**Sarah Wilson, Principal**

**For more information, please contact the Academy at:  
Fen Lane, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5TQ**

**T: 01487 830701; F: 01487 831679;**

**Email [enquiries@sawtrycc.org](mailto:enquiries@sawtrycc.org)**

**Or visit [www.sawtryva.org](http://www.sawtryva.org)**



## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

### New Self Service Machines

As you may have noticed Sawtry library now has a new self-service machine. This is part of a roll-out to all Cambridgeshire libraries as the old machines were out of contract. The new machines will accept the new £1 coin and take payments in notes, with the possibility of accepting card payments in the future. The machines work almost the same as the old ones but if you need help to use them please just ask a member of staff.

### Rhymetime on Wednesdays

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

### *The Library Presents at Yaxley Library:*

**Classical Reflections** – A performance by 22 year old classically trained identical twin singers Naomi and Hannah Moxon who have appeared on BBC's show 'The Voice'.

This performance will be on Friday 2 March at 7.30pm at Yaxley British Legion Club. A bar will be available on the night. Tickets are £7 and £4 (concessions) and are available from Yaxley Library.

**Samba Drumming Workshops** – Wouldn't it be great to drum in a library? Samba drumming will get your feet tapping, arms moving, head nodding and your heart beating. The workshops will be on 10 & 24 March from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Tickets are £3 and £1 (concessions) and are available from Yaxley Library.

**Mosaic Workshops** – Join Carolyn Ash to learn about Mosaic Techniques. You will have the chance to make a little mosaic as a souvenir of your day. This workshop will take place on 14 & 16 February from 2.30 - 5.00pm. Tickets are £3 and £1 (concessions) and are available from Yaxley Library.

### Opening Hours for Sawtry Library

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



To renew or request books: [www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Library](http://www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Library). Enquiries: 0345 045 5225

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

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



## SAWTRY FOODBANK

### *Feeding local people in crisis*

A huge thank you to everyone who donated a Reverse Advent Calendar, we received 40 hampers the weight of which was 360 kilos. What an amazing amount of support, thank you.

Sawtry Foodbank were busy in December making Hampers for clients for Christmas. Thank you to those volunteers who were part of making that happen. Thank you also to all the organisations and individuals who contributed to the Christmas Hampers. There were 19 hampers given out in total, weighing a total of 756kg. The Co-op's own Christmas appeal was also a great success.

Sawtry Village Academy raised an amazing £580 for us before Christmas with their Christmas Jumper Day. Absolutely brilliant!

Last year was a very positive year of support from all in the community and without this kind of support we could not continue to help reach out to those in need. So a huge thank you to you all.

**Sawtry Foodbank is open from 3.30 - 5.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays in the CARESCO Centre, for anyone in receipt of a voucher from one of our supporting agencies, or for donations of food.**

**For more information, please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 between 9 & 12 noon, phone the Team during session times on 07743 593863, or email [sawtryfoodbank1@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryfoodbank1@gmail.com)**

## CHATTERBOX THANKS

Chatterbox family carers would like to thank some special local people who have spent time helping at the drop in sessions. Many thanks to Selina for her funny anecdotes, John for making the cuppas & toasting the tea cakes, Karen from Self Centred, Louise from Moore Beauty, Julie from Serenity Holistics, Alan for the history talks and Carers Trust Cambs for the Carers Assessments.

**Miranda Knell**



## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

Pam and Dick Tuplin are organising a **Dance** at the Village Academy on 9 February at 7.30pm please contact Dick or Pam for tickets on 01487 830095 all proceeds to Feast Supper - see front cover for more information. We also have a fundraising **Easter Prize Bingo** organised for 22 March at Sawtry Club, everyone welcome. These are to raise much needed funds for the Feast Supper.

We are most grateful to everyone for their continued support of our events. This year is our 70th Feast Supper; it is the oldest running event in Sawtry so we are very thankful to everyone who helps to keep this event running.

This year's Supper is on Tuesday 5 June so please make a note in your diaries, tickets will be delivered April / May time. If you are not currently on the list and would like to attend, please contact Karen Leader on 07903 841708 or 01487 832645 and we will gladly put your name on the waiting list.

**Karen Leader, Secretary, Sawtry Feast Supper Club**  
**karenleader@yahoo.co.uk / 01487 832645 or 07903 841708**



## THE VINTAGE CLUB

Happy New Year to you all! Some of our members would like to let you know what coming to The Vintage Club means to them:

*"Coming to the Club gets me out of the house and I get to socialise and make new friends. I enjoy the flower arranging, bingo and card making."* CAROLYN

*"The socialising helped my confidence and decreased my anxiety. I wouldn't cook for myself during the week and find the food at the Club excellent and the company convivial."* ALISON

*"Good company, good food, good friends."* MEGAN

*"Delicious meal and much laughter (no washing up)"* BERYL

*"I love coming here. The staff/volunteers are lovely."* MARGARET

*"Very good meal"* MIKE

*"I'd be lost if I didn't come here. Meals are very, very good."* FRANCES

*"Why don't you give it a go? Meals and company are very good. A good day out."* RUTH

*"Very good company and food. Nice to have a trip out in the week, helps combat loneliness. Fantastic value."* SHEILA

*"My husband has PSP and the club has been a lifesaver. It has got us out twice a week to meet people. The food is excellent. Full marks for The Vintage Club."* PAT

As you can see, our Club is very important to our members and our food is fantastic! Please come along and see for yourself. We do believe you will be pleasantly surprised!

**Our next Quiz Night will be on Saturday 28 April at the CARESCO Centre, more information on page 7**

**Vicki and Gill, Vintage Club Managers**

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

## FROM CLLR BYWATER

On 5 December we had some great news for Sawtry Village Academy (SVA). After a lot of hard work I am delighted to say we were able to secure £2 million worth of funding via the Children and Young People's Committee at CCC towards phase one of the £3.5 million school development. This was unprecedented, but members of the committee (I'm the Chairman) saw this situation as extreme circumstances. I'd like to make a special mention for Dee Pike (Parent), George Lankfur (Student) and Mark Woods CEO (SVA) for addressing the committee on behalf of the community.

We are now moving into the Budget setting period at the County Council. There are going to be some tough decisions for members. Demand on our services is forecast to increase year on year over the next 5+ years. Yet the Revenue support grant from government has decreased by £38m compared to two years ago and will continue to decrease in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

We are the fastest growing County in the country, as such the demand for the services we provide, from road maintenance to social care, is increasing. The needs of people living longer are becoming costly and far more complex. Since April the pattern of demand in Older People's services has changed with an increase in long term care and the knock on effect of insufficient supply becoming quickly apparent and costly.

During these long cold dark winter nights it's a timely reminder for all of us to keep an eye out for our friends and neighbours. If you know someone living alone or is elderly why not pop by to ensure they are OK. Perhaps share a cuppa with them?

**Cllr Simon Bywater, 07984 637553 / 01487 831079,**

**[Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), <https://www.facebook.com/CllrSimonBywater>**

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



## SAWTRY CHORALE

**Do you sing in the shower - or as you work in the garden?  
Why not come and join Sawtry Chorale?**

Following two very successful Christmas concerts, we are just beginning to learn music for our Summer concerts, so now is a very good time to join us. There are no auditions and we give help if you don't read music. Do come along and give us a try. All voices very welcome.

We are always looking for new members (particularly men), so if you would like to sing with us please contact 07745 618364 or come along to rehearsal – We meet at the Methodist Church Hall on Green End Road, on Wednesday evenings 7.45 - 9.45pm.

You don't need to read music, just like to sing

**Joyce Day**

## MENTAL CAPACITY

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

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

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

- **Explain the decision in a variety of ways.**

What works for one person may not work for another. With experience, and patience, it is possible to offer every person with dementia the very best opportunity to sign a Will or Power of Attorney.

- **Choose a location where the person feels at ease.**

Home visits can help someone with dementia feel more comfortable.

- **Choose a time of day when the person's understanding is better.**

If an appointment is made for what turns out to be a "bad day", it can be rearrange for another day.

- **Obtain the help of a family member who may be able to help with communication.**

Having someone present who knows the person well can help, but this must be balanced against making sure that it is the person with dementia who is making the decision

**For more information, please contact Rebekkah Cooper on 01733 888881,**

**or Paul Belliere-Wilson on 01780 484531 or alternatively visit [www.buckles-law.co.uk](http://www.buckles-law.co.uk).**

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Clinical Team

As many of you will already be aware Dr Morrison left the practice in December to return to Scotland. Unfortunately, the GP we had expected to replace Dr Morrison was subsequently unable to take up the position due to last minute personal reasons. We are continuing to advertise for a new GP to join the practice and hope that we will be able to announce a new arrival to the practice team in due course. In the meantime, our current GP team (supplemented by locum GPs where necessary) are available on the following days:



Monday	Drs Smith, Uszycka, and Jarosz
Tuesday	Drs Archer and Smith
Wednesday	Drs Smith, Richardson and Jarosz
Thursday	Drs Uszycka and Jarosz
Friday	Drs Archer, Smith and Richardson

We have recently expanded our clinical team to include Jon, our Advanced Practitioner, who many of you will have met by now. In the coming weeks one of our nursing team, Carrie Corney, will start to provide a minor illness service to our patients to further widen the range of practitioners able to deal with your immediate minor health concerns. In order to ensure our patients are given an appointment with the most appropriate clinician we recently introduced a change to our booking process whereby our reception team ask for some brief information about the medical problem. We would like to thank our patients for understanding the need to introduce this, and for embracing the change, which allows us to ensure we can continue to provide a high level of care to all of our patients.

### Flu Vaccination

We still have a few flu vaccinations available to patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination. If you've still not had yours yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

**Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340**

## GOING GREEN

When it happens, it can be so quick. One minute we are cheerfully using and throwing away single-use plastic items like there's no long-term cost, no impact, no environmental consequences. The next, big multinationals are falling over themselves to show their green credentials by pledging to reduce or even end their use of plastics.

There have been campaigns going on for years, trying to get us all to reduce our own personal use of plastic, with little result until the triumph of the carrier bag charge suddenly and drastically cutting our need for carriers overnight as we all quickly learned to take reusable bags with us to the supermarket.

So what's next to go? Water bottles? Straws? Coffee cups? We've proved we can manage it over a trifling small fee of 5p, how much would it take to get us to return bottles for a deposit, to reject a straw at the bar, or to get into the habit of carrying a cup with us for our takeout coffee? How about putting your lunchtime sandwiches into a reusable container rather than a plastic bag, or cling film?

If you smoke and haven't already given up for your New Year's resolution, here's another reason to do so, did you realise that most of the filters are made from plastic? Every butt is just adding to the mountain of waste that won't break down for hundreds of years as are plastic, so called disposable lighters. Why not buy one that is refillable to cut down on your waste?

Retailers are responding to public demand, so refuse to accept plastic and encourage them by asking for alternatives. Even if they might cost a bit more, at least they won't cost the Earth!



**Eco Apprentice**



## SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2018

### Saturday 9 June

*As our date this year is also the Queen's birthday and we also have a Royal wedding not long before,*

*this year's theme is:*

### **'Royalty'- RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Bookings are now being taken for stalls and local acts/groups are wanted for the Arena and Parade.



Don't forget our  
**Court Selection Evening**  
on Friday 16 March at Sawtry Club  
(a change to previous advertised date)  
- see details on the front cover.



For all enquiries and further information, please contact us via:

[sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycommittee@gmail.com) or [sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com) Or call 07799 062276

**Julia, Chairman, Sawtry Carnival Committee**



## SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

The December meeting of the Sawtry Camera Club took the form of a Christmas Social event during which members showed images suitable for the occasion.



Particularly interesting were Andy's images of his visit to Antarctica.

The January meeting produced images taken over the Christmas period as well as others taken on various visits by members. We also saw our first images of the current roadworks between Alconbury and Buckden. These were contrasted by historical images showing the widening of the A1 from Alconbury to Peterborough in the late 1980s.

Mention was also made of the planned talk on Landscape and Wildlife photography for the meeting on 8 February. However we have since been informed that the speaker has had to withdraw so the Annual General Meeting will now take place on that date.

The Sawtry Camera Club meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Sawtry Club from 7 30pm and is open to anyone with an interest in photography in all its forms.

*We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7.30 until 9.30pm at the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road  
For more information please contact John on 01487 832602*

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Our November meeting was titled *Afternoon Tea in the Trenches* delivered by Annie James of the Huntingdonshire Family History Society, a return visit for her. Annie's interest in WW1 is generated by the fact that her grandfather was a piper on the Somme, he was shot, lay in no-man's land all night then bayoneted, but survived.

The presentation covered the trench system, menus & rations. Some of the facts from a very informative talk were the explanation of bully beef, ways of supplementing the diet including local eggs, shooting game & even keeping a front line cow! Tea was boiled up in petrol tins then served with condensed milk & sugar. The beef was cooked in its own 7lb tins, which had soldered seams (containing lead). There were only two vats in which to cook, so strong flavours would linger. Despite these drawbacks, many inner-city conscripts grew & put on weight while in the trenches because of good regular meals.

### Chapel End & Gidding Road Archaeological Excavations Sawtry 2017

As some residents will have noticed, archaeological excavations were undertaken by Oxford Archaeology East (OAE) at Chapel End and Gidding Road earlier in the year. Community archaeologists from Sawtry History Society and other local volunteer archaeologists were fortunate to have been invited to participate in both excavations. Below is a summary from OAE of these excavations, this can also be found on the Sawtry History Society website archaeology page at <http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk/Archaeology>.

#### Chapel End (St Andrew's Way)

OAE began excavations at Chapel End between March and August 2017 on behalf of the developers Lodge Park and their agents CgMS Consulting Ltd. We revealed the remains of medieval occupation on the eastern side of the village, close to the Church. The remains of a medieval building, quarry pitting and evidence of field boundary ditches were found. The site however was never densely occupied and has been mostly used for keeping animals for the last 500 years.

#### Gidding Road

OAE investigated the fields south of Gidding Road in April and May 2017 to determine if any archaeology was present. This work was also for CgMS Consulting Ltd. Following a geophysical survey, trial trenches were opened and these have revealed that the remains of Late Iron Age and Roman settlements on the site. These remains lie beneath later medieval ridge and furrow cultivation and suggest that no one has lived on this land since the Romans.

If further investigations take off on Gidding Road, then it will be possible to better understand the archaeology we have found, but at the moment we only have a tantalising glimpse of these ancient remains.

The subject of the next meeting on 15 February will be the *Great Fen Project*.

**The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry at 7:30. Visitors always welcome, entrance is £2.00 by donation.**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**



### SAWTRY SHOW 2018 SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

By the time you read this Christmas will be long gone and the snowy week a distant memory. Hopefully some of you took lots of great photos around the villages to enter in the Show on 15 September.

While it's too chilly to be outside it's a great time to get crafting and make something to enter in the Show. There will be all the usual categories such as knitting, crochet and cross stitch as well as a category where you can enter anything not covered in the other classes. All the common fruit, veg and flowers will feature in the schedule so you can get planting when the time comes.

We would particularly like to get more children to take part this year so entries from any local schools and playgroups would be fantastic. It's so important to us all on the committee that village traditions are passed down through the generations so please help us to make this a success.

Schedules will be out in the next Sawtry Eye together with details of how to enter.

**Carolyn Watts, Show Chairman,  
01487 832682**



### Not a Lot of People Know That!

#### Interesting Facts (2)

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- The cruise liner, QE 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. *(Good thing he didn't have dynamite.)*
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

*Now you know a lot more than you did before!!*

**Tony**



**Since the Second World War, the United Kingdom's Armed Forces have fought in numerous conflicts around the world, from colonial unrest to the fight against terrorism.**

The British Armed Forces have undergone major changes since 1945. National Service (compulsory enlistment in the Armed Forces) ended in 1963 following a reduction of Britain's colonial commitments and the development of a nuclear deterrent.

Britain's membership of the United Nations and NATO, together with rapid technological advances, has resulted in a smaller but better-equipped force able to deal with a variety of tasks. Since the Second World War, the British military has fought in numerous conflicts with only one year (1968) in which a British Service person has not been killed.

- 1948 **Malaya** □ 1949 **Yangtze River Incident** □ 1950 **Korean War**
- 1951 **Canal Zone Emergency** □ 1952 **Kenya** □ 1955 **Cyprus** □ 1956 **Suez Crisis**
- 1962 **Oman and Dhofar** □ 1962 **Borneo** □ 1963 **Aden Emergency**
- 1969 **Northern Ireland Troubles** □ 1982 **Falklands War** □ 1990 **First Gulf War**
- 1992 **Balkans Wars** □ 2000 **Sierra Leone** □ 2001 **War in Afghanistan**
- 2003 **Second Gulf War**

Many Armed Forces men and women now survive injuries that in the past would have caused the loss of their lives. The British Armed Forces and their families are still in need of your support. Please support the Poppy Appeal when and wherever you can.

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is happening all year not just during Remembrance fortnight**

If you would like to become a Member of The Royal British Legion, and support the Sawtry Branch, you do not need to have been in the Armed Forces. The annual Membership is £17.

You can join following this link <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership>

**If you would like more information please email: [Sawtry.Secretary@rbl.community](mailto:Sawtry.Secretary@rbl.community) or telephone Carol Stobbs on 01487 834338**



## REMEMBRANCE

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

In February & March we particularly remember:

### FEBRUARY

Private Ernest HADMAN	17 February 1917	Glatton/Holme
Private Herbert WRIGHT	14 February 1942	Wood Walton
Driver Edward Harold DACK	9 February 1944	Sawtry

### MARCH

Private Victor John FURNELL	7 March 1916	Wood Walton
Private George Edward SAVAGE	15 March 1916	Glatton
Private William ROWELL	17 March 1917	Sawtry
Private William BARRETT	18 March 1918	Sawtry
Private George Frederick DEWBERRY	20 March 1918	Wood Walton
CQMS Henry James NICKERSON	23 March 1918	Sawtry
Private William Percival GLOVER	27 March 1918	Great Gidding
Sergeant Norman George Wood BOYCE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Sergeant Robert Charles DOBIE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Donald Cole LINDSEY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Robert Joseph O'LEARY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Private John Edward ANDREWS	23 March 1943	Sawtry

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.



## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

February			March		
4	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	4	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)		10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
11	10.30am	All Age Worship	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
14	7.00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Joint Service at All Saints	18	10.30am	Prayer Morning (CW)
18	10.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	25	10.30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion (CW)
				6.00pm	Holy Space TBC
25	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	29	7.00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Joint Service at St Nicholas'
	6.00pm	Holy Space TBC			

### Messy Church

Messy Church will meet on Saturday 17 February & 17 March, 4.30 - 6.30pm in church – but-not-as-you-know-it- for families of all sizes, shapes and ages. Come and enjoy being messy, with activities, celebration and a meal.



### Discoverers & Seekers Clubs

**Discoverers** (years 3-6) will meet on Friday 2 & 23 February & 16 March, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Church.

**Seekers** will meet on Tuesday 13 February & 13 March, 7.45 – 9.00pm in Church. For more info on either of these groups, contact Ali Scott on 07506 411507 or 01487 832478.

### Every Monday - 'Morning Prayer'

A simple but rich service of about half an hour, which gets the week off to a good start. An opportunity to draw near to God, pray for our community, our friends and family, and ourselves. Please come and join us if you can. All are welcome every Monday at 9:30am at the Church, *except Bank Holidays*.

### Saturday Opening

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

### Change of Contact Details

During the vacancy at All Saints' Church while we are between Rectors at the Church, you will not be able to contact the Rectory using the old phone number. We would ask anyone who would like to get in touch to plan a wedding, baptism, funeral or if you have any other ministry needs, please consult our website [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk) where there is information about services and other events as well as email addresses and other contact details.

**The Churchwardens can be contacted at - [churchwarden@allsaintssawtry.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@allsaintssawtry.org.uk)**

## WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the period before Easter in the Christian calendar; it is a time of reflection for many Christians as they prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. However for many, Lent is the period of giving up chocolate/caffeine/sugar after Pancake Day leading up to Easter.

The arrival of Lent is characterised by pancakes! Shrove Tuesday, a day highly anticipated by all pancake lovers, is traditionally a day of preparation before the season of Lent begins. The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of his ministry. Jesus fasted during his time in the wilderness, and so Christians identify with his suffering by abstaining from particular foods during this time, including meat, fish, milk and egg products. The recipe for pancakes is great for using up milk and eggs before giving up these things, and who doesn't love pancakes? Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of 'shriving'. This 1000 year old practice involves a person confessing their mistakes, and receiving absolution for them before Lent begins.



**Based on [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)**

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH**  
CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

February		
4	9.00am	Holy Communion
11	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
14	7.00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Joint Service at All Saints
18	9.00am	Common Worship
25	9.00am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion

March		
4	9.00am	Holy Communion
11	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
18	9.00am	Common Worship
25	9.00am	Holy Communion
29	7.00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Joint Service at St Nicholas'

**Quiz Night**

We will be arranging a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on 24 March at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start; tickets will include supper, bar and a raffle. Tickets can be obtained from the PCC members or contact: Helen Ford 830648 or Rosie Darby 834234.



**Tea and Cake**

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on Wednesday 21 February and 21 March in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

*While St Nicholas is between 'Priest in Charge' at the church, you will not be able to contact the Sawtry Rectory using the old number. We would ask anyone who would like to get in touch to plan a wedding, baptism, funeral or any other ministry need, please contact the Churchwarden, John Pigott (on 01487 832401), or the Church Secretary, Joan Meiklejohn (on 01487 831168).*

See Glatton website for more information: [www.glatton.org.uk](http://www.glatton.org.uk)

**SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY  
PRESENTS**

**Monday 6 to Sunday 12 August**

at the Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry

*For more details, call Matt on 01487 830345*



**SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH**

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



**Minister: Rev Alan Taylor - Tel 01487 209457**

**[alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)**

*Weekly Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am*

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Holy Communion**

*4 February - 10.30am*

Led by Rev Alan Taylor

**Mothering Sunday**

*11 March - 10.30am*

Led by Rev Alan Taylor

*Come and join us, all are welcome*



**MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP**

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

**26 February & 26 March**

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

**9.30 - 11am**

All Welcome. Proceeds in aid of Building Project Phase Two.



## ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

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

In 1981 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry was formed.

Mass is celebrated at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday Morning at 9.15am.

After Mass you are invited to stay to meet everyone and enjoy refreshments.

There is also a weekly Prayer Group and details of House Masses will be announced at the beginning of Sunday Mass.

### Everyone is Welcome

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

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

If you wish to know more

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

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

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

Find us on:



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESIDENTS OFFERED EXCLUSIVE ENERGY RATES

The Council has partnered with iChoosr, the UK's leading expert in collective energy switching, to deliver bespoke and highly competitive energy tariffs. Now is the ideal time for residents, especially those on standard tariffs, to switch. The scheme gets residents to join together and use their collective bargaining power to bid for better prices for electricity and gas.

Residents are encouraged to register on the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme to see if they can secure a good rate for the year ahead as wholesale energy prices are likely to continue to increase in the coming weeks.

If you haven't signed up to the scheme yet, you are able to do by simply signing up via the website Cambridgeshire Energy Switch at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambsenergyswitch](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambsenergyswitch). Or visit Cambridgeshire County Council's website and click on the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch logo on the front page.

An auction will be held on **Tuesday 13 February** after which individuals will receive a personal offer, and can then make a decision on whether to switch to the winning supplier. The rates are exclusive to residents switching through the scheme and are not available direct from the suppliers or via price comparison websites.

There is no obligation for people to accept an offer, but if you do, it's easy and straight forward and the new provider will take care of the whole process.

Cambridgeshire Energy Switch



The deadline to accept the offer is **Tuesday 27 March**. If you have any issues registering please contact the helpdesk on 0800 048 8285 which is open Mon-Friday 08.30am - 5.30pm or contact the Energy Investment Unit at Cambridgeshire County Council on 01223 715349.



Cambridgeshire County Council

## DOING ANYTHING ON SUNDAY?

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

Date	Site	Date	Site
28 January	Monks Wood (path widening)	4 March	Archers Wood (scrub and bridge work)
4 February	Woodwalton Fen (experimental ponds)	11 March	Monks Wood (path widening)
11 February	Holme Fen (bramble cutting)	18 March	Cherry Orton Pond (scrub clearing)
18 February	Collyweston Quarry (scrub clearing)	25 March	Barnack Hills & Holes (scrub clearing)
25 February	Old Sulehay (hedge-laying)	<i>Summer hiatus – work parties resume on 26 August</i>	

All jobs start at 10:00.

Please visit our website (<http://www.p-c-v.co.uk>), or e-mail us ([info@p-c-v.co.uk](mailto:info@p-c-v.co.uk)) for more information. Note that kids are welcome, but require adult supervision.



# HOW TO PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK

## Fairtrade Fortnight 2018

Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March



When we reach for our favourite food and drink each day without thinking about where it comes from, we may be feeding exploitation. We become part of the problem. But we can choose to be part of the solution:

**Your morning brew:** Whether it's a English Breakfast tea or a skinny latte, always look for the Fairtrade Mark on the packet. You'll find a Fairtrade choice in most supermarkets.

**Commuter coffee:** Before you pop into your usual high street coffee shop, double check to see if their coffee is Fairtrade certified. If you aren't sure, then ask the barista or tweet the store. Remember, you have the power to make companies source sustainably through your choices.

**A little pick-me-up:** Whether you are going healthy with a banana or sharing out a block of chocolate around the office, your choice can make the difference. Look for the Fairtrade Mark, and if your local shop doesn't stock what you want, ask them to do so.

**If I knew you were coming...:** If you're the baking type, then you can use Fairtrade ingredients in plenty of recipes. There's a Fairtrade choice for everything from cocoa to sugar paste, from vanilla to icing sugar. So whatever style of cake you create you can make sure it does good as well as tastes good.

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

**For more information visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)  
or call the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7402 5942**

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

*Changing attitudes by education*

[www.cadar.org.uk](http://www.cadar.org.uk)

#### Should I check tyre pressures regularly?

The simple answer is "Yes" for conventional tyres. Tyre pressures should be checked, visually, every time you get in your car. They should be checked with a tyre pressure gauge at least every four weeks and when you vary the vehicle's usual load. Check all tyres including the spare wheel (if you have one).

How do I know what is the correct pressure? The correct tyre pressure for your vehicle can be found in the Owner's Manual, printed on the inside of the driver's door and sometimes inside the fuel filler flap. The recommended pressure will vary depending upon the load being carried and if driving at a high average speed.

Tyres must be cold when you carry out the check. If the vehicle has to be driven to a garage for checking the distance should, preferably, be less than two miles.

**Under-inflation** can cause rapid wear along the edges of the tread. It can also be the cause of blow-outs as there will be insufficient air to hold the vehicle's weight and the sidewalls will be compressed resulting in them flexing beyond their regular limits. This abnormal flexing can cause a build-up of heat in the tyre and significantly raises the likelihood of a blow-out. Under-inflation also increases fuel consumption.

**Over-inflation** can cause rapid wear along the centre of the tread. It will cause less tread to be in contact with the road and thereby reduces the amount of grip available for steering, braking and accelerating.

Vehicles with run-flat or self-supporting tyres should have a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System installed as it is generally impossible to sense a pressure change in the tyre.

Tyre safety bodies estimate that as much as 90% of vehicles using UK roads drive with under-inflated tyres resulting in greater fuel consumption as well as quicker tyre wear. On your typical family saloon, a mere 6 psi decrease in pressure results in a 20% rise in fuel consumption as well as a 30% increase in tyre wear.

CADAR's mission is to promote safer driving and riding.

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**This issue's top tip:** Check tyre pressures regularly.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE GARDENER

**How do I look after my established Rhubarb plant properly in winter, as the plant seems quite weak when in growth producing few stems? Also, when is the best time to feed them?**

**Part one**

Sounds like the plants are staving to me or that the plants are old and therefore unproductive.

We usually grow *R. x cultorum* in our gardens nowadays. It is probably a hybrid of *R. rhaponticum* & *R. palmatum* but the plant's origins are somewhat obscure. This is a clump forming perennial and therefore is one of the finest vegetables to grow, and makes one of the best crumble desserts! (In botanical terms: Rhubarb is not a fruit but a vegetable.)

Rhubarb may have been used for medicinal purposes in China some two thousand years BC, but today it is now used as a culinary plant. It is native to Siberia, China and Tibet; here it has been used as a culinary plant since the mid - 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is an easy plant to grow given the right conditions and is a very useful productive food plant for the kitchen garden.

**Aspect**

Rhubarb can be quite long-lived productive plant living well over 15 - 20 years or more. Rhubarb requires an open sheltered aspect in full sun not one located in a dark dank corner of the garden somewhere or one in shaded corner of the allotment. So plant it where it will not be disturbed, also since rhubarb is a long-lived perennial and dislikes any competition whatsoever from other plants, give it plenty of room. Once the plants are dormant, usually in the late Autumn, the older or unproductive crowns can be propagated by division.



**Good Gardening**

**The Gardener**

### MAY LOCAL ELECTIONS

On Thursday 3 May, for the first time all district, town and parish council seats in Huntingdonshire will be contested at the same time. There will be 52 district councillors elected to represent 26 revised wards and 650 town and parish councillors elected to represent 71 town and parish councils.

You must be on the register to vote in these elections and if you are away on the day of the poll, you will need to arrange to vote by post or proxy. The deadline to register is **17 April**.

If you can't vote in person you can apply to vote by post, or appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. For a postal vote, we must receive your application by **5pm, Wednesday 18 April**. If you wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf, the deadline for applications is **5pm Wednesday 25 April**.

If you wish to stand as a candidate in these elections please visit The Electoral Commission for more information. Nomination forms will be supplied to all town and parish councils and are also available from the elections office by emailing [elections@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@huntingdonshire.gov.uk). The final date to submit nomination papers is **4pm, Friday 6 April 2018**.

Visit <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/elections> for more information.



**Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group**

[www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/)

**Dormice**

Wednesday 14 February

Our talk will be given by Ian White of the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species, and Gwen Hitchcock, who is responsible for dormouse monitoring for our Trust. Ian has been involved with the introduction of Dormice throughout the UK and he monitors both nationally and locally. Ian will reveal the secret lives of these enchanting animals and the progress that has been made with their re-introductions.

**Islander**

Wednesday 14 March

Our speaker will be the celebrated writer, Patrick Barkham who will regale us with tales from one of his latest books 'Islander'. Patrick will seek to demonstrate what it is like to live on a tiny island in the UK and he will describe the many habitats and associated wildlife found in these islands.

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free).

**For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795. Everyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.**

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## ROTARY CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH ORTONS

On the evening of Wednesday 10 January, around 25/30 Rotarians and friends gathered together for an evening of lively dance – otherwise known as a Zumbathon – at the dance studio of the Nene Park Academy. The event had been organised by the members of a new Rotaract Club affiliated to the Rotary Club of The Ortons, with a view to raising funds for charity.

Rotaract is a unique international service organisation for people aged 18-30 which has the twin aims of developing the potential of the young people involved and offering them a means of helping their local communities and charities.

The School had kindly provided the facilities and the Instructress also donated her time – so all the money raised from entrance fees will find its way to charities.

There was a wide range of ability in the hall and, whilst the pace of the dancing was hectic, everyone did what they felt comfortable with and the evening was universally enjoyed.

The Rotary Club of the The Ortons will continue to support the Rotaractors who it is hoped will grow in confidence and scope of ambition.

If you are interested in Rotary, phone 07812 749 500,  
or look at our website at [www.ortonsrotary.org](http://www.ortonsrotary.org),  
or try our Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/OurRotaryClub>



## NHS SERVICES EXPLAINED – MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

Choosing which service is right for you at a given time may not always be easy – often you have more than one option. Use the checklist to guide you if you're not sure where to start.

	<p><b>Call 999...</b> if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.</p>		<p><b>Visit a walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent care centre ...</b> if you have a minor illness or injury (cuts, sprains or rashes) and it can't wait until your GP surgery is open.</p>
	<p><b>Call NHS 111...</b> if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. You can also call NHS 111 if you're not sure which NHS service you need.</p>		<p><b>Ask your local pharmacist for advice...</b> your pharmacist can give you advice for many common minor illnesses, such as diarrhoea, minor infections, headache, travel advice or sore throats.</p>
			<p><b>Make an appointment with your GP ...</b> if you are feeling unwell and it is not an emergency.</p>

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

On-call firefighters are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service, providing an efficient, effective service that gives emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK. In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce.

An on-call firefighter is not based at a fire station but carries a pager and responds to emergency incidents as and when they happen. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available, plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

On-call firefighters are men and women who may have other jobs and are able to provide evening, daytime, or weekend cover. When they are on-call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company, or out in their local community within our 5 minute radius of the station itself. Our on-call Firefighters are mainly located in rural communities, small towns and villages, and we will be able to tell you if you are within range to apply to be an on-call firefighter.

If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter please go to our website at [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) and search for on-call firefighter under the careers section or contact the recruitment team at [recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk).

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

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE  
Working together to improve community safety

## SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Sawtry FC are running two teams this season, both teams playing in the Peterborough and District Football League. They are Sawtry First Team, sponsored by APPS UK Ltd., and playing in the Premier Division and Sawtry Reserves, sponsored by The Bell PH.

After a difficult start to the season in Division 2 the Reserves have now been moved to a new division, Division 5B, starting on 1 January. Both teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry, kick off at 2 pm on Saturdays. Please come down and show your support.

### Recent Results

November 11	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	1 - 1	Whittlesey Athletic
	Intermediate Shield	FC Peterborough	6 - 1	Sawtry Res
18	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	2 - 2	Deeping Rangers
December 2	PFA Senior Cup	P'boro ICA Sports	4 - 1	Sawtry FC
9	League Premier Division	Ketton First	2 - 3	Sawtry FC
January 6	League Premier Division	Warboys Town	3 - 2	Sawtry FC
	League Division 5B	Sawtry Res	3 - 3	Hampton FC
13	President's Premier Shield	Sawtry FC	1 - 1 AET 0 - 3 pens	Holbeach Utd Res
	League Division 5B	Stanground Sports FC	1 - 2	Sawtry Res

### Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

January 20	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	v	Langtoft Utd
February 3	League Division 5B	Sawtry Res	v	Leverington Sports A

Sawtry FC would like to thank their sponsors and supporters, DV Maintenance, SRD Spirotech, Bradgate Groundcare, East Anglian Galvanising, Happy K9, B S Graves Electrical Ltd., Catalyst Design Partnership, Travis Perkins, Sawtry Youth Project and CARESCO.

**If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07939 258032**

## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE

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

Running is well documented as a tool to improve not only your physical health but also your mental health. If you can walk, and want to improve either your physical or mental health, or both, then why not get running in the fun and safety of a group?

Sawtry Walk to Run is a fully insured run group set up under the England Athletics' Run Together programme. It is open to everyone aged 12 and over and so if you and/or your GP think running will help you get fitter, lower your blood pressure, help you lose weight or improve your mental health, then why not come along.

Our next Absolute Beginners group will be in September (and we will start Half Marathon training later in the year too in preparation for the Great Eastern Run in October) but for now, anyone over 12 (no upper age limit) can join the following sessions which are all FREE:

1. **None to Run** - a 12 week absolute beginners programme to get you running from scratch to 25 minutes without stopping - started 21 January but new runners can join until mid February.
2. **3k to 5k** - a 7 week course to get anyone who can run for 25 minutes up to 5k at their own pace - started 21 January and open to anyone who can run for 25 mins and wants to progress to running 5k non stop.\*
3. **5k to 10k** (sub 34 5k pace) - for those who can run 5k and want to progress to 10k and beyond - started 7 January but anyone who can comfortably run between 5k and 10k is welcome to join.
4. **5k to 10k** (34min+ 5k pace) - Starts 11 March - 14 week course

We meet at 9.30 on a Sunday morning at St Judith's (\*10am for 3k to 5k) and at 7.15pm on Tuesdays and Thursday outside One Leisure (\*8pm for 3k to 5k).

**For more details see future issues of the Eye or check out our Run Together page at <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/SawtryWalkToRun> or our Facebook group 'Sawtry Walk To Run' or call Nona on 07484 745006 or email her on [nononsensenona@gmail.com](mailto:nononsensenona@gmail.com).**

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



## SAWTRY COLTS

The weather has not been too severe so far over the winter period so Greenfield has been mostly playable, if a little muddy, so here's a synopsis of how the teams have been doing.

The newest team - our Under 7s (U7) have had two wins and one loss in matches towards the end of last year; they have yet to play a match in 2018 due to the frosty conditions.

The U9s had a good win away to Priory and then lost to Little Paxton and to a very late goal against Stukeley Meadows. They are still searching for a few more U9 players (Year 4 in school) to enable them to set up an U8 and U9 team from the players they currently have. If there are any boys or girls in Year 4 who want to give football a go then please get in touch as your village needs you.

The U10s are on a decent run at the moment with 4 wins and draw in their last 5 games. The players are beginning to play much more as a team, working hard for each other, and are getting the results their good play deserves.

The U12 Blues had a good 4-2 home win against Needingworth but went out the cup narrowly losing to Huntingdon 2-1. The U12 Yellows defeated Somersham 4-0 and then lost to undefeated league leaders Eynesbury; they are currently 4th in their league.

The U13 Blues drew 1-1 with Godmanchester and have followed that up with 3 losses to the top four sides in their league. They are also on the lookout for players - if you're interested in playing contact Cedric (cedric.dornelly@btinternet.com or 07973 436885) or Shelley (shelley.scfc@gmail.com or 07711 035261). The U13 Yellows went out of both their cups losing to Warboys and a Ramsey side they had previously beaten twice in the league. Their sole league game resulted in a hard fought 2-2 draw against Priory.

The U14s have been involved in some tight matches drawing 2-2 against Little Paxton and followed that up with a 2-1 win against Warboys and then defeat by the same scoreline to Somersham. The U17 team have been involved in some high scoring matches - unfortunately more of the goals have been in their net than in their opponents. Recent losses have come against Whittlesey, St Ives and Godmanchester.

Advance notice that the popular Sawtry tournament will take place in early June over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd - support from the community is always welcome so if there are any local business interested in providing any sponsorship help for this event to keep costs manageable then feel free to contact Shelley on shelley.scfc@gmail.com.

**Brian Craig**

## SAWTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

With the festive season now well and truly behind us, most of us are waiting for the weather to improve so that we can begin this year's riding season. So while we're waiting it seemed like a good idea to have a social get-together so that we could remind ourselves what everyone looks like! As I'm writing this, the planned date is still in the future (end of January) so hopefully as you read this we'll already have had a really great evening, and maybe even decided on some riding plans for the coming year!

Continuing on from last year, here's another of our bike write ups for you:

"I bought my **Yamaha FJR1300** in 2016 to replace a 2007 BMW K1200GT - I was having a lot of (expensive) technical problems with the BMW so it had to go. The new model FJR has cruise control, touring & sport modes and the weight distribution is much better than the BMW, making it easier to control at slow speeds. I replaced the original standard seat with a 'comfort' seat which made a huge difference. The gear changes are very slick & smooth, very different to my 'clunky' BMW.

I used my FJR for commuting for a while until I retired and now I use it purely for pleasure. I've also done a couple of longer European tours and found the bike to be very comfortable, although the pegs a still a little bit high for me.

My only dislikes are that I would prefer an analogue speedometer to the standard digital one, and the suspension adjustment is unnecessarily complicated. However, these dislikes are far outweighed by the build quality of the bike, its smoothness, acceleration and overall comfort. I'd certainly recommend it."

And one final reminder - if you want to know more, or just chat about bikes, join us at the Greystones on a Tuesday evening, about 8.30pm.

**Pete**

**Tel: 01487 832478 - Email: smcc@scottfamily.plus.com**



## DRAGON YOGA & MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

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Yoga, Qigong, Feng Shui, Meditation, Karate, Kickboxing, Weapons, Self-defence

### Events and Local Seminars:-

- Reiki Workshop – Sawtry - 28 January
- Feng Shui Workshop — Sawtry - 18 February

### Classes:

- Tuesdays 9am, Meditation Class
- Tuesdays 9.30am, Yoga & Qigong (Suitable for OAPs)
- Thursdays 5.30pm, Yoga & Qigong (Suitable for OAPs)
- Fridays 6.30pm, Yoga & Qigong (Suitable for OAPs)
- Saturdays 3pm, Yoga & Qigong (Suitable for OAPs)
- Saturdays 4pm, Tai Chi & Qigong (Suitable for OAPs)
- Saturdays 5pm, Martial Arts
- Sundays 9am, Martial Arts
- Sundays 11am, Family Yoga & Fun Self-defence



**Recent Promotions:** Reiki level One large group from local area

**Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington, 9th Dan**

**Facebook under “Yoga, Qigong & Meditation” & “Tai Chi, Qigong & Meditation”**



### SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. Sawtry Cricket Club are hoping 2018 will be as successful as 2017. Who knows this year could yield more promotions for our senior sides.

C . C . Although it is closed season, behind the scenes the committee have got quite a lot to do over the winter months. One of our aims has been to have a shipping container at Greenfields to keep our equipment secure. At the moment it looks as though we have sourced a container and are making transport arrangements so that when conditions allow we can site the container ready for the new season.

We will shortly be announcing the fixtures and net practice dates for the new season and looking to get back into action as soon as possible.

As for social events, we are looking to host a car boot sale in the spring as well as race nights and quizzes so look out for our promotions on social media. Hopefully as soon as the weather improves we can kick start the new year.

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

### SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Despite no bowls there are still lots going on in the Club. In December, we held our Christmas Bingo and our Christmas lunch and prize draw. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all. My thanks to all those involved on the lunch day (or the week-end) for their help. A real team effort.

On reading this we will hopefully have had an equally successful Burns Night when we pay our own homage to Robbie Burns. With haggis and whisky a plenty we will have the delights of people doing their best Scottish accents to entertain us with a story, poem or even a song!

Whilst we are still preparing our social calendar - more in the next addition - but please note

**Saturday 17 March - Easter Bingo 7 00pm**

Come along and try to win loads of chocolate goodies.

A very happy NEW YEAR to you all.



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

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