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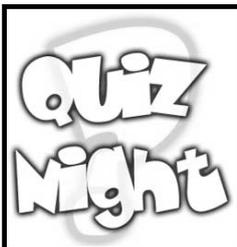
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For more information, contact Gary Crack 01487 832949

### CAR BOOT SALE IN OLD SCHOOL HALL

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 - 12.30*

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## Friends of Sawtry Community College Brings you...



**When:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
**What Time:** Doors open at 7.00 pm  
Quiz begins at 7.30 pm  
**Venue:** Sawtry CC Main Hall  
**Who:** Everyone (families are welcome)  
**How Much:** Only £6 a team (pay on night)  
4 - 6 members per team

Licensed Bar ~ Kids Tuck Shop ~ Raffle  
(Please feel free to bring your own snacks)

For more information please call 01733 243056

**Everyone welcome**

\*\*All proceeds going towards stage lighting for the main school hall\*\*

## COME LINE DANCING

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and keep fit at the same time.

There is a line dancing club at Sawtry  
Community College

Every Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm

£3.50 per session

Contact:

**Angela Foster – 01480 891283**

**Keith Geary – 01487 832925**

## JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 20 February**

**At Sawtry Methodist Church**

**Doors open 9.30am**

30p Admission

In aid of Sawtry Methodist Church  
Building Fund

For more information, please call  
**Freda on 01487 831249**

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## COFFEE SHOP

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9.45am - 11.30am (During school holidays)

at the CARESCO Centre

*A warm welcome for coffee and a chat.*

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## Bingo

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HILL VIEW RESIDENTIAL  
HOME SOCIAL FUND

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm start  
Raffle

At Sawtry Club,  
Gidding Road

Contact 01487 831709



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# Welcome

Hasn't it been cold? What a winter! Hopefully by the time you're reading this the snow & ice will be but a distant memory and the daffs will be coming through. Spring will be here before we know it and we'll all feel better for the sunshine and new shoots coming through.

As always we have details of planned community events for you to enjoy. Not many this time from the other villages, maybe they're still in hibernation, but plenty from Sawtry-based groups. There's even mention of the odd Easter event!

We also have tributes to two well known Sawtry people, Ernie Green & Kath Allport, who sadly died over the Christmas period. They contributed much to the life of Sawtry & it is fitting that we celebrate their lives and remember their families in their loss. Do feel free to send in your own memories for the next issue if you have anything to add.

**Liz Coates - Co-Editor**



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**SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR  
SAWTRY SCHOOLS**

**Spring Term 2010**

**Start of Term** – 5 January  
**Half Term** - 15 to 19 February  
**End of Term** – 1 April

**Summer Term 2010**

**Start of Term** – 19 April  
 May Day 3 May  
**Half Term** – 31 May – 4 June  
**End of Term** – 22 July

**Autumn Term 2010**

**Start of Term** – 2 September  
**Half Term** – 25 to 29 October  
**End of Term** – 17 December

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details. Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



Don't forget - The collection days over the Christmas period will be different due to the Bank Holidays, look out for the usual notifications from HDC

**HDC REFUSE COLLECTION**

Sawtry, Conington, Glatton & Upton have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

To find out the exact dates for your property visit <http://applications.huntsdc.gov.uk/applications/refusecollection/> and enter your house number & postcode or call 01480 388388

**GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)**  
(Week Beginning)

8 & 22 February  
 8 & 22 March

**COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE)  
& DRY RECYCLING**  
(Week Beginning)

1 & 15 February  
 1, 15 & 29 March

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk> and look for the **Refuse & Recycling** link on the left hand side of the page.



**Sawtry WI**

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)

**4<sup>th</sup> February**

The Air Ambulance - Christopher Donaldson

**4<sup>th</sup> March**

Thai Cooking - Maureen Ridley

**1<sup>st</sup> April**

Trading Standards - Paul Bass

Visitors & New Members Welcome

Regular features include: Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary 01487 834035  
**Registered Charity No. 229106**

**SAWTRY AND DISTRICT  
ASTRONOMY SOCIETY**

The Astronomy Society meets at Greenfields Sports Building, Sawtry Fen 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start on the last Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

If the sky is clear you can look through telescopes at the moon, planets, stars and other objects, even see the nearest galaxy to us.

For more information please contact: -

Bernard Dean 01487 832251  
 Dave Woodhams 01487 831921

**Sawtry WI  
In Aid of the WI Hall**

**Bingo**

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February  
 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March  
 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Eyes down 7.30

**Coffee Mornings**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
**10.30am – 12 noon - £1.00**  
 Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes & Books

**Afternoon Tea**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
**2.30 – 4pm - £2.50 on the door**  
 Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes & Books

Date for your diary

**Fashion Show**

14<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm

**Contact for events 01487 834035  
 Charity Number 229106**

2010	Group	Details	Contact No	Page No
30 January	Sawtry Methodist Church	More Tea Vicar	01487 834375	-
13 February	Sawtry Winemakers	Valentines Dinner Dance	01487 830020	16
17 February	Churches Together	Frugal Lunch	01487 832949	Front Page
18 February	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 834035	3
20 February	Sawtry Methodist Church	Jumble Sale	01487 831249	Front Page
22 Feb – 7 March	Fairtrade Foundation	Fairtrade Fortnight	01487 831771	14
24 February	Fairtrade Village Group	Community Cafe	01487 831771	14
27 February	Sawtry Bowling Club	Whist Drive	01487 830720	21
27 February	FOSCC	Quiz Night	01733 243056	Front Page
3 March	Fairtrade Village Group	Community Cafe	01487 831771	14
6 March	All Saints, Sawtry	Indoor Car Boot Sale	01487 832949	Front Page
8-21 March	University of Cambridge	Cambridge Science Festival	01223 766766	19
11 March	Sawtry WI	Afternoon Tea	01487 834035	3
13 March	Sawtry Bowling Club	Easter Bingo	01487 830720	21
20 March	St Nicholas', Glatton	Quiz Night	01487 830215	17
25 March	Hill View Residential Home	BINGO	01487 831709	2
15 April	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 834035	3
14 May	Sawtry WI	Fashion Show	01487 834035	3
6 – 12 June	Sawtry	Feast Week	01487 871771	-
8 June	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Sawtry Feast Supper	01487 831316	-
10 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	-
12 June	Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	01487 832410	-
2 – 8 August	Sawtry Light Factory	Holiday Club	01487 830345	-
11 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831332	-

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to [caresco@sawtry.net](mailto:caresco@sawtry.net) 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, do not forget to 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.

CARESCO is not responsible for the accuracy of the above information. Please check with the individual group concerned.

## Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

### HUNTINGDON

Alternate Fridays from 8am to 2pm  
in Huntingdon Market Square

12 & 26 February  
12 & 26 March

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.

For more information call 01480 388640  
or email HuntsFarmersMkt@aol.com

### PETERBOROUGH

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 9am to 4pm  
in Long Causeway

Organised by Peterborough City Council.

For more information call 01733 452217  
or visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)

### RAMSEY

Every 4th Saturday from 8.30am—2pm  
Great Whyte

For further information please contact  
The Ramsey Town Centre Partnership:  
Tel: 01487 813612 email: [rampart@btinternet.com](mailto:rampart@btinternet.com)

### OUNDLE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 9am to 2pm  
Market Street

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

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.

## Welcome to the SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

We are a like minded group of photographers who like to try and improve our hobby.

We use film, digital and video formats.

All are welcome, young, old, male or female, novice or expert (We hope to learn from the experts)

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month  
At the Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road Between  
7.00pm and 9.30pm (no meeting in July due to holidays).

A free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit will welcome you.

**For more information phone**  
**01487 830186, 830550 or 832251**

## Remembering

a Very Dear Dad and Grandad

**Stanley Reginald Redhead**  
12/10/32 – 06/02/08

*We thought of you with Love today,  
But that is nothing new.*

*We thought about you yesterday,  
And the days before that, too.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we'll never part.*

*God has you in His Keeping.*

*We have you in our Heart.*

**Deeply Missed**  
**Mark, Mandy, Sam & Jordan**  
x x x

## U9 PLAYERS WANTED

Sawtry Colts U9 Yellow Sox are looking for new squad members. Any boys from school year 4 are welcome to come along and attend a training session with us. We train on a Monday evening 5-6pm and play matches on a Saturday morning.

**For more details please contact**  
**Russell Armstrong on 07780**  
**867679 or 01353 654012**

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to **Ian & Michelle at the Addison Arms, Glatton**, and all their customers for the very generous donation to **CARESCO** of **£210** from a collection taken on New Year's Eve.

Thank you also to **Debbie Brown, her staff and customers at Salon 42** for their donation of **£17.50** raised during the week before Christmas by offering customers mulled wine & mince pies.

## NEW TO YOU AT NEARLY NEW

Hopefully all this snow will have cleared by the time this goes to print!

We are back up and running after the Christmas break and are now accepting clothes for the Spring time warmer weather (maybe wishful thinking at the moment!). We can also put up for sale any unwanted toys/games. Remember 6 items per visit and 60% of the sale price is returned to the customer.

We have a lot of unsold items that are due to be returned to customers so if you have left stuff with us, could you please come in to collect these and any outstanding money.

Come and grab a cuppa on a Friday morning (9am - 11.30am) to warm up and see if you can grab yourself a bargain.

*Nicole, Margaret, Gill and Clair.*

## playStop Playgroup



Every Wednesday 9am – 11am  
(school terms only)

At the Youth & Community Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

Everyone welcome from bump to school age

Come and play in a safe and friendly environment

We are a friendly group, with lots to do for everyone - crafts, activities and song time.

Now supported by the Sawtry Children's Centre

Enjoy a cuppa, meet new friends, and play  
Contact Louise 01487 832 257

**SureStart**  
Children's Centre  
Cambridgeshire

## Letters ...

### GREEN FAMILY THANKS

Peggy Green and family would like to thank everyone who sent the many cards and letters of sympathy after the sad death of Ernie. Also many thanks to everyone who gave us their support during Ernie's long illness, especially the help received from Wellside Surgery and the carers.

Also thank you to everyone who attended the lovely church service and gave donations to the British Heart Foundation

### THANK YOU GUIDES

Through the Sawtry Eye I would like to thank the Guides for the present they so kindly gave me for Christmas. It certainly was a very early breath of Spring, welcome at this time of year.

*Irene Hurst, Mellors Court*

### WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT SAWTRY'S PAVEMENTS?

Did you notice how many more people, often complete strangers, smiled and greeted you during the recent cold weather? There's something about snow that makes people do that - and

wasn't it a pleasant change from the usual situation when passers-by seem to avoid your eyes and stare, head down, at the pavement - as though it was something special.

I once moved to a much smaller village where my parents ran the local grocery shop and where, because everyone knew them, it was assumed I would also know everyone. This was obviously not true and because with advancing years my memory was no longer what it had been I decided to smile and say "Hello" to everyone I met in the street and so avoid the risk of upsetting anyone.

I normally got a small smile and a greeting in return and after a while I began to suspect that others were doing what I was doing, and because the village attracted tourists - who were also greeted in the same way - the village was getting the reputation of a very friendly place - and I was getting pleasure from seeing people smiling in the street.

So what about it Sawtry? Are the pavements more special than your fellow residents? Why not pretend the snow is still on the ground - lift up your heads, smile and say a cheery "Hello" to everyone you pass - and let's give Sawtry the reputation of a very friendly place!

*Name and address supplied*

Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX



Or email [caresco@sawtry.net](mailto:caresco@sawtry.net) with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

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# KATHY ALLPORT

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1937 – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009

We were all taken aback by the reception and support shown by so many people at Kathy's funeral on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010. It was a very emotional and overwhelming sensation on entering the church where we encountered all those present who had braved the inclement weather to attend. Our sincere thanks to everyone for making such a magnificent effort.

Thank you for all the loving and sentimental tributes, messages and sympathy cards which we have received. The number of cards is in excess of a hundred and they are still arriving to this day.

Our intension was to give Kathy (MUM) a happy, respectful service to celebrate her life and presence with us. To experience some smiles, heartaches and shed plenty of tears and the relief that she was no longer in pain and distress. Your very presence certainly gave her a send off that was literally 'out of this world' for which we are most grateful, such a fantastic show of affection. We also acknowledge the kind and understanding manner shown by the Rev Malcolm who conducted both services with his usual expertise and compassion.

To those who managed to get to the Greystones reception, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We certainly appreciated everyone's company, sharing a few tales and experiences and witnessing the fact that people do care for one another in times of need. It helped to brush away our sadness. We don't have any idea how much will be raised by the donations for CARESCO and the Girl Guides Centenary fund, however we will publish the total in the next edition.

Our thanks also go to the staff of the Greystones who provided such a beautiful buffet and an inexhaustible supply of tea and coffee, all of which went down very well.

A vote of thanks and appreciation must also be given to the Co-op Funeral Services who performed so admirably in the adverse weather conditions; they also averted an accident outside the church when one of the limos started to slide sideways on the ice towards some parked cars. The look of panic on Rev Malcolm's face will remain with us for some time to come!!

Once again may we offer our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to everyone concerned whose presence made the day so unforgettable and perfect in every way. Thank you all so much.

## **Bill Allport, the family and all our relations**

*It snowed on our wedding day in March 1958 and by a strange coincidence we parted on a snowy day 51 years later. That's life I guess!*

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***There's a lovely picture in "The Story of CARESCO" showing Kath helping a lady down the broad steps into the small swimming pool and supporting her as she kicks out in the water. It sums up what we remember of Kath - her love of people and the practical support she gave them.***

In the 70s Ken Wilson from the Social Services had set up the Wednesday Day Centre, and Kath was one of his volunteers. In the early days we were all feeling our way and often felt it was a case of fools rush in where angels fear to tread, but Kath was always ready to fulfill her guide promise to help other people at all times. From 1983 she was the much loved Day Centre Organiser. "I didn't know what I was capable of - but you grow with it..... You don't have to know everything, but if you get an insight, you know where to go for the information that you need." Kath did things behind the scenes which people didn't realize happened: for example a husband or daughter would have a problem with a disabled or sick family member and need help and they knew they only had to phone Kath and she would be there to help and support them. It wasn't just turning up at the Day Centre on Wednesday and Thursday. In the early days of CARESCO there were conferences on Transport Issues, Day Centre training days, Exhibitions on Disability Aids, Carers' conferences (in the days when the term "carer" was not recognized). She was one of the people preparing the booklet "Caring for the Carers" which was officially launched at Hinchingsbrooke School by Mrs Elsie Robinson, (a grand old lady well into her nineties at the time). Kathy Jones says: "It's not easy to say the things we often talked about - they would sound strange to the general public. Kath and I always maintained we were in training to learn all the tricks to become disagreeable old ladies! We spent one day studying disabled aids; our speciality was toilets and baths; most people would think we were odd. The Day Centre members were an important source of information - "if they're worried about something, you learn from their conversation among themselves." said Kath.

She was on a number of committees flying the flag for Sawtry: - Joint Development Teams; Community Health Council Social Services Panel; Hunts Forum. She supported the cause of the underdog and cared about all people, regardless of age. Trained as a Children's Nurse, Kath volunteered as a support worker with SPAN, an organisation which befriended and supported young families under stress

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**Cont'd.../...** In 1984 she led the group which set up a Special Playscheme in the Summer holidays for "statemented" children who lost contact with their contemporaries in Sawtry because they were sent out of the village to school in Huntingdon. "There were negative vibes at first, but I knew we had to start it...Nobody should be excluded." At one time Kath was Guide Leader in Sawtry. She maintained her interest and raised funds for the Guides up until Christmas this year.

Kath Allport was still helping her friends at CARESCO until she had to go into hospital. She was probably still caring for people long after she got there!

**Marjorie Dybeck (CARESCO president) & Kathy Jones (Former CARESCO Organiser)**

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## ERNEST DOUGLAS GREEN

Born 1 January 1919, died 27 November 2009

After moving to Sawtry with his wife, Peggy, and buying the Lane and Westerman shop, as it then was, in the mid 1940s, Ernie Green played a prominent part in the economy of the village and surrounding district at the same time becoming active in local sporting and leisure pursuits and civic life.

Business had to come first and Ernie's sound education at Lincoln Road Boys School in Peterborough and his business experience at Peterborough Coop Dairy, where he eventually became Chief Clerk, stood him in good stead. The property needed a lot of attention and a new mobile shop was purchased followed by another so that most villages and farmsteads within an eight mile radius could be served. This continued until supermarkets gained ground in the 1960s. Keeping up with the times, Ernie and Peggy built an extension which became a convenience store. So successful was it that it attracted commercial attention and was bought by the Coop in 1973 which still carries on the business.

The house was extended to create the present shop and post office and after eighteen years as post-master, Ernie retired in 1984, leaving son John to carry on with the shop whilst son David took over the post office and so it has continued under that management.

One would think that running a successful and challenging business combined with family life would leave little time for anything else, but not in Ernie's case. He ran a scout group, played cricket for the village and was the first secretary of the Sawtry Feast Supper that celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2009.

Ernie served on the Parish Council for 22 years, was a Rural District Councillor and elected to the Parish Council Association. One duty was to judge the Best Kept Village Competition. Ernie's son, John, recalls that this could take several days as judges had to visit the local hostelry to get the real flavour of a village.

Ernie became chairman of the Parish Council and judging by the press photo of the occasion, the highlight of his term surely was being presented with a seat for the Village Green given by the Women's Institute and being surrounded by all the ladies. He also served for many years as a school governor.

Ernie had many leisure interests too. He was a founder member and chairman of Sawtry Winemakers and of course as with everything else he was enthusiastic, with fermentation cupboards, rows of bubbling demijohns and racks of the finished product. His gardening and woodworking were his main passions and until about two years ago would 'go to work' as he put it, every morning; growing plants, tending the garden that had evolved over more than half a century or making things in his workshop. Wood turning was his latest interest and he turned many lovely bowls and made tables and other furniture. The one interest that remained alive to the very end was following his beloved Posh. He had supported the team as a boy, used to have a season ticket and was a shareholder. Every week he asked how Posh had "got on" and would want to know about the game. He had enjoyed taking John and David to matches, which sometimes turned into long weekends away leaving Peggy to look after the shop.

Although Ernie lived till he was nearly 91, he had not always enjoyed good health. Having joined the RAF at 18, he developed pleurisy and was eventually discharged on medical grounds. He had 11 operations, the most serious being a burst duodenal ulcer when he was only 38. His doctor didn't expect him to survive. He did, however, but his digestion and well being was affected for the rest of his life.

On Christmas day 2007, he had a heart attack and was in hospital for weeks. On returning home he was confined to bed much of the time, very frustrating for a man who had led such an active life, but he had a strong determination to go on, helped by the constant care from Peggy. No one could have done more for him.

Although he had a busy life, Ernie would always find time for others, give a smile, have a chat or give advice in order to help someone. He said life is not a rehearsal; make every day count. He certainly did that in his 90 years. Ernie was a devoted father to John and David, encouraging them in all they did, loved his grandchildren Sarah, Helen and Andrew. He enjoyed nearly 65 years happy marriage with Peggy who supported him in all that he did.

So many things of the village can be traced back to Ernie Green's contribution and involvement in them.

**John Green, David Green, John & Jean Garner**

### **A MESSAGE FROM PCSO BRYANT.....**

We are still holding Police Surgeries in Sawtry, they are held at CARESCO on the last Friday of every month between 10 - 11am. This enables you to meet your local officers this will also give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you may have and to receive crime prevention advice.

We have received a number of complaints from residents regarding parking when using the take away on the High Street. I'm sure most of you are aware that there are double yellow lines in this area and they should not be parked on at anytime. As a team, we have previously issued offending vehicles with an advisory letter advising, that you could receive a fixed penalty notice resulting in a £30 fine. We will now be issuing £30 penalty notices to vehicles that are causing any unnecessary obstruction and parking on the double yellow lines.

We ask that you are considerate to others and appreciate you co operation in this matter.

**Neighbourhood Policing Team**

**Emily Bryant - PCSO 7174**

**Mobile – 07801741783 Mobex – 7110979 Email - emily.bryant@cambs.pnn.police.uk**

## **THE BELL RE-OPENS**

Well as many of you know Sawtry has been somewhat restricted of late in its selection of drinking establishments, mercifully that has now changed.

When The Bell closed its doors in June 09 it was indeed a sad day for Sawtry, The Bell has been serving the community with foaming pints of Ale from well before the first world war.

The oldest Pub in the Village would now stand idol and even worse become derelict. Not only did the building become an eyesore as you drove along Green End Road, but it was greatly missed by many regulars.

I was owner of The Bell from 2000 to 2007 and spent many happy days and evenings behind the bar and enjoyed watching the place come alive each day, well it has happened again!

Vince Gosling & Carla Phillips approached me with a plan of action to bring The Bell back to life as a thriving community pub, both like me thought it was scandalous that the village should loose such a wonderful venue and hub of village social life.

The Bell was always known for its community spirit and fundraising activities as well as great live music and events, all of those will come again and more. Another Village favourite, The Bell Takeaway with Naz in charge, has also returned.

We have already had huge support from everyone we have spoken to and it seems that by the many faces which peered through the windows, our refurbishments definitely caught the interest of the people of Sawtry.

I am pleased to return to Sawtry and hopefully can play my part in making The Bell a vibrant, lively pub once again.

So drop in and have a look at The Refurbished Bell, I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

**Steve Burge**

## **UPTON VILLAGE GARDENING CLUB**

At the AGM in December, there were changes in the admin of the club - the main one being need for a Club Secretary, after the resignation of the current incumbent, who is moving over to take the job of Chairman. The January meeting was given a talk on 'Luscious Lawns' by the well known and popular gardening guru Geoff Hodge, who paid his annual visit to the club on 20th January - as usual always informative and entertaining.

February's meeting will see another new speaker - Graham Parnwell, who is talking on 'Hanging Baskets, which is followed in March by Joe Sharman who will talk on 'Primroses'

We meet at Upton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm visitors are always welcome - if further details required contact Ian Plum on 01832 293599.

## ALLOTMENTS

Congratulations to the two new allotment holders, clearly both have done a lot of work. The good thing about the snow is that all the allotments look the same.

There is still no progress in getting additional plots in the short term, so if anyone knows of someone or you are struggling with a large garden and would like to team up with someone on the allotments waiting list, please contact me on 01487 833076.

This is to provide a vegetable plot, will possibly part shared vegetables, but this is not a free gardening service.

**Dick Bacon**

## TREE WARDEN REPORT

As last January, work on tree planting around the village has been delayed by the weather, only this year it is snow. The bare roots of young trees die when frosted, and you don't enjoy digging the holes either!

More local varieties of fruit trees are on order to plant at both schools, to enlarge their 'orchards'. So once the weather warms up a bit, there'll be quite a rush to get them all into the ground.

My thanks in advance to all the volunteers I hope are going to help me!

Just an update on the meeting tree on the Green, the Parish Council has decided not to install a bench there at present in case it becomes a noise and litter nuisance due to the new take-away.

You may notice shiny black plastic cones around the bases of trees around the village. These are strimmer guards, to prevent new or further damage to the bark by strimmers. It is ironic that the District Council spends money planting trees with no protection then come along and strim too close to them. Several have died and many are damaged. If you spot any tree in need of one of these guards please let me know.

**Janet Spencer**

**For more information please call 01487 830527**

## Going Green

What is it with the younger generation? (I sound just like my gran!) With all the talk about global warming, I thought they were supposed to be more environmentally aware than us older folk. During the recent cold snap it was, I admit, cold! However instead of putting on 'sensible' clothes, my kids expected to be able to continue to wear short sleeve tops under light jackets and bare feet and still be warm.

While I agree that central heating is a great invention (& I certainly wouldn't want to go back to the time we lived in an old farm house with nothing but an AGA and coal fires, ice on the inside of the windows and being able to see our breath when we woke in the morning - the mildew stains can still be seen on our duvet, even after dry-cleaning), that doesn't mean that we will heat our house continuously all winter at a temperature more suitable to the tropics!

If there is such a thing as global warming, and the evidence is getting harder to ignore, then we are all going to have to get used to turning the thermostat down & putting more clothes on. Maybe when people complain they're cold we should say that it's not so much that it's cold but that they're inadequately dressed! Folk in other parts of the world survive at much lower temperatures than our recent minus 5.

There's a lot that can be done to houses these days to make them easier to heat with insulation, double glazing and now there's the new boiler scrappage scheme. If our homes take less energy to heat, we will create less carbon to damage our planet when keeping warm. There are schemes to help with the costs, and for some people these can be free of charge (contact [www.warmfront.co.uk](http://www.warmfront.co.uk) or call 0800 316 2805 or visit [www.freeinsulation.co.uk](http://www.freeinsulation.co.uk) or call 0191 286 6936).

In the shorter term of course there're the fuel bills to consider as well. We all know that the cost of gas & electricity have shot up over the past few months and in the end that is probably what will make us all change our habits rather than the longer-term threat of damaging the planet. Trying to be greener usually means using less & therefore costs less.

Now try explaining that to a teenager in a t-shirt!

**Eco Apprentice**

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### **Swine Flu Pandemic :**

Patients who fall within one of the following risk groups have by now been invited to attend the surgery for swine flu vaccination:

- Children and adults aged 6 months to 65 years with a long term health condition including:
  - Chronic lung disease
  - Chronic heart disease
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic liver disease
  - Chronic neurological disease
  - Diabetes
- Any patient who is pregnant
- Any patient who is immuno-compromised due to either disease or a treatment they are receiving.
- All adults aged over 65 with a long term health condition as above
- All children aged over 6 months but under 5 years.

If you, or your child, fall into one of the above categories and did not receive a letter inviting you to attend for a vaccination, please contact us.

**Pre-bookable Appointments:** I would like to remind patients that we have a number of GP appointments available each day which can be pre-booked in advance, these include the appointments we provide on alternate Monday and Tuesday evenings. Unfortunately, we do have to limit the number of appointments which can be pre-booked as the majority of our patients still prefer to call to make an appointment on the day they wish to be seen but we will always try to offer you a pre-bookable appointment with one of our GP team when requested.

**Telephone Appointments with Practice Nurses:** In the same way as telephone consultations are available with our team of GPs, this service is also available with our team of Practice Nurses. If you wish to speak to a nurse, please contact our reception team who will be pleased to book you a telephone appointment with one of the team.

***With Best Regards,***

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

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## NEWS FROM SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Happy New Year!

Doesn't time fly? It seems quite incredible that I have been Headteacher here at Sawtry Junior School for over a year! It's been a very busy year with a tremendous amount going on but it has been very enjoyable.

At the end of last term we had the fantastic performances of our Lower School Christmas Production of Jesus' Christmas Party. It was a super presentation of the Christmas story, complete with a grumpy inn-keeper, Mary, Joseph and many visitors to the stable. Those of you who came to see the production will understand the star role of the chickens. I shall now remember chickens at Christmas and not just the turkey!

Our Christmas Bazaar was a great success too. We raised in excess of £1200 and this will greatly add to our school funds. This year the Junior School Association are fundraising towards creating a second adventure play area for the children. We have lots of exciting ideas so watch this space!

Many exciting events will be taking place later this term. I am sure the Junior School Association will be holding Easter events, perhaps an Easter Bingo! Further details to follow!

In the last edition of the Sawtry Eye I asked whether you might consider becoming a governor on the school's Governing Body. Can I continue to ask for your support? We have two vacancies for Community Governors and also one vacancy for a Local Authority representative. It would be really good if these vacancies could be filled. If you think you might be able to join our Governing Body then please get in touch with me, we'd love to hear from you. There is quite a big time commitment of roughly 20 hours a term attending meetings, reading papers, visiting school, attending training courses and writing reports. However, I think you would find it really rewarding and we would love more people from the Sawtry community to be involved in the work of the Junior School.

This year one of our projects is to revamp our website. We realise it needs a bit of attention! If you have any ideas for our website, or can perhaps think of features that you would like to see included then please get in touch. If you have suggestions on other totally different matters then please get in contact with us, we'd love to hear from you. Contact either [office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk) or 01487 830204.

***Steve West - Headteacher***

## News from Sawtry Library-your local library

Last time, I wrote about the new Huntingdon Library, encouraging everyone to pay a visit. Judging by the amount of Huntingdon Library books etc returned to Sawtry, lots of you have done just that. Please don't forget that you can return any items borrowed at Huntingdon to Sawtry, and vice versa!

Being a new library, the majority of the stock in Huntingdon Library is also new, with larger collections in all the genres than we can possibly hold at Sawtry. Also, a decision was taken a while back to concentrate items like DVDs for adults in these larger libraries as collections in smaller libraries aren't really viable. So, remember, too, that along with all other items now, DVDs can be ordered and sent to Sawtry free of charge for you to collect; you only have to pay the week's hire fee-normally £2.50.

We are receiving lots of new items at Sawtry all the time with the automated rotation lists. Most of these find their way to the 'New to this Library' stand by the counter, so it's always worth checking there. If you pay a visit, though, and can't see the type of books you like to read, please do speak to the Staff, and we can see whether there is a way we can help with this.

It might be worth mentioning that the library receives lots of information all the time about events in the area, council-related items and all sorts of useful pamphlets and fliers-most of these arrive in some numbers, so there are usually copies to be taken with you if you are interested.

We also take 2 daily papers, the 'Daily Mail' and 'The Guardian' and the local papers, 'The Hunts Post' and the copies of the Peterborough Evening Telegraph once a week when the job supplement is included (Thursdays) and the Wednesday copy of the 'Cambridge News' with its job supplement.

We have welcomed quite a few new members lately and are always so pleased to do so. Once you have your library card, it can be used in any Cambridgeshire library, with any library's items being returnable at Sawtry. It can also be used to join neighbouring counties' libraries, so it is well worth getting one!

Wishing everyone a very happy 2010 - let's hope it's a good year for the library, too-that depends on you!!!

Sue (Simmons, Supervisor) Manju, Liza, Debbie and Janet

Library Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 4.00-7.00pm; Wednesday & Friday 2.00-5.00pm; Saturday 9.00am-12noon

Tel :0345 045 5225 (*Please note new number 0345.....Call Centre-call any time 8.00am-8.00pm Mon to Sat for renewals and enquiries*)

Library Website: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

### Regular Events: '

- 'Sawtry Pagets', Reading Group for adults meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 4.00 - 5.00pm in the library.
- 'Sawtry Bookworms', Reading Group for young people meets once per month on Saturday morning, 10.15 - 11.00am in the library. Dates variable, please check the advert in the library front window
- 'Storytime' for pre-schoolers, first Wednesday of each month through the year, 2.15 - 2.45. Stories, songs and simple craft activities for the very young.



## Need Altos & Tenors

Hurstingstone Singers is a friendly accomplished Chamber Choir that specialises in English polyphonic music of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century (although we do also sing music from other periods).

We are looking for 2 Altos & Tenors to join our choir. We have some performance dates scheduled for the Spring and would like our vacancies filled as soon as possible.

We rehearse in Abbots Ripton on a Tuesday evening. If you are interested in finding out more, or would like to join us for a rehearsal night, our contact details are as follows:-

Website - [www.hurstingstone.co.uk](http://www.hurstingstone.co.uk)  
 Email [hurstingstone@btinternet.com](mailto:hurstingstone@btinternet.com)  
 Telephone 07939 558138.





## BIG SWAP FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**



The Fairtrade Foundation is asking the nation to swap their usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. Each swap will be proof that the UK wants developing world producers to get a better deal.

In Sawtry we would like to encourage community groups to join in by providing Fairtrade refreshments during their February and March meetings. If your group would like details of how to receive free samples of Fairtrade tea or coffee, please contact the Parish Council Office.

Look out for special promotions in supermarkets for items with the Fairtrade logo which is your guarantee that the producers have received a fair price along with the Fairtrade premium for their community.

There are a number of Fairtrade related events happening in Sawtry during the Fortnight where you can sample Fairtrade refreshments:

Event	Venue	Fairtrade	Date/Time
Community Coffee Morning	Old School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry	Fairtrade Refreshments	Wednesdays 24 <sup>th</sup> February & 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 9 – 11.30am
Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Green End Road, Sawtry	Fairtrade Refreshments	Saturdays 27 <sup>th</sup> February & 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11am
Traidcraft Stall	Sawtry Methodist Church Green End Road, Sawtry	Fairtrade food, drink & paper products	Saturdays 27 <sup>th</sup> February & 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11am
Open Church	All Saints Church Church Causeway, Sawtry	Fairtrade Refreshments	Saturdays 27 <sup>th</sup> February & 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2 – 4pm

For more information on Fairtrade visit the Fairtrade Foundation website at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) or call 020 7405 5942

For information about the Sawtry Fairtrade Village campaign contact Sally at the Parish Council Office on 01487 831771 or Liz on 01487 830345

### COULD you survive on less than £1.50 a day?



A third of the world – two billion people – has to do just that; caught up in a poverty trap sprung by unfair trade rules.

But there is a way out – and you can help make a big difference.

The Fairtrade movement is helping to transform the lives of millions of families in developing countries across the globe – and this month's Fairtrade Fortnight (February 22-March 7) is calling on us all to get involved.

The challenge is to make The Big Swap – switch our everyday food and drink for Fairtrade products. And what a difference it could make.

Take tea alone – 165 million cups of tea are supped in the UK every day; and, at the moment, just 10 per cent of the tea sold here is Fairtrade.

Fairtrade ensures farmers and workers always get a price that covers their costs. The Fairtrade premium enables farmers to invest in their businesses and in education, health and other community involvements for their workers.

The Co-operative, which has been trading fairly, honestly and democratically since the 1800s, is a staunch supporter of Fairtrade.



The Co-operative sells the largest range of Fairtrade products – 260 – in more stores than any other retailer.

**To find out how your community or school can get involved, visit  
[www.co-operative.coop/membership](http://www.co-operative.coop/membership) and download an information pack.**

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY AND THE SAWTRY DIGITAL ARCHIVE

If you clicked onto the following web site – [www.huntscycles.co.uk](http://www.huntscycles.co.uk) - hoping to find somewhere to buy your new mountain bike you would have quite a surprise. It's not a place to buy a bike but a place to discover a remarkable piece of local history – it's all about the local "*Gaspape Cavalry*" – or to give it its correct name "The Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion", formed to fight in WW1.

At our last meeting in 2009 we were treated to a most entertaining talk by Martyn Smith, who started this website and whose grandfather was a "Hunts Cyclist". We only have space here to mention just a few items from his talk but you will find a visit to the website most intriguing –

- For instance who was the portly, world famous actor, who pedalled with the Battalion as they defended the East Coast?
- What was the cap badge worn by the Cyclists, the local Home Guard and now the Kimbolton School Cadets?
- Find the postcard showing an enemy "Hun" hiding in a barrel and saying "*I can only come out once the Hunts Cyclists have gone!*"
- And if you can't imagine going to war on a push-bike – which many did - take heart from the pictures of the *Motor Transport Section*, showing George Swearer from Ramsey who was awarded the French Croix de Geurre for bravery!

The Battalion, formed in 1914 under the command of the Earl of Sandwich, of Hinchingbrooke House, had to be a Cycle Battalion since there was doubt about raising, from this very rural area, the 1000 volunteers needed to form a traditional Battalion. There is no doubt that they did valuable service during the First World War, with many men serving and dying on the Somme, but it is regrettable there are so few dedicated memorials to the Battalion since men were often relocated to other regiments.

Perhaps the unfortunate nickname as *The Gaspape Cavalry* was based on their defence duties on the East Coast, where two men, standing guard waiting for a German attack, were issued with only one bullet between the two of them - or on pictures of "*Cyclists*", in full uniform, complete with rifle and bayonet, riding on donkeys at Skegness!

A more kindly nickname, used by the men themselves is "*The Wiresides*" – a reference back to an earlier army raised by another Huntingdon commander, Cromwell's "*Ironsides*" - and their pride in their Battalion is recorded in one of their poems –

*"When the Kaiser's Navy sees this lot,  
It'll turn its tail for a quieter Spot,  
If not - in the neck it will get it hot  
From the wiry Huntingdon Wiresides."*

At least two local Sawtry residents can still proudly say that their father, or grandfather, served in this unusual part of the British Army, so this talk was a fitting end to our '90's programme!

*On the 18th February there will be a slide show on "Old Sawtry" and on 18th March there will be a Quiz and the AGM. Everyone is welcome at 7.30 at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.*

*And let's start this new decade with a "fascinating fact". It seems that baby Oliver Cromwell was seized by his grandfather's pet monkey and carried on to the roof of his home, Hinchingbrooke House!*

**Allan Bamford**

Contact Secretary Marilyn Gautreaux on 07984 94538 for more details

## MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL HALL

Date	Event
17 Feb 10	Fred's Refresher Course in Winemaking (for experienced and budding winemakers)
17 March 10	Winemaker's Social Eve - Come Dine With Us A Meal cooked with wine by Sheila Harland (interested? Call 01487 830020)

**ALL MEETINGS HELD IN THE "OLD SCHOOL HALL" SAWTRY, 7.30 – 10pm, THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED**

### OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13th February	Valentines Dinner Dance at Glatton Village Hall
8th, 9th, 10th October	Trip to Bournemouth



**SAWTRY  
WINEMAKER'S  
SOCIETY**



## SAWTRY WINEMAKER'S SOCIETY

**Sawtry Winemakers** hold a monthly meeting at the Old School Hall every third Wednesday of each month. If you don't make any wine don't worry, bring your own plonk to enjoy a good evening and come and try home made wines that members have made. These are country wines made from ingredients you may have in your garden or can buy from the Co-op!! We have lots of Social Events throughout the year that are enjoyable and good fun. Come to any of the meetings and you will be most welcome. Membership costs £8.00 per year. If you would like to come along to any disco or dinner dance or would like any further information please contact Eileen Gregory 01487 830020 and leave a message.

Try the following simple wine recipe; it will be ready by Autumn

### RIBENA WINE

12 oz bottle of Ribena Blackcurrant Juice  
 3lb Sugar  
 Wine Yeast, Yeast Nutrient and Squeeze of lemon juice  
 Water to fill demijohn

Dissolve sugar in some warm water. Add blackcurrant juice. Bring to boil and simmer for 10 mins to drive off preservative.

Cool and pour into gallon demijohn (if you don't have one ring me) filling it to the shoulder.

Add wine yeast and yeast nutrient (available from Wilkinson's, Huntingdon).

Insert air-lock and stand the demijohn in a warm place for fermentation to get under way. When the first fermentation has died down after a fortnight or so, top up the jar with water to the bottom of the neck and re-insert air-lock. When all fermentation has died down rack off and bottle. Enjoy, share with us all or even enter it into one of our competitions!

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we have a Winemaker's Social Evening which will be a homemade meal made with wine. This has proved to be a very enjoyable evening so do please let me know if you would like to come along for catering purposes. There will be a Valentine's Dance on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February which is also a very popular event held at Glatton Village Hall. Tickets are available at £22.50 for a 3 course meal with a choice of Duck or Beef and live music. Please contact Babs on 01487 831332 for further information.

**See page 15 for events.**

## Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Luke's

serving the Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough

26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough. PE2 5XS

St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry (Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry)

St Bartholomew's Community, Yaxley and the Hampton's

Parish Priest: Fr. John Warrington, 14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX

☎01733 370877; email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk; Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

### SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Each Saturday: First Mass of Sunday 6pm at St Luke's Church**

**Each Sunday: Sunday Masses**

9.15am at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry  
 & 11am at St Luke's Church (inc special liturgy for Children)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 10am at St Luke's Church

Saturday: Mass at 9am at St Luke's Church

For further information please take a look at our Website at [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk) and click on Parish News

### Ceilidh

In aid of HCPT Group 209, Pilgrimage to Lourdes

19<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm – mid-night

Parkway Sports & Social Club, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough

Tickets

£6 Adults, £3 Under 14s

**For more information contact Fr John on 01733 370877**

# Sawtry Methodist Church

Green End Road, Sawtry, Tel 01480 819228

## Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am  
Sunday School at 10.30am  
Evening Communion at 6.00pm  
(first Sunday of the month)

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### United Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
31<sup>st</sup> January – 4pm  
Followed by shared tea

### All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am  
Mothering Sunday

*Come and join us*

## Saturday Coffee Morning

9.30 – 11 am  
with Cakes, Traidcraft goods & bric-a-brac on sale  
*All proceeds towards the building fund*

## Frugal Lunch

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
12 noon – 2pm  
Entrance £2.50. Under 5s free  
Bring and Buy Stall  
All proceeds to Christian Aid

For more information,  
contact Gary Crack 01487 832949

# All Saints' Parish Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### February

7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion

### March

7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Service
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion

### SAS SUNDAY CLUB

For all children aged 4 - 10 meet every Sunday at 10.15 am at the Rectory except when we have a Family Service - February 7, March 7 & 14.

### SEEKERS CLUB

For Young People aged 11 plus, meet on February 5 and March 5 in Church.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS AND LENT COURSE

Meet on Wednesdays at 7.45 pm on February 3 & 24 and March 3, 10, 17 & 24 and Thursdays at 10.15 am on February 4 & 25 March 4, 11, 18 & 25. All meetings are held at The Rectory and commence with coffee. Do join us.

### SATURDAY OPENING

The Church is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Do come along and see your Church and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat - a warm welcome awaits you.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:  
Canon Malcolm Griffith 830215**

Website: [www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk](http://www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk)

*There is always a warm welcome at All Saints'.*

# St Nicholas Parish Church

Church Road, Glatton

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### FEBRUARY

7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer

### MARCH

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
14 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Mothering Sunday Service <i>Followed by tea in the Village Hall</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion

## NEXT FUNDRAISING IS A QUIZ NIGHT ON 20 MARCH

### Glatton Adventurers for 4 - 11s

Children are welcome to join this group which meets on December 6 and January 3 in Glatton Village Hall at 10.30 am. More details from Shirley Dewar – 831651.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith**  
Tel: 01487 830215 Email: [rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk)

## R E M E M B R A N C E

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

### Top tips to make internet shopping easy-pc



Many of us will have done a lot of our January sales shopping online this year – it means that we can compare prices, access a broad range of products and do it all from the comfort of our own homes. But how do we know that who we are buying from is reliable, and what should we do when things don't go according to plan? Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service gives some tips below.

To begin with, ensure that the business has a postal address on their website. If anything were to go wrong with your purchase, you need to be able to write to them at a physical address not a PO Box. A business which has a .co.uk web address may not be a UK company.

Do a search for the company online – often if customers are having problems with a business, they will post messages on forums to express their concerns and it may help to alert you to issues with the company. You can also do a "who is" search to find out who registered the website.

Always check the businesses terms and conditions before you buy. In particular, check their returns policy. If you simply don't like the item when it arrives or have changed your mind about it, it is open for a business to expect you to cover the cost of a return, which can be expensive for larger items.

If you are going to pay for goods online, ensure that the padlock image is visible on the screen. That is your guarantee that the payment is secure. It does not, however, mean that the trader has been vetted by anybody.

Where possible, pay for items which are over the value of £100 on a credit card. That way if the company fails to provide your goods or supplies you with faulty or misdescribed goods, you will have the same claim against the credit card company as you do against the business. If you use an intermediary such as Paypal or Nochex then you should ensure you understand the level of redress you will have if something goes wrong. In particular, you will not receive any protection at all if you use a money transfer service such as Western Union or Money Gram.

Always print or save a copy of your order/receipt after you have submitted your order so that you can produce it if the goods aren't delivered. Also print or save a copy of the product description and terms and conditions at the time of your order. That way, in the case of problems, you can refer to exactly what the website said at the time you ordered the product.

Always be wary of buying goods that may have been shipped from abroad and may not comply with safety standards. All electrical goods and toys should have a CE mark on them. If you have been sold such a product that is not CE marked, contact Consumer Direct for advice.

Also be alert for fake goods – the price is often the tell tale sign. Most people think of fake items as being clothes and handbags, but criminals copy a broad range of things, from medicines and pain killers, to cosmetics and cigarettes, from hair straighteners to alcohol. Many of these products pose a significant risk of harm to the customer. Use price, customer feedback and ease of contact to help you judge whether this is a business you can trust.

There is no doubt the internet offers us a huge market at our finger tips, but when you do have a problem, the lack of a face to face relationship with the trader can make things harder to resolve. If you encounter any problems with a trader online, then contact Consumer Direct for advice on 0845 4040506.



## Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

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

### BUMBLEBEES

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

The presentation will be given by David Sheppard, who is an invertebrate ecologist with Natural England. David will enthuse us with his lifetime love of invertebrates, concentrating on the natural history of bumblebees. He will look at how the bumblebees' habitat has been threatened by farming methods and modern society and what steps are now being taken to protect this species.

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### A VISION FOR THE WETLANDS

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dr. Alastair Burn will present 'A Vision for the Wetlands', he is currently the Principal Specialist for Freshwater and Pollution at Natural England. Alastair will focus on wetland habitat creation, explaining why it is so vital to safeguard wildlife, counteract climate change and reduce flooding, as well as providing fantastic places for people to visit and enjoy!

**All meetings start at 7.30pm  
At Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.**

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/) or contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough.  
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**8-21 March 2010**

**Family fun days: 13 and 20 March 2010**  
**The vast majority of events are free of charge**

Join us for the UK's largest free science festival, exploring subjects from astronomy to zoology, with demonstrations, hands on experiments, talks from leading scientists, and visits to University and partner facilities. Over 150 events will be on offer designed to give families, adults and children of all ages two weeks of hands on science and insight into the University's cutting edge research. Many of the hands on activities, demonstrations and children's lectures will take place on our family fun days on Saturday 13 and 20 March.

The theme for 2010 will be 'Diverse science' to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity and there'll be many opportunities to delve into diversity at events for all ages during our family fun days and adult evening lecture series.

Highlights include:

- Join specialist science guides on the Daring diversity walking tour to explore Cambridge in a unique way and discover why Newton poked a needle in his eye and why Darwin's nickname was 'Gas'
- Discover the science of humour as Psychologist Professor Richard Wiseman describes his year-long search for the world's funniest joke
- Hands on activities in Colourful creatures at the Museum of Zoology
- The opportunity to make your own 'Jigglebot' in Robots for beginners

There are also opportunities for secondary schools and sixth form colleges to get involved in the Science Festival with the Schools' Zone on 20 March 2010. Teams of students are invited to bring a display of science, technology, engineering or maths projects to show to an audience of the general public and University outreach officers. If your school is interested in participating in the Schools' Zone, please contact [sue.long@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:sue.long@admin.cam.ac.uk) for further details.

The full programme is available from [www.cambridgescience.org](http://www.cambridgescience.org) or to request a hard copy of the programme, please call 01223 766766

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureaux website at <http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>.

**Buying Services in Europe?**

There is a new, free organisation that can help you know your rights when you buy services in European countries. It can help with your rights with things like:

- hotels, car hire or buying timeshares
- accountants or lawyers
- builders, architects or plumbers
- private education providers like language schools.

They can give you advice about different service providers to help you make decisions when you are buying services from a provider that might be unfamiliar to you.

They can also give you advice about consumer laws and rights in the different European Union states, so that you can know your rights when you're buying services in a different country.

You can also ask the European Consumer Centre for Services for help if you want to make a complaint if things have gone wrong.

You can find out more information about the European Consumer Centre for Services online at: [www.ukecc-services.net](http://www.ukecc-services.net).

Or you can call their helpline on 08456 08 94 94. The helpline is open Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.]

**Changes to VAT**

Value Added Tax (VAT) is the tax you pay when you buy goods and services in the European Union. The rate of VAT in the UK has just changed. From 1 January 2010 VAT is 17.5% on most goods and services that you buy.

The prices that you see in ordinary shops include VAT. So the price you see on the tag is the price you pay. Sometimes bills from VAT registered suppliers, like builders or painters and decorators, might show a separate amount for VAT. Make sure you check your bill carefully.

If you have a bill for work that started before 1 January 2010, you should be charged VAT at the previous rate (15%) up until 31 December 2009 and the new rate (17.5%) from 1 January 2010.

You can also find out more information on VAT on the Directgov website at: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).

**Stamp Duty changes**

Stamp Duty Land Tax is the tax you pay when you buy property in the UK. You have to pay it when the cost of your property is over a certain level. You have to pay it when you buy a house, a flat or another type of land or buildings.

The threshold for when you have to pay Stamp Duty Land Tax has just changed. From 1 January 2010 the threshold for Stamp Duty Land Tax is £125,000. This means that if your property costs £125,000 or more you have to pay Stamp Duty Land Tax.

The amount of tax you have to pay depends on how much your property costs.

You can find out more about Stamp Duty Land Tax on the Directgov website. This includes the previous threshold and the different rates of tax for different priced property. You can find this online at: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).

**For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens' Advice Bureaux on 01480 388900**

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET A CAT?**

St Neots & District Cats Protection is your local rescue and re-homing charity for Cats. We have 12 cat cabins housing cats that have come into our care.

Cats come into the branch for various reasons and are cared for by our team of fosterers.

Prospective owners will receive a home visit and will then be able to visit our cats and hopefully offer a loving new home to one or more of them.

Cats Protection will not re-home cats to homes where there is a busy or main road close by.

Free Neutering Scheme still available, donations of cat food always appreciated and new and used goods for our charity shop are always needed.

**01480 476696 / [www.stneots.cats.org.uk/](http://www.stneots.cats.org.uk/)**

## VETERANS IN PRISON ASSOCIATION Ex-Servicemen, Social Problems, Suicides & Imprisonment

As an Ex-Serviceman myself, I can empathize with the topic of this article, albeit I have not had the traumatic experiences or felt the severity of change from Service life to Civilian life. I also had the support of wife and family and employment to go to immediately upon discharge.

A friend of mine, Simon, another Ex-Serviceman, who has become very involved with this growing problem, gave me the following information, just as an example.

**A hero Commando killed himself, leaving a suicide note telling his family that Afghanistan had filled him with rage. This soldier had got into trouble with Police following his return from a 7 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. He had never been in trouble before but was arrested for an assault during a Road Rage incident and was further charged for attacking his girl friend. Two days later he hanged himself. The suicide note, apologising to his family, blamed his time in Afghanistan for his state of mind.**

At the time of this report, some 67 soldiers had committed suicide since returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Defence Minister at the time stated that "Research shows that overall rates of mental health problems among the Military are low".

Simon also wrote an article on this subject for another Ex-Serviceman, Officer Dave Wilson who recognised how serious and widespread the problem was when he found out that the number of Veterans in prison was around 500- almost 10% of the entire prison population and how the Veterans with these problems were being let down by what is known as, "**The Military Covenant, which is supposed to guarantee that all service personnel who serve in combat on the front line are to receive fair treatment after putting their lives on the line, yet it now appears that this covenant has failed to offer the support, guidance and care that it was set up to do and for those Veterans in Prison, I decided to see if I could do something about it**". The result of this was that about 8 months ago David, and Will Thurbin the head of Residence at HMP Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight, set up Veterans in Prison Association, VIPA, of which Simon Weston (Falklands Veteran) is a Patron. Having set up this association these two spent a considerable amount of time carrying out research and were amazed at the amount of American Vets currently serving sentences in the USA system. They found that the majority of those Vets serving custodial sentences could be linked to heavy drinking and drug related violent behaviour. The 500 vets currently in prison rises to 24,000 when you include those on parole or serving Community Punishment Orders.

This association is volunteer based and hopes to offer support and guidance, encouragement and to promote camaraderie, rebuild esteem, pride and an identity. Their aims are too numerous to list here but if you are interested and wanted to get involved there are a number of contacts listed below.

Website in progress but with a number of links -[www.veteransinprison.co.uk](http://www.veteransinprison.co.uk)

Officer Dave Wilson or Governor Will Thurbin at HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight. PO305NX - Tel 01983 554357.

E-mail [david.wilson08@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:david.wilson08@hmps.gsi.gov.uk) or [william.thurbin@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:william.thurbin@hmps.gsi.gov.uk)

## SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

A Happy New Year to all members and friends of the Bowling Club - particularly Jim Hatton, who is home after his short visit to Hinchingsbrooke, and we wish him well and look forward to his complete recovery in time for the new bowling season.

The winter programme of repairs continues, and those who haven't visited the club, all the new windows and doors have been installed, which will enable much better, and warmer viewing in the future. Our dedicated team are to start work, improving the changing rooms, at the end of January - if the weather relents enough to make it possible!

Of course the usual winter jobs around the green and its surrounds will need doing before the start of the season, and the Tuesday work schedule will resume when the weather is favourable - I suggest that if you wish to volunteer you should contact Derek.

The position of Deputy President has been filled since the AGM by Jean Garner, who I am told gracefully accepted the job with out too much arm twisting - well done Jean.

We can look forward to a good year (no pun intended) in 2010 with a number of representative matches being awarded to Sawtry - another recognition of the high standards that are being set at the club.

The social side of the club goes forward apace - the ever popular 'Burns Night' will have taken place by the time of this edition, and will have been enjoyed by those who attended, and can still remember it! The immediate future programme includes:-

Whist Drives on 27th February and April,  
and another popular event - the 'Easter Bingo' on Saturday 13th March.

Details of the Opening Day will be in the next edition of 'The Eye'

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## Sawtry Motorcycle Club

Well first of all, happy New Year to everyone from the Sawtry Motor Cycle Club. By the time you are reading this we will have had our AGM and voted in a new "dynamic" committee. We found out last year that having only three committee members meant some things worked well, but others not so well so we are returning to a larger committee with dedicated individual responsibilities. Check out the club website at [www.sawtrymcc.co.uk](http://www.sawtrymcc.co.uk) to find out who is in charge of off road events (enduro, green laning and moto-x) as well as club visits and trips. We plan to have a good selection of events organised for club members to attend.

We will have just had our "Start the Year" party on 30<sup>th</sup> January at the Working Men's Club so details of that should be on the website as well. The theme is "Mods & Rockers" so hopefully there will be no re-enactment of the Brighton seafront scene from Quadrophenia half way through the evening.

Our notice board is being kept up to date in the entrance hall to the Greystones Pub so if you are passing, pop in and have a look. It has photos of past ventures and a list of future events.

I know there are still quite a few bikers out there in Sawtry and surrounding villages that haven't involved themselves with the club yet and we would like to meet you. A club needs to grow and not remain static so we are making an effort this year to advertise for new members. Come down on any Tuesday and tell us what you'd like the club to be involved in. Charity issues? European touring? Green lane off roading? The club is now ten years old and we would like to involve new members to ensure we are still going strong in ten years time.

There are a few club members going down to Ace Cafe Motorcycle & Custom Show at the Alexandra Palace (Ally Pally) on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone interested is more than welcome as we shall probably be going by car and we can see if we can fit you in. For more details on the show go to [www.acecustomshow.com](http://www.acecustomshow.com).

Another event that we are getting involved in is the Help 4 Heroes Charity Fancy Dress Bike Ride on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It's a 300 mile round trip down to the Help 4 Heroes office near Andover starting in St Ives and picking up bikers en-route. There's only a few of us from the club involved so far, but it is a national event so expect to see us on the telly. For more information about the event go to Facebook and search for "Help 4 Heroes Charity Fancy Dress Bike Ride". It should be an amazing day out for a worthwhile cause. Expect to be hassled with sponsorship forms in the near future.

This year not only will we be marshalling at the Sawtry Carnival Parade, we will have a club stand at the Carnival as well. It's a chance to see a selection of our bikes and talk to us about what we do and where we've been. It's also a chance to find out what is involved in passing your motorcycle test and getting out there on two wheels.

As well as the planned events we should be doing our regular Tuesday night ride-outs exploring the local area and having the odd ale or two. Club members will also have the advantage of a dedicated texting system this year. If you fancy a ride out or hear of a good trip then one text will alert all club members. This should be great on those Sunday mornings when you look out at the glorious weather and think "Could do with taking the bike out today, wonder if anyone else is?"

Hope to see more of you out on the bikes this year as we have a full agenda. All we need is the weather to be kind and for people to get their bikes out of the garage once in a while.

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## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

*Come on! Give it a go!*

*Still reasonably fit? Eyesight not failing yet?*

*How about a game of cricket?*

*Maybe you haven't played since you left school?*

*Maybe you have never played?*

Our Club welcomes players of all ages and abilities, but especially would like to attract some senior players to strengthen the league teams. You don't have to commit yourself to playing every week. Join the Club and say when you are available. If you are interested, please give me a ring and have a chat about it.

If you once played and feel that you are 'past it', but would like to be involved, then why not offer your services as an umpire. A short training course for aspiring umpires is being run at Alconbury in February.

Details from me or the Club Secretary, Mrs Diane Burcham (01487 834699).

Dick Tuplin (Chairman 01487 830095)