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Welcome to The Giddings

We are delighted to announce that the Sawtry Eye is now being delivered to the residents of Great Gidding, Little Gidding and Steeple Gidding and welcome them to the Sawtry Eye.



**SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIP**

SUPER HERO RACE NIGHT

on Friday 21st March

At Sawtry Community College

Back by popular demand!

Tickets £12 including food, available very soon from SSBP members and the CARESCO office

For more information contact Ralph on 01487 832683



RACE NIGHT

GLATTON VILLAGE HALL

7PM SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

Enjoy an evening of fun and have a flutter while watching real horse racing

Corporate sponsorship for horses available.

In aid of the Village Hall Charity

Contact Bob Widd on 07785 11785 for details and tickets or email bob@bwa-trees.co.uk

Licensed bar and hot chilli supper

The RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band performs

Movie Magic!



A concert of music from Broadway and Film.

Saturday 22 February 2014.

Sawtry Community College.

Door and Bar opens 7pm. Concert starts 7.30pm prompt.

Tickets £10 includes popcorn. Available from CARESCO office, or by phone to CARESCO on 01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk

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Welcome

to the residents of the Giddings, Gt, Lt & Steeple.

We are delighted to be able to include your villages in our circulation area for the first time. Please let us have your news & views so that we can share them with our other readers and help spread the word to publicise your activities and events. Our thanks to those who have agreed to do the deliveries.

We also welcome the latest arrivals on the new estate off Gidding Road in Sawtry. Hope you managed to find your way around and that all the information you need about local activities is included here, including adverts for many of our local tradesmen at the back. Please mention the Eye when responding to any advertisements.

It's been a bit of a damp start to 2014 but hopefully as you are tucked up indoors on these dark wet evenings you are already planning your entries for this year's Sawtry Show. Under the new rules everyone who has a Sawtry Eye magazine delivered to their home is entitled to enter, so let's make it a bumper year. The outline list of classes are on the coloured page in the middle of this magazine, with details to follow later.

Have a good one.

Liz



Liz Coates - Co-Editor

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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Spring Term 2014

Half Term, 17 - 21 February

End of Term - 4 April

Summer Term 2014

Start of Term - 22 April

Half term, 26 May to 30 May

End of Term - 23 July

Autumn Term 2014

Start of Term - 4 September

Half term, 27 October to 31 October

End of Term - 19 December

Spring Term 2015

Start of Term - 6 January

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 - during all weeks containing a bank holiday, collection days will change from the usual

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry and the surrounding villages 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)

3 & 17 February

3, 17 & 31 March

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

10 & 24 February

10 & 24 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 1st Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)
Charity Number 229016

6th February

Joyce Day — The Work of a Councillor

How local government works —visitors welcome
Competition—most unusual item beginning with 'A'

6th March

John Wright—The American Civil War

Competition—most unusual item beginning with 'M'

Visitors and New Members always receive a warm welcome
If you haven't tried the WI before, come along and meet us,
have fun and go home with a smile!!

Regular features include:

Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

President: Linda Lavery / Maureen Westbrook
(01487 830282 / 832841)



Is open every Friday

(including School

Holidays) at the

CARESCO Centre,

Green End Road, Sawtry

(Behind the Old School Hall)

9.00 - 11.30am

A Warm Welcome For A
Coffee, Cake And A Chat

For Issue No: 109
April—May 14

Advertisements by
12 Noon on 14 March
News Items by
12 Noon on 21 March

Full Page: Portrait
(17.5cm x 26cm)
1 Issue - £120
6 issues - £600

Half Page: Landscape
(13cm x 17.5cm)
1 Issue - £64
6 Issues - £320

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(6.5cm x 8.5cm)
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Monday - Friday

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- Payment with advertisement please.
- We can accept payment by BACS (please contact the office for payment details), by cash or cheque (made payable to 'CARESCO')
- Sorry, we cannot accept payment by card.
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Christmas Quiz 50 Years of Bands



Congratulations to our winner
Mr Keith Reveley of Stamford
on scoring 99/100 in our recent music quiz.
Mr Reveley has received his prize
of a £25 gift card.

Thank you to everyone who supported us
and to Duncan for organising.



THE END OF AN ERA

It is with great sadness that the CARESCO management committee decided in December to begin to wind down the Nearly New shop which runs out of the CARESCO Centre on Friday mornings alongside the Coffee Shop, but it was for the best of reasons.

Started in 1984, only two years after CARESCO came into being, Nearly New was run in the old Homecraft Centre, near the 'Ag Centre' (now the Youth and Community Centre) off Green End Road in Sawtry. According to Marjorie Dybeck's book *The Story of CARESCO* (published in 1998, copies available from the office), the early team had to work hard:

Nearly New's "intrepid organisers had to struggle hard to establish it. The idea had been around for a long time, but had foundered for lack of storage space. They scrounged portable clothes rails from a shop in the village, and first had to take them home between sessions! Later they dragged the rails down the steps and across the yard, (rain or shine,) into another portable classroom, where the clothes could be locked up until they were dragged back for the next week's session. Hours had to be spent sorting and pricing the garments which were brought in, and an elaborate system of book-keeping and tags was devised by a wizard at accounts from the nearby American Air Force base, to keep track of who owed what and to whom. A proportion of the price paid went into CARESCO's funds..... When the Printshop was taken over the storage problem was eased. All the rails fitted into the former office, to be brought out for display on Tuesday Evening and Wednesday morning. A long mirror then turned the store into a useful changing room."

Countless customers have used the service over the years to find second-hand bargains and spend time chatting with friends and the many volunteers who have helped out. In the nineties the Coffee Shop was started alongside Nearly New as a fundraiser for a new building as the Homecraft Centre was getting beyond repair. In 2001 CARESCO moved into the purpose built Centre at on the opposite side of the car park taking Nearly New along too. In April 2013 CARESCO opened its first charity shop at Greenways in Sawtry, and it is the success of the shop which has had the knock on effect of taking customers away from Nearly New. So, although we are sorry to see the end of an era, it is because things have moved on and the charity shop is available all week rather than for one morning a week with far more stock to choose from. So a huge thank you to all the staff, volunteers and customers who have made Nearly New what it was over the years, it's been great.

The Nearly New team can still be reached by emailing nearlynew@caresco.org.uk or calling the CARESCO Centre for any outstanding enquiries.

For more information about the history of CARESCO, please visit www.caresco.org.uk

Liz Coates, General Manager

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

14 & 28 February
14 & 28 March

5th Saturday Special: 29 March

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

For more information call 01480 450250
or email FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk

PETERBOROUGH

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

Organised by Peterborough City Council.
For more information call 01733 452217
or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk

OUNDLE

Every 2nd **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm
Market Street

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council

Tel: 01832 272055, email: 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.

SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB

Are you a lapsed line dancer or always thought you would like to learn, well, come to our class and have fun, no partner required. Everyone is welcome, come along and make new friends, enjoy yourself and keep fit at the same time.

We're a friendly sociable class, dancing to all types of music; country, pop, contemporary.

**Held at Sawtry Community College,
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ**

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

No classes half term - 19th February

Spring Term ends 2nd April

7 - 7.30pm - Beginners' Class
7.30 - 9.30pm - Improvers

£3.50 per session

Contacts:-

Keith Geary - 01487 832925

email: wilfred@keithgeary.plus.com



PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

21st February

2nd May

Starts 7.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry

**Contact CARESCO Office
01487 832105**



FEAST SUPPER BINGO

Thursday 27th March
At Sawtry Club



7pm Doors Open
7.30pm Eyes Down

"Cash Prize Last Flyer"

**For more information please
contact 01487 834280**

100TH ANNIVERSARY

WW1

**COMMEMORATIVE
POPPY APPEAL PIN**

**WITH THE DATES
1914 - 2014**

NOW AVAILABLE FROM

**ALLEN FOWLER
01487 830806**



c.c.c.

**SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB
Annual Family New Year
Quiz Night**

Friday 31st January 2014

Starting 7.45pm

Sawtry Working Men's Club
£10 Per Team (maximum 4 adults
Per Team)

**Please contact Karen Leader on
01487 832645 /
karenleader@yahoo.co.uk**



WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



We meet on the second Thursday of each month

7.30pm until 9.30pm

At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road

Everyone will receive a warm welcome young or old, male or female beginners or experienced we learn from each other

For more information please contact 01487 830186



SAWTRY WI In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

14 & 28 February

14 & 28 March

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

SOUP AND PUD LUNCH

13th February

12 noon - 2pm

Tickets £5

From Linda Lavery (01487 830282)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

COFFEE MORNING

13th March

10.30am - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

Contact for events

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

President: Linda Lavery 830282

Maureen Westbrook 832841

Charity Number 229016

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

At Sawtry Club

On Tuesday nights

7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

Everyone is welcome

25th February

Speaker and subject to be announced

25th March

Speaker and subject to be announced



For more information please contact: -

Phil Boon - phillip.boon@talktalk.net

Dave Woodhams - 01487 831921

GLATTON WI

We meet on 2nd 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

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

For more information see:

the Huntingdon & Peterborough WI

website www.hpfwi.com or

Glatton Village Website:

www.glatton.org.uk



TAI CHI CHUAN & QIGONG CLASS

What is it?

An ancient system of exercises that promote wellbeing

When and where?

Tuesdays 11am - 12noon

Thursdays 19.30—20.30 *

*New class—please register your interest for FREE taster

The Old School Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry

To book please contact Helen Trill
on 07985 449096 or email info@qilates.co.uk



SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

invite you to their

Family Easter Bingo

On

Friday 21st March

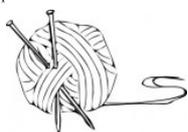
Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Eyes down 6:45 p.m.

Raffle and refreshments

All proceeds to contribute towards
playground equipment

For more information please telephone
the school office on 01487 830204



Craft Buddies

We're a small friendly 'knit and natter' group and we would love to welcome new members to join us.

Come and meet new friends, learn new skills, and share your knowledge.

Bring along your projects or just come to chat. Anyone can come along, all ages and experience levels, male or female, any type of crafts welcome, not just knitting

There's no charge to come along, you don't have to come every week and you can come and go as you please.

Drinks, including tea and coffee are available to buy at the bar

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday

At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Just turn up or for more info contact

Carolyn on 01487 832682

or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk



Just For Kicks Rock and Roll Club

Yaxley & District Royal British Legion Social Club,
210 Broadway, Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambs. PE7 3NR

Record Hop

Every Monday night

Only £2 entry

under 16's free if accompanied.

Large dance floor....

cheap drinks...large car park...

family club

Tel Steve 07718511640/

Ken 07857066959

fancy wiping out waste?

(and raise money for a great cause too!)



Ellie's Fund
Brain Tumour Trust

www.elliesfund.com

Registered Charity No. 1138359

design by www.themartstation.com



Ellie's fund have asked for us to send them our used nappy wipe packets (any brand). These will then be recycled and money will be donated to

Ellie's Fund. They will receive 2p per wipe packet. We needed some help from all Parents, Carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and Friends.

Kimble's Childcare has worked together with Loopy Lou's Childcare, Buttons and Bows Pre-school, Learning Bears, Fen Lane Pre-school,

Sawtry Day Nursery, Sunshine Children's Centre and One Leisure Crèche to ensure that the whole of Sawtry were aware of this cause.

Thank you to all that helped collect the wipe packets and have raised money for such a great cause. We have collected an AMAZING 3250 wipe packets which is the equivalent of £65! So well done

Please follow the Sawtry Wipe Collection Page in Facebook.



Sawtry Day Nursery .co.uk
Providing outstanding quality childcare



Buttons and Bows
Pre-School Sawtry



MILITARY WIVES TO PERFORM AT SAWTRY "MOVIE MAGIC"

The Military Wives choir from RAF Wyton and Brampton will be making a special appearance at the Movie Magic concert being performed by the RAF Wyton Voluntary Band in Sawtry on Saturday 22nd February.

The choir, formed last year, consists of more than 20 women, and is directed by Graham Sheldon who is also bandmaster of the RAF Wyton band. They will be performing two numbers at the concert.

The Concert features music from film and Broadway, and will include some audience singing and participation! Tickets cost £10 each and include free popcorn. The doors and bar open at 7pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm prompt.



Tickets from CARESCO office, call 01487 832105, email office@caresco.org.uk or call in any weekday morning.

SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2014 - SELECTION & CROWNING NIGHT

FRIDAY 28th MARCH - From 7PM – Late

At Sawtry Club, 10 Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

ALL GIRLS MUST WORK, STUDY OR BE RESIDENT IN SAWTRY

AGE: 5-8 ROSEBUD - (SAWTRY CARNIVAL DAY ONLY 7TH JUNE 2014)

9-12 JUNIOR PRINCESS & JUNIOR QUEEN

13-21 SENIOR PRINCESS & SENIOR QUEEN

AND BE AVAILABLE FOR VARIOUS DATES / EVENTS DURING THE YEAR !!

PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORM FOR DATES

Which can be obtained from school offices or email

DISCO AND RAFFLE (ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE CARNIVAL COURT)

ENTRY CHARGE: ADULT - £2; CHILD - £1

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: BEV ON 07902450272

sawtrycarnivalcourt@hotmail.co.uk

DONT FORGET TO VISIT OUR SAWTRY CARNIVAL COURT PAGE ON FACEBOOK



Letters ...



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Co-operative Funerals branch in Sawtry helped the village's youngsters and elderly to get into the festive spirit.

Funeral administrator and arranger June Underwood arranged for children from the infant school to sing and go handbell ringing at Hillview Care Home and Mellors Court sheltered accommodation.

The branch also provided transport so that the youngsters could entertain residents at Oakleigh residential care home in Alconbury Weston and St George's care home in Glatton.

The children received selection boxes as a 'thank you' from the branch.

June also organised a Christmas colouring competition with Buttons and Bows Pre-School and Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup.

The children were asked to colour a picture of Rudolph the reindeer. Buttons and Bows winner was three-year-old Tao Thomson. Sawtry Pre-School winner was Noah Curtis (3).

They both received board games while all the other children who took part shared tins of chocolates!



CAPTIONS Top - Bottom:

- In tune... Sawtry Infant School youngsters treat Hillview Care Home residents to a spot of handbell ringing.
- Tao Thomson with his colouring competition entry and prize.
- Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup winner Noah Carter (holding the board game) with other children who entered the colouring competition.

Letters ... 

ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2013

On behalf of all at All Saints, we'd like to record a big thank you to everyone who took part in the first Christmas Tree Festival held at the beginning of Advent, 29th November to 1st December 2013.

One minute it was a spark of an idea and then, with so much support, grew quickly enough to have 22 trees on display, and how lovely they all were. Such varied and clever ideas which meant the Church looked lovely, especially in the night light, and they were an inspiration to all who came along. Thank you to the many visitors, too. Your generosity raised £202.00 for the Salvation Army collection for which we have received grateful thanks, and £120.00 for the Church, received through the sale of refreshments.

We hope to have another Festival in two years time making it a bi-annual event! We heard lots of fresh ideas for 'our next tree', so do hope even more groups will join in next time. It was lovely to see so many visitors to the Church and we hope the event added to your enjoyment of the Christmas season.

Sue Simmons
(for All Saints' Events Team)

Remembering a Very Special Dad & Grandad Stanley Reginald Redhead who passed away on 6th February 2008

There was magic in your warm embrace,
and sunshine in your smile,
There was Love in everything you did to make
our lives worthwhile.
Your laughter was a source of joy, your words
both warm and kind,
No greater Dad or Grandad will you ever find.
Your presence is missed, your memory is treasured,
Loving you always, forgetting you Never.

All our Love Forever
Mark, Mandy, Sam & Jordan xxx

DRESS OWNER WANTED

A few months ago a lady left a prom dress at our charity shop to be sold through Nearly New but did not leave any contact details. Unfortunately the dress didn't sell and we have as yet been unable to trace the original owner. If the dress belongs to you or someone you know, please make contact with the CARESCO office giving a description as we would like to return it.

If we cannot find the owner then we will have to sell it on or donate it to another charity.

Liz Coates
Contact: office@caresco.org.uk or 01487 832105

Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX
Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

60th  60th

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 60th anniversary to Joan & Pat Lee. Love at first sight on the beach in Selsey, grew into the happiest and most loving marriage. You are an inspiration and role model to us all.



With all our love and gratitude for all that you are and all that you do.

From your entire family xxx



1940s NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our wonderful Spirit of the Blitz night back in November.

A wonderful evening was had by all who attended, thanks to the Rhythm in Blues RAF band and the amazing Maggi, the lady behind it all.

Special thank you to Debbi and her girls at Salon 42 for styling the make-up and hair of the female volunteers for the night.

Photos are available on the CARESCO website.

If you attended the evening and left behind a bucket and shovel, please get in touch with the office to reclaim them.

SPIRIT OF THE BLITZ

I would just like to comment on the Spirit of the Blitz evening held back in November. Thank you to all who organised, helped and took part. What a great evening, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Please can we have another or something similar in the future?

Belle Clark, Sawtry

CHRISTMAS CURRY

Sawtry Small Business Partnership held their Xmas Celebration evening at Shampun Masala in December. A great time was had with excellent food, atmosphere and a secret Santa gift lucky draw. With 39 people attending the restaurant was comfortably busy. Chairman Ralph Maloney and all the committee would like to thank Ayna and his staff for the service and quality of food that was enjoyed on the evening. Looking forward to another evening during 2014

Ralph Maloney

SSSH – THIS IS MY CHRISTMAS SECRET

On Christmas Day morning at approximately 11.50am I walked from my house to the CARESCO Centre where after signing in I was offered a selection of drinks and nibbles, which I thought was a nice idea as it allowed people to chat and get to know each other. After a little while it was announced that lunch was about to be served, which was no problem as we had already made our choice from the extensive menu.

How the chefs were able to cook such a large variety of food and still serve it to absolute perfection I shall never know – personally I put it down to a little bit of Christmas magic which we all look forward to at this time of year. Well after the meal (I should not be telling you this really), there was a sing-along with live music, then the Queen's Christmas Message and a surprise visit from Santa Clause who gave presents to everyone.

When, unfortunately, it was time to wend our way home, the organisers of this event offered 'doggy bags' to be taken home so that we could enjoy the meal for a second time. As a final gesture, on our way out we were each given a small gift bag which contained a card, a framed photograph of ourselves, a nice piece of Christmas cake and yet another present.

Now remember, this is my secret and I don't want you telling anyone else about it, otherwise there might not be room for me next year.

Derrick Morgan, Sawtry

THANK YOU FROM CARESCO

We have been very encouraged by a number of generous donations received over the past few weeks:

- From the Sawtry civic carol service in December, we received £150 being half the collection taken on the day.
- The staff at Salon 42 raised a wonderful £44 by serving seasonal refreshments to customers in December.
- The congregation at All Saints Church Sawtry have generously donated £620, a proportion of their own fundraising total.
- Carolina Bob supported our Christmas Day celebration by donating £25 towards the costs.

We have also received two recent private donations of £25 and £20 for which we are also very grateful.

While the funds will obviously come in very useful, we also appreciate the thought behind each and every one and they all encourage us to continue with our work serving the local community.

Liz Coates, General Manager



MESSAGE FROM CLLR DARREN TYSOE

District Councillor for Sawtry and Executive Councillor for Environment Draft Local Plan Consultation

At the time of writing, the outcomes of the Draft Local Plan Consultation, which ended last year have not been published by the District Council. This forthcoming document, called the Proposed Submission Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 is expected in the early year.

You will be aware that I objected to all three of the housing allocations and two of the three employment areas. I'm hopeful that my objections, together with the work of the Sawtry Land Watch Group will have had enough influence to see a reduction in the considerable draft allocations that were well above sensible levels. As far as I am concerned, Sawtry and surrounding villages have fulfilled any obligation with the existing developments that are underway. We know that there are major flooding concerns, as well as genuine worries about hemming in homes and urbanizing the rural feel of the village. Strategic growth in housing belongs at Alconbury Enterprise Zone that will have the capacity to cope with the significant growth and support structures.

If the recommendations in the Proposed Submission has not shifted significantly in favour of less development, there will still be time to object and consider further action. I'll keep you informed of my actions.

Alconbury Enterprise Zone

In the neighbouring ward is one of the largest potential employment and housing developments in the region. Outline Planning was recommended by the District Council late last year. Given its size, the Secretary of State has to give final approval, but considering the pressure on building more homes, it's expected that this will be approved.

I wholeheartedly supported the outline application as it will provide high-tech jobs on the doorstep for residents in Sawtry and surrounding villages. Over a period of time, Alconbury will be a hub for jobs in higher skills areas that will offer an alternative to travelling to Cambridge, Peterborough or London.

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Feedback

The District Council has the job of collecting all of the Council Tax and then distributing it to the County Council, Police, Fire Service, and Parish Councils. It only keeps about 8% of the total amount collected; the rest goes to the other authorities.

The government has cut the amount of money it gives to local councils, so the District Council has to either cut its services, make efficiency savings, or raise Council Tax. We are currently consulting with residents to help us understand the value placed on key services, and you will have received a flyer recently from the Council that set out some of the challenges and invites you to comment. You can give feedback on www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/yourservices

If you would like to discuss your priorities for council services, then please do get in touch.

I am well aware that incomes have struggled with the accumulation over recent years of growing costs and higher bills, and will be mindful of this when it comes to making decisions on the level of Council Tax for 2014/15, keeping it as low as possible, and remaining one of the lowest in the country.

You can contact me on:

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Twitter: @darrentysoe

Telephone: 01480 388310

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Battle of Britain was the subject of a talk by Bob Birkett on 21st November 2013. Prompted by 'Operation Sea Lion' instigated by Adolf Hitler in July 1940 when we were vulnerable from our evacuation from Dunkirk, he thought it the right time to invade our shores. Our air power consisted of 800-900 Hurricanes and Spitfires, in contrast, the Luftwaffe had 1000-1200 Messerschmitt 109's. Seemingly more superior, but the maintenance of the Germans was poor, it took them days to repair damaged planes instead of the hours it took our mechanics to turn our aircraft around. On 15th August known to the Germans as 'Black Thursday', they suffered their greatest loss, 75 Bombers and fighters shot down. On 16th August Britain had no reserves, had Hitler decided to try again, we would have lost. Following this battle Winston Churchill addressed the House of Commons on 20th August and from this came his famous phrase 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few'. Hitler cancelled 'Operation Sea Lion' on 17th September. Bob certainly gave us food for thought and he hopes to be back at a later date. The next meeting is on 20th February, the subject – The Bronze Age Boats of Whittlesey Mere. A talk by Katie Davenport-Mackey.

We would like to know if there is anyone still in Sawtry who remembers an excavation that happened before the formation of the society in December 1975. The dig took place from November 1973 to February 1974 probably east of the A1. From the evidence we have we think that the code applied relates to "Sawtry Fen 1974" and there are other references to "Pond Site" "Sawtry Abbey" and "Road Line". There is no map and no excavation report but we do have spectacular artefacts and one photograph of the pottery on display in the village college in 1975 with a note stating that they were donated by 'Mr T Woods of Sawtry Roughts Farm'. It also states that the site remains mostly unexcavated. The excavation unearthed late Iron Age/Romano-British cremation urns and we would like to arrange reburial of the cremations as close as possible to their original burial place.

Contact philip-c-hill@sky.com, sawtryhistorysociety@gmail.com, or visit the Archive in the Library on a Saturday morning between 10-12.

Contact 01487 830054

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP



Who can believe it, but the shop has now been open for over 9 months! We apologise for any inconvenience for the extended shut down over the Christmas break but please remember that most of the team are volunteers and everyone needed a good rest to recharge their batteries. Now refreshed, the team are back in action to help you to find that irresistible bargain.

Donations continue to flood in, for which we are very grateful, but would ask that all contributions are in a good, clean and working order otherwise not only can we not sell them, but we then have to make arrangements to dispose them.

With the change of year, we are finding that there is some turnover of volunteers as people move on for various reasons and therefore we now have some gaps opening up in the rota. If you have some spare time and would like to get involved, please contact the duty manager at the shop to find out what is involved. We need both people willing to be a regular part of the team and also others who can be available for holiday/sickness cover both planned and at short notice.

Contact the shop on 01487 208026 or by email shop@caresco.org.uk

GOING GREEN

It's a long story that I won't bore you with now, but back in the summer we inherited a couple of pet gerbils plus cage. Not in their first flush of youth, they are both cream but otherwise typical of their species. They are cute, quiet and love nothing more than chewing up old cardboard food packaging & toilet roll tubes. As entertainment for the children, they have proved themselves well worth the small amount of mess, the low cost of their food and, unlike hamsters, are not nocturnal and therefore boring during the day. But it is as reducers of our recycling bin contents they have really come into their own.

In the time BG (Before Gerbils), as a family we would easily fill our one recycling wheelie bin each fortnight and usually overflowed into additional cardboard boxes etc before collection day. However since they moved in, we seldom reach the top of the bin and only have extras when there are large boxes or packaging which won't fit anyway. The rest of our recycling is systematically fed into the gerbils' cage where they welcome it as a new plaything, quickly and enthusiastically reducing it to small multicoloured shreds of card.

One of the many joys of keeping gerbils is that they don't smell unless left uncleaned for over a month, and cleaning them out is easy. While they are having fun running around the living room in plastic balls, their cage is quickly emptied by tipping it up over the compost bin (or occasionally the wormery as it's a good source of brown waste), then relined with paper and a small layer of sawdust. They will make up the rest of their bedding themselves from the endless supply of packaging we manage to produce as a household. All we give them in addition is a square shaped glass jam jar and an old mug which lie on their sides and act as a place for food and a toilet.

They love those muesli boxes best; the ones with a hole in the front where they can peep out at the world and generally treat the whole lot as one big adventure playground. I'd certainly recommend them as eco-friendly pets!



Eco Apprentice

AN EYE ON NATURE

Anyone shopping in Sawtry Co-op last Autumn may have been asked to donate their change to the Great Fen Appeal but what is the Great Fen?

The idea of a landscape scale nature reserve began in 2001. At the time there were two National Nature Reserves within the proposed project area: Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen. The eventual goal is to incorporate both reserves in an area covering 14 square miles named The Great Fen.

The whole area of the Great Fen was historically covered in fen and the largest lowland lake in England, Whittlesea Mere. The first attempts at draining the fens were carried out during Roman times which continued until finally draining of Whittlesea Mere was completed in the 19th Century.

Much of the area became fine agricultural land growing many crops, but the peat is now disappearing fast, either by the famous fen blows or oxidising away. It is also shrinking due to drainage thus exposing great tree trunks – the bog oaks. The plan is to restore the area to a range of fen habitats.

Creation of the Great Fen involves a partnership comprising the Wildlife Trust BCN (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire) and expert support from the Environment Agency, Huntingdonshire District Council, the Middle Level Commissioners and Natural England. Supporters also include former Prime Minister John Major, Stephen Fry and HRH The Prince of Wales.

A grant of £7.2 million from the National Lottery Fund kick-started the project with a great deal being achieved already. The areas under conservation management now cover 41% of the total area in partnership, which is 55% of the total area of the Great Fen.

Areas under conservation management now support a wonderful range of wildlife including barn owls, otters and water voles. Cranes have also visited but have not bred yet. Restoration of the fens takes many forms including starting with seeding grass after the last arable crop has been harvested. A hay crop is taken off then sheep are grazed finishing off with cattle to give the land a more varied structure which is great for ground nesting birds such as lapwing and skylark.

Another large area in the project is currently being converted to reed bed. Rymes Reedbed, as it is known will be expanded in the near future by another 140 hectares known as Kesters' Docking, creating a regionally significant area of reed bed surrounded by wet grassland.

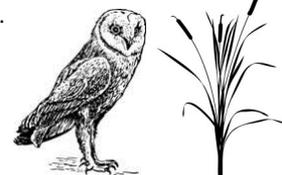
Public access to the Great Fen is continuously expanding with parts to explore including a visitor information point, car park and picnic area on the B660 road at New Decoy Farm. From the picnic site there is a circular walk through grassland and into a young woodland where the visitor will find a bird hide, Ballard Hide (renamed Jon's Hide in honour of Jon Smith who masterminded its construction and sadly died in November), built in 2013 from straw bales. There are waymarked routes in Holme Fen and Woodwalton Fen. Rymes Reedbed (to the NE of Holme Fen) can be viewed from the new Trundle Mere lookout hide with much to see including lapwings, egrets, herons and brown hares.

Returning full circle to the appeal supported by the Co-op, another area of 182 hectares has become available for restoration in a key area linking already existing wildlife sites. The National Lottery Fund has offered to fund the project but they will require match funding of over £100,000 which is why you were asked for a donation.

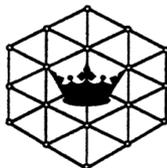
For more information on the Great Fen see the website www.greatfen.org.uk or email info@greatfen.org.uk or phone 01487 710420/815524

Martin Baker

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Have you ever considered becoming a school governor?

- Can you spare some time?
- Do you enjoy working as part of a team?
- Are you interested in serving the local community?

If the answer is YES then please get in touch.

Sawtry Infant School, currently has 2 Community Governor vacancies, and being at the heart of the local community we would like to encourage you to take up the opportunity of being considered as a school governor.

School governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education. Anyone with an interest in children's education can become a school governor. Governors are volunteers who work with the professional staff to ensure children get the best education the school can provide. They have an involvement in all aspects of school life, and carry out their duties by reading reports, asking questions and attending meetings. Schools benefit from having governors who represent all aspects of the local community and this is where you could fit in.

If you are interested, or would like more information please call 830678 or email clerk@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk. Applications should be made in writing to the school, the deadline for applications is Friday 21st March 2014.



SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2014 SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

With Christmas and New Year behind us (hope everyone had a great time) and the days beginning to stretch out again it's time to look forward to, hopefully, another lovely summer this year. Of course summer in Sawtry isn't complete without the Sawtry Carnival.

Already much work is going on in the background and the carnival committee are beavering away to make it another fun family day out for Sawtry and surrounding villages. Entertainments, music and dance, stalls and activities are already being booked. If your club or business would like a pitch on the site please contact sawtrycommittee@gmail.com if your group would like to take part in the parade or if your group would like to take part in the arena entertainment please contact Dawn Quince at info@sawtrydaynursery.com

Remember that the theme for this year is **Countries of the World Cup** so there is lots of opportunity to have fun dressing up for the parade and dressing stalls and club stands to reflect one of the countries in the running. Businesses wishing to raise their profile by advertising in the carnival programme or sponsoring the event in any way such as donating raffle prizes can do so easily by contacting Jackie Martin at acefrizbee@aol.com

The parade will be the longer route we used last year with the option of ducking out half way around into the Old School Hall car park for the little ones. For extra safety it would be appreciated if parking on the route could be minimised if at all possible for that morning.

Plenty to think about and to get involved with for now but don't put it off too long because stall and stand space is limited and time slots for the Arena events are going fast too.

We look forward to a busy carnival this year – see you there!

The Carnival Committee

For more information please contact Jo on 07944 895114

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Support CARESCO by recycling your old unwanted computer/laptop

Recycling has become an important part of our everyday life. **Zip Computers** in association with CARESCO are now able to offer a recycling program to help support and raise funds for CARESCO.

If you have an old, broken or simply unwanted computer, laptop or computer equipment, then recycling through Zip Computers will raise funds for CARESCO. You will also have the added knowledge that your unwanted equipment will not end up misappropriated.

For each item donated, Zip Computers will pay between £5.00 & £15.00 (price to be agreed at the time). A receipt will be issued that can be given to CARESCO that will then be redeemed by Zip Computers at the end of each month.

All computers will be dismantled; hard drives will be wiped of all data to industry standards. All residue components will then disassembled and melted down in order to retrieve the metal content; any computer that is able to be repaired will be resold and the price donated to CARESCO (minus the trade repair costs).

To arrange for collection, advice or information please contact:-

Zip Computers 01487 832253 or 07885 280446

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Computer Help!

Want to know how to use a computer free of charge? We hold basic sessions on a Tuesday from 4pm. If you are interested please see a member a staff for more information.

Half term event - Fun Art Workshop

Wednesday 19th February 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Come along and join in with award winning children's author Nicola Killen in an Interactive workshop. This is a free event for children between 4 – 8 years of age, early booking is advised as limited places are available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sawtry History Society Archaeology Morning in Sawtry Library

Saturday 22nd February 9.30am – 12.00. Come and view Pottery and Artefacts found in Sawtry and the surrounding area. Cambridgeshire Archaeology experts will be on hand to answer questions and identify your own finds.

E-Tech event at Huntingdon Library

Wednesday 19th March 10am - 2pm. Thinking of getting a new device? Come along to our 'try before you buy' event in conjunction with John Lewis.

E-Books

If you have a computer you can download e-books and e-audio books as well, just log onto the Cambridgeshire Libraries web pages search for e-books and follow the instructions.

OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	4.00 - 7.00
Wednesday	9.30 - 12.30; 2.00 - 5.00
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	2.00 - 5.00
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30

To renew Books: 0345 045 5225

To renew or Request Books www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Pam Goodwin



SAWTRY SHOW 2014

13TH September at SAWTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

The classes for this year's Show are listed elsewhere in this edition of the 'Eye'. The full Schedule, detailing the requirements for the classes, e.g. given recipes, photograph sizes, rules etc. will be produced in early summer.

We hope to build on the success of last year's Show, and would like to see even more entries this year.

Suffice it to say that anyone living in the distribution area of 'Sawtry Eye', or belonging to any Sawtry organisation, or attending any of the Sawtry schools, is eligible to take part. All classes are open to everyone of all ages except, obviously, the designated Junior Classes.

The object of the Show is to get people doing things----arts, crafts, cookery, gardening etc. Yes, there are trophies to be won, but for most, it is the satisfaction of producing something and getting involved in a community event.

If you are new to the area or new to the idea of a Village Show, and would like to know more, please contact me on 01487 830095.



Dick Tuplin (Show Committee Chairman)

NEARLY NEW

Well it's the end of an era.

With the brilliant success of the Charity Shop, we have decided to close Nearly New after 29 years. It has been a pleasure to work in this position with my volunteers and I would like to thank Clair Adamson and Gill Hussey for all their help and support since 2009 when I took over. Thanks must also go to Doreen Rickard for all her time before she left us to go to the Charity Shop. To all of the managers and volunteers before my time - thank you.



For all of our Nearly New customers who have completed a Gift Aid form, your GA number can be used if you are to make donations to the shop. I will contact you if you have any items or money to collect once we have finalised all the stock.

Many thanks for all your custom over the years and we'll hopefully see you in the shop!

If you would like more information, please pop in or contact us at nearlynew@caresco.org.uk

Nicole Thynne



**www.sawtry.net
www.ssbpartnership.org**

The SSBP, your local not for profit business group is heading for a record 50 members this new year. Having this many local active businesses we are able to raise much needed funds for local charities plus own and manage Sawtry.net.

We will be holding our third **Super Hero race night** on Friday March 21st. Back by popular demand ! Tickets will be available very soon from SSBP members and the CARESCO office.

We also have some great news about Sawtry Carnival. Our member Cromwell Vets will be organizing along with the SSBP the first Sawtry Dog Show to be held on carnival Day. More information to come soon. Tell your canine friends to smarten themselves up and take home a rosette!

Please do take a look at www.sawtry.net It allows opportunities for local groups and individuals to tell the community about their activities and interests. Local news is very much needed for the site as well as club details and programmes of events. Each local group can have their own page which they can update themselves allowing the local community (and the rest of the world!) to know what is happening within that club or future events.

The site also gives everybody access to local trades and businesses with each SSBP member having a detailed description of what services are available.

The Partnership is open to any business large or small and membership is only £50.00 a year. This gives every member marketing opportunities via the website and a Directory which is distributed door to door in Sawtry and surrounding areas.

If you have a local business and would like to find out more about what the Partnership might have to offer you please take a look at the website.

Contact Ralph Maloney, Chairman on 01487 832683 or email: ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org

THE MULBERRIES

Road Names on the New Gidding Road Development

The names for this estate were chosen by the Developers from the War Memorial and approved by the District Council. Rowell Way, Richardson Drive, Parker Crescent, Hodson Court, Woollard Walk and Stapleton Close. We hope to bring you some information on the names chosen and the service to their country during the two World Wars over the next few issues.



ROWELL WAY (2)

The main road around the new estate named after the Rowell family from Sawtry a large family consisting of brothers, cousins and uncles. Mainly agricultural workers in the surrounding area. Relatives of the families can be found still living in Sawtry and surrounding villages.

Rowell H Pte. – Herbert, born 1888 son of George Henry and Elizabeth Rowell of High Street Sawtry and husband of Alice of North Road, Conington. They also had a daughter called Alice Ena. Herbert enlisted in Peterborough during the early 1900's as a regular soldier and served as a Private in India and Aden as a member of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, he was also a keen sportsman.

On leaving the Army he automatically became a member of the Regular Reserves and worked with his father on agricultural Steam engines until called to arms at the outbreak of the 1st World War on the 4th August 1914. The Battalion landed in Le Harve on 13th August 1914 and took part in the Battle of the Aisne which opened on 13th September 1914. Herbert was killed in action on Thursday 17th September 1914 in France and is commemorated on La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Sein-et-Marne, France.

Herbert's grandchildren remain in Sawtry and the surrounding villages.

To be continued.....

Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell
Sawtry History Society



SAWTRY CHORALE

www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

2013 was a busy and rewarding year for Sawtry Chorale. The choir performed a total of 7 concerts all in aid of local churches and charities. In the summer we were invited to sing at Sawtry Methodist Church, Thorney Abbey and in Great Staughton. In September we were at Alconbury and guest performers included a Flute Choir and a Recorder Group made up of Alconbury School 'old girls' who are now in their early teens. Our Christmas concerts were in aid of Huntingdon and Kimbolton Castle charities, and Sawtry All Saints Church where the Alconbury 'Old Girls' performed again. All concerts were well attended by enthusiastic audiences.

After a well-earned Christmas break rehearsals started again on 16 January with a new programme for summer 2014. Attendance was excellent and we were very pleased to welcome 3 new members to our alto/soprano sections. Unfortunately, one of our male singers has left so, gentlemen, if you are a tenor, baritone or bass your local choir needs you! "I can't sing", I hear you say. "I can't read music". I say, if you like singing come and have a go. You never know, you might surprise yourself. And we will help you with the music. We 'note bash' at rehearsals and you can have a practice CD to take home. For more information you can ring me on 01487 830149, go to our website or come along to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

This is going to be a challenging year for the choir as we will be saying goodbye to two most important members of the choir. Shirley Allen who has been our Musical Director since 2004 is retiring after our summer concerts. At the same time Rebecca Rickwood, our accompanist, will also be leaving us as she is off to university in the autumn. It is not going to be easy replacing such a team.

Hazel Rea
Sawtry Chorale

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



A belated Happy New Year from all at Sawtry & District Royal British Legion. As the new Welfare Member for the Branch, I thought it would be useful to let people know what the RBL can do to help Legion beneficiaries regarding welfare, and how to go about applying. At the Branch level, my role as Welfare Member is mainly publicising and providing advice regarding these welfare services and acting in a liaison capacity if required.

Unfortunately, space available prevents me from listing the full range of services but they include war pensions and compensation claims, inquest advice, benevolent / welfare help, benefits and money advice, independent living, care homes, help with electrically powered vehicles, Poppy Breaks, Family Holiday Breaks and Adventure Breaks.

To qualify for support the beneficiary must have carried out seven days paid service in the Armed Forces (including Reserves). In addition there is an extensive list of others who have served their country who qualify. Also included are spouses and children, those divorced from a beneficiary and depending on circumstances, Carers who have an ongoing caring responsibility. So if you think that you or someone you know is in need and might be eligible for support, you can call me on **01487 831458** or **07554266650** or the **RBL Helpline on 08088028080**, which is open 8am – 8pm seven days a week. For further details, much more information can be found at www.britishlegion.org.uk

The RBL also provides a handyperson service, Poppy Calls, which will be available in this area very soon, carrying out minor home maintenance jobs. More details of this service can be found by calling the Poppy Calls Helpline on **08000320306**, or my number listed above and hopefully in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye when the service will be operational.

With my Events Member hat on, a few words on up-coming events. On 19 July, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1, the RAF Wyton Voluntary Band will be performing at the College, including the music from songs popular during WW1. Then on 6 September the RBL 40's Day will be returning after a years' absence.

Stewart Wylie - Welfare / Events Member

As the Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, I am pleased to inform you that upon receipt of the outstanding donations for wreaths, this year's appeal will surpass the total for the whole of the 2012 Appeal year. Once again very many thanks to all who made donations and gave their time to assist us, we couldn't have done it without you. These and donations from all Branches around the country and abroad have built up to a National figure of £32.4 million.

The Branch is also pleased to announce that we now have, with effect from the beginning of January, a new Chairman, Mr Billy Corner and a new Vice Chairlady, Mrs Carol Stobbs. We have also gained a few new members, some of which have joined the main committee and also to sub Events Committee. This has been a great boost to our moral and given us a good start in our planning for events over this Commemoration year, for the commencement of the Great War 1914- 1918.

Always happy to receive more applications for membership.

Allan Fowler 01487 830806

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

This year's supper will be held on 3rd June 2014 and is open to everyone who is actively retired and living in Sawtry. We are expecting to be at capacity once again. If you have not attended in the past and would like to attend this year, please contact me and I will put you on the waiting list.

There are a number of thanks we would like to make. Firstly we would like to say a very big (belated) thank you to Robert Suter for his generation donation. You may or may not be aware that Robert participated in the Virgin Excel Super Sprint Triathlon last year and kindly donated to us £440, a percentage of the money he raised through sponsorship.

We would also like to thank our President Dick Tuplin and his wife Pam. Once again they organised a very successful Dance back in September last year and made £505.00 which is marvellous. You may also see that they sell their home grown vegetables outside their house each year. Dick and Pam kindly donated £100 from the money they made to the Feast Supper Club.

We would also like to thank the Sawtry Winemakers and Co-op Funeral Parlour for their kind donations. The support we receive from our community is wonderful and really does assist us in continuing with the annual Supper.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

Kind regards

Jo Chapman (Alexander) 01487 834280 or 07976874579



DAY CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to all and a Happy New Year to all our members, villagers, staff and volunteers.

All our members are back and in good health. We ended the last year with a lunch out at the Ramblewood Inn which was very nice, we had a full house and fortunately the weather was kind.

We will see some changes in the new year as you all know Pat has retired as manager and we wish both Pete and her well, there is always room for her to come back (even if it's only for the washing up). Vicki is now in charge with myself still fulfilling the role as deputy.

We have done some planning for the new year and our entertainment programme is ongoing. When this issue goes out we will have had Pam Tuplin to entertain us, February still has to be filled and in March we have a singing group called the Merrymakers coming to sing for us.

We enter this New Year with a lot of news ideas to stimulate and entertain our members filled with ideas we generate ourselves and outside entertainment so stay tuned as they say. We are looking to do some craft work with our members during the year so if anyone has any suitable materials they would be willing to donate, please get in touch.

As I am always saying, this club is open to all who need it and we welcome anyone in the village to come and see how we work there is always a warm welcome and a cup of tea plus a nice home cooked lunch if you decide to stay and give us a try.

Bye for now

Gill Robinson, Deputy Manager, Sawtry Day Centre

You can find us at the CARESCO Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 2.30pm, email us at daycentre@caresco.org.uk or call the office on 01487 832105

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

MMR Vaccinations - Update

The national MMR "catch up" programme is still underway. The programme was set up in response to the fact that outbreaks of measles within the country have been significantly increasing.

We have invited patients born between 01.01.97 and 31.12.03 to attend for vaccination if their records indicate that they have not previously had any MMR vaccinations. If your child has previously had single vaccines it is still recommended to have 2 full MMRs for full protection against measles and we are in the process of inviting patients who fall into this category. In the meantime, if you are aware that your child has only had one previous MMR you are welcome to call us to book an appointment for the 2nd dose.

We are also able to provide the vaccination to any patient born on or before 31.12.98 who has not previously been vaccinated or acquired natural immunity during their life time, particularly those under the age of 30 who are unlikely to have acquired natural immunity. Patients in this group should contact our reception team and make an appointment to see one of our practice nurses.

Care.data

You may have seen reported in the news that the government are going to start collecting electronic data from GP surgeries via the care.data scheme. Every household in the country has either already received, or will be receiving a leaflet about this. Please make sure you read this and understand what this means. If any patient decides they do not want their data to be shared they should complete an opt out form which can be collected from our Reception team.

Afternoon Closures

Each year we have a number of half day closures which we use to facilitate staff training, engagement in local commissioning events, etc. We may either close entirely on these afternoons, or provide only a limited service. In both cases, in the event of an emergency you should call the surgery for further instructions. Dates booked for 2014 to date are as follows:

- Thursday 13th February
- Thursday 24th April
- Tuesday 17th June
- Wednesday 16th July
- Thursday 16th October

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

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REMEMBRANCE

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
John Thomas COLBERT	25 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.

St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry

Sunday Mass: 9.15am

Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.

There is a House Mass each month, and a weekly Prayer Group.

For further details of these and for any other enquiries,
 please contact Tony Stefanelli, 01487 830680

We are served by the Roman Catholic Parish of St Luke's
 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough, PE2 5XS

Parish Priest: Fr John Minh

01733 370877 Email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SERVICES

February	2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship for Candlemas
	9 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	16 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	23 rd	10.30 am	Holy Communion
March	2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	5 th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	9 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	16 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	23 rd	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	30 th	10.30 am	All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday

SUNDAY CLUB, ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

The Sunday Club will meet at 10.15am on the 9th and 23rd February, 9th and 23rd March at the home of Alison Scott (48 Newton Road). After school Adventurers Club (for Years 1 and 2) will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesdays 11th February and 11th March, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. Discoverers, for Junior School years 3-6 will meet at All Saints Church on Fridays 21st February and 14th March, 6 -7.30pm.

For more info on any of these groups, contact Ali Scott on 07506411507 or 832478.

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 CONTACT THE RECTOR

Contact Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 or wardrosie@btinternet.com with any general enquiries or enquiries about baptisms or weddings, if you would like a visit, you have any questions about the Christian faith, or would like to have prayers said for anyone.



www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk



Do you enjoy Singing?

Then why don't you think of joining the choir at All Saints' Church Sawtry

OPEN to boys, girls, men and women age 7+ (no upper age limit)

NO Audition **NO** previous singing experience needed, Choir robes provided

REHEARSALS are Tuesday evenings in term time 7 to 8.30pm at All Saints' Church

We ask for a regular commitment to sing at weekly Sunday services.

The choir also provides music for special occasions such as weddings

Please contact Choir Leader Helen Reece on 01487 830295

FAIRTRADE
FORTNIGHT 2014
24 FEBRUARY - 9 MARCH

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ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

February

2 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
9 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
16 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
23 rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion

March

2 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
9 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
16 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
23 rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
30 th	9.00am	All Age Mothering Sunday Service

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held in the Village Hall at 2pm on Saturday 1st March.

Quiz Night

The annual quiz night will be held on Saturday 8th March at 7pm in the village hall, Glatton. Tickets at £9, which includes a hot supper, are available from Shirley (831651) or PCC members

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

Please phone Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 with any general enquiries or notices you would like included, or if you wish to have prayers said for anyone.

Visit Glatton website for more information
Glattonparish.wordpress.com

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry
Rev Katy Dunn - Tel 01480 830314

Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am
 Sunday School at 10.30am

Special Services

All Age Worship

16th February – 10.30am
 Led by Laurie Horden

All Age Worship

16th March – 10.30am
 Led by Katy Salmon

Mothering Sunday

30th March – 10.30am
 Led by Rev Pam Siddall

Come and join us

Monday United Fellowship

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm
 Open to all
 3rd and 17th February,
 3rd, 17th, 31st March

Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30 – 11 am
 including Cake Stall
 All proceeds towards the building fund

TRY PRAYING

Lent starts this year on 5th March. This year, instead of 'giving up' something for Lent, why not try 'taking up' something this year? One thing to consider 'taking up', or having a go, might be praying. To try praying, find resources to help on a new website: www.trypraying.org. Or for more help, contact the Rector or another church leader.

Rev Rosie Ward

EXCITING NEWS FROM SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

I am the Minister at the Methodist Church on Green End Road, and we have some news we want to share with everyone in Sawtry. We have recently launched our Building Project, which we have called "Growing Together with Sawtry"

Our Church building is used for worshipping God but also for serving our community. We want to be of use to people of faith and no faith. The Church has been used by many Community groups over the years. At present we are the home for the Learning Bears Pre-school; Sawtry Tiny Tots Parent Toddler group; Indoor Bowls Club; Sawtry Chorale; Monday United Fellowship; Art Club and the Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club.

The purpose of the project is to redevelop the area between the Church and Sunday School Room, the Wesley Room, small kitchen, Crèche, and storeroom to give us:

- A modern, well-lit, welcoming entrance foyer
- New multi-function rooms
- Improved kitchens and cleaning areas
- New toilets with improved disabled access
- Secure, damp-free storage areas

Currently, the roof over the area between the Church and Sunday School is in urgent need of repair. For this reason, the work has been split into two phases:

Phase 1 is planned for Summer 2014 and will involve re-roofing the area between the Church and Sunday School Room, providing two new store rooms. The funds to complete this phase are already available.

Phase 2 is a much more major undertaking and will involve demolishing and rebuilding the rooms at the rear of the property. A date for this phase cannot be set until the majority of the funding is in place. We will be holding fund-raising events over the next year and more. Please come along to them and support us. Watch this space! In the meantime, if you want to find out more about our plans, do drop in to one of our Saturday Coffee Mornings which are from 9.30am-11am, we will give you a warm welcome.

Rev. Katy Dunn

The Garden Month by Month

My plant for February. *Hellebores niger + hyb.* Christmas / lantern rose. Herb. P. I think *hellebores niger* is one of the best late winter - flowering plants you can have in the garden they are an excellent addition to any border. The flowers can vary in colour from white, yellow, and green to, pink and purple. This is an excellent herbaceous plant for growing under the canopy's of trees, they love a cool moist soil even clay in dappled shade. They require little care, just mulch in spring. Keep an eye out for diseases especially Hellebore black death, and leaf spot disease. If confirmed then only treatment is to destroy the plant.

Jobs of the month: - If mild weather allows prune roses Hybrid teas, bush roses. Tidy up and weed beds and borders, as you will save a lot of time later on in the year. Keep your house plants clean. Plant bare- root tree, shrubs or hedges, weather permitting.

My plant for March. *Magnolia stellata.* The star magnolia. Hardy. D. shrub. Origin. Asia too North America. Trees and shrubs of moist forests. This is a beautiful deciduous species of *magnolia*. I planted one of these a few years ago; it is now in full flowering mode showing off its beautifully star shaped spidery white flowers on bare branches, it has a slight scent. This shrub likes lightly acid - neutral soil that is well drained. If possible give it some shelter.

Jobs of the month: - Finish pruning roses if the weather permits. Weed and mulch borders. If weather permits towards the end of the month start planting first early potatoes. Protect early planted brassicas from cabbage root flies and from birds. Sow tomatoes, courgettes, peppers, aubergines now for planting out in late May -early June.

The Gardener

Bananas – we love them! They are the most popular and most traded fruit in the world. In the UK alone we chomp our way through over five billion a year and in 2012 spent over £550 million on our favourite fruit.

In fact as the fourth most imported food crop in global agriculture after rice, wheat and maize, they generated a staggering UD \$8 billion in global export earnings in 2011.

Yet while the banana business is booming the truth is that not everyone is enjoying the benefits. As global exports have grown, many banana farmers and workers have seen their earnings cut in real terms.

Shockingly, many banana farmers and workers still can't afford to put enough food on the table for their families or provide the basics such as education or healthcare.

A major cause of this is severe pressure in the banana business to keep prices low. Banana farmers and workers are at the end of tough supply chains, where every last penny is squeezed out. The key driver of this low price ambition? Supermarkets that want to offer the cheapest bananas possible.

The majority of the bananas we eat in the UK are bought from major supermarkets, many of which are continually battling each other to keep their customers through a highly-competitive and public price war.

Each week these supermarkets price check and match essential basics like loose bananas against each other to get more shoppers into their stores. Sometimes these products are even sold at a lower price than it costs the supermarkets to purchase them. However, the supermarkets know that once we're in their shops they can make their profits on other products we buy.

So they can offer us cheap bananas, supermarkets use their massive buying power to keep the price they pay for them as low as possible. Unfortunately this puts pressure on their suppliers and on banana farmers and workers. In the last ten years, the supermarket sector has almost halved the shelf price of loose bananas whilst the cost of producing them has doubled.

It's a bruising business – one that risks the lives and livelihoods of millions of poor farmers and workers around the world.

Something has to change. Supermarkets need to start to do things differently; the price on loose bananas needs to reflect their true cost and we need to pay enough so that those who grow them get a decent price or wage.

The supermarkets will struggle to act on their own to do this because they need to stay competitive and so are stuck in their price wars. Competition Law forbids them to co-operate price rises. That's why this Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 (**24 February-9 March**) marks the launch of a special campaign that aims to transform the banana industry to ensure those at the sharp end of the supply chain, the millions of struggling banana farmers and workers, get a fair deal.

Contact the Fairtrade Foundation for more information by visiting www.fairtrade.org.uk / www.stickwithfoncho.org.uk or call 020 7405 5942



BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Working together to improve community safety

FIREFIGHTERS are asking residents to take care while cooking during February.

Valentine's Day means more people may turn to the kitchen to cook their way to a loved one's heart, and combined with Shrove Tuesday and National Chip Week, which runs from February 17-23, there are many more chances people may end distracted while cooking this month.

Here are some handy tips for staying safe in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen when cooking on a hob
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking
- Take care when cooking with oil, especially in deep fat fryers – it sets alight easily.
- Don't tackle a fire yourself – Get out, stay out and dial 999.

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire
Local Group

The Flora and the Lizards of the Canary Islands, the Galapagos of the Atlantic

Wednesday 12th February

at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Peter Payne, formerly worked at the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge and, since retirement, has been studying the flora of East Anglia and the Canary Islands.

There are seven main islands in the Canary Island archipelago, each distinctly different. They have a unique and beautiful flora and include 600 species only found on these islands. There are also many lizards on the islands, including several exotic species with very restricted distributions.

Woolly Mowers

Wednesday 12th March

at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Our speaker, Nick Kiddy, is the Grazing officer for the Wildlife Trust in Bedfordshire and manages the Trust's flock of 175 sheep and is responsible for farmers who graze their sheep and cattle on Wildlife Trust sites.

The main objective of conservation grazing is to maintain the balance between woody plants, shrubby plants and species-rich grassland. This allows many different plants to grow side by side, thereby encouraging wildlife diversity.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend.
Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members.

Please visit the web site for more information or contact Phil on 01487 822835.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412



Do you need information and advice?

Adult Support Drop Ins



At Hartford Village Hall, Main Street, Hartford P29 1XU

On the first Monday of the month during 2014 - 10.00 - 13.00

Refreshments available

Our advice is free and confidential

For further information contact : Telephone: 01480 377616 or Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220
drop-insessions_asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk / CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



As well as beautiful countryside, scenic coast lines and thriving towns, the people of East Anglia have something else to be grateful for! The East Anglian Air Ambulance is delighted to announce that it is now operating a full night-time Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). The HEMS team will cover all six counties covered by the East of England Ambulance Service between the hours of 5pm to 1am.

This is new ground for the Civil Aviation Authority, the UK aviation regulator, as well as for the EAAA. To finally get approval for night-time missions took almost a year. It was then necessary for our pilots, paramedics and doctors to receive extensive training.

The aircraft had to be modified to accommodate working with night vision goggles (NVG). Lighting in the cockpit was changed and additional room was required to accommodate the pilot's NVG. It was also essential to install a more sophisticated navigation system; as well as a Power line Detection System, a Trakka searchlight for the undercarriage, and put fluorescent markings on all equipment!

And when all these modifications had been approved the actual flight testing begins! A very long and challenging process, but incredibly rewarding if it means we can help more people in East Anglia.

The EAAA is a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes and can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions.

For more information about the East Anglian Air Ambulance or to find out how you can support our work, please visit our website www.eaaa.org.uk or call 01223 403 600

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SAWTRY BADMINTON CLUB



Are looking for players

To join them

On Wednesday evenings

At Sawtry One Leisure

From 8.00pm to 10.00pm

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Including qualified coaching

10 years +

From 7.00pm to 8.00pm



For more information please contact

Robert Stefanelli

Tel: 01487 832871

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Email: mail@stefanelli27.wanadoo.co.uk

Web Page: www.sawtrybadmintonclub.com



SAWTRY'S DRAGON ACADEMY

International Tang Soo Do Karate, Kickboxing and Self-defence Est. 1983

Grandmaster to visit Sawtry - My instructor Grandmaster Eddie Jacobsen is visiting Sawtry to hold seminars and classes for all our students. Grandmaster Eddie has been travelling the world to organise our membership acceptance into the International World Martial Arts Games.

New Classes

Sundays Tai Chi NEW Class for beginners - 15 spaces 10.45am - 11.30am (Adults only Juniors by invitation feel free to inquire)

Sundays Basic Karate and Kickboxing for all the family - 15 spaces 10am - 10.45am

Feel free to come and watch any of our classes, for a full list of classes in this area please contact me 01487 830601

Championships - Sawtry will be hosting an open Martial Arts Championships on 16th March 2014 – 10am – 4pm. £15 for unlimited categories, Forms, Weapons, Sparring, Sword Sparring and Breaking – All welcome, details on Facebook.

Recent Promotions:- Sawtry students all passed their latest belt test – Well done!

Dates

2nd February - Belt Test (Also Black Belt Test)

8th February - Forms Seminar Sawtry (Including the 16th Century version of Sanchin)

15th February - Grandmaster Bowman Seminar (Not Sawtry)

22nd February - Seminar with Grandmaster Eddie Jacobsen Stealth Academy

23rd February - Seminar with Grandmaster Eddie Jacobsen Sawtry

16th March - Championships – BOOKED 10am - 4pm

29th March - Brothers in Arms Martial Arts Festival

Instructor Grandmaster Mark Adlington UK rep.

8th Dan Ki Do, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan Haedong kumdo, 5th Dan Kickboxing

Phone 01487 830601 - Mobile 07768472384 - email tangsoodo@btinternet.com



SAWTRY COLTS

I just heard on the news that this time last year the temperature barely rose above freezing and that most of Cambridgeshire was covered in snow for weeks on end. How times have changed, but not necessarily for the better. Although the weather has been unseasonably mild for some time Greenfield has been unplayable since the turn of the year - waterlogged pitch being the technical term - but then again it doesn't take much to turn Greenfield into an extension of the fishing lake. Maybe a new drainage system could solve the problem of rock hard pitches at the extremities of the football season and a mud bath in the middle.

A few teams have managed to play matches just prior to Xmas when Greenfield was still useable and a few more have managed to play in 2014, away from home of course. A selection of their results appears below.

The Under 8s (U8s) are currently taking part in their version of the "Champions League" - they lost 4-3 to a last minute goal against a strong Warboys Red side and now enter the Plate competition before they resume with league action. The U9 Blues recent run of 3 losses and 1 win belies the fact that they are progressing well. The U9 Yellows have had a similar run with their only victory in their last 4 coming the U9 Blues with a hard-fought 1-0 win which owed much to an excellent performance from their keeper in thwarting the Blues attack time after time.

The U10s have yet to start again this year due to postponements. The U12 Yellows most recent match brought about a much improved performance, only losing narrowly 3-2 to Buckden, a team they had lost 9-0 to earlier in the season. The U13 Yellows have also just had the one match, a 4-0 loss to Longstanton. The U13 Girls have played the one match drawing 1-1.

The U15 Blues came out top in a 1st v 2nd clash in their league winning 4-3 and currently sit proudly atop their league going six points clear after that win - they have an impressive record of 8 wins and 1 draw so far. The U15 Yellows won their last game before Xmas 2-0 and ended the year on top of their league too. All to play for for those two teams in 2014 then.

The U16 Blues have had the one game drawing with Yaxley in their last match of 2013, retaining their unbeaten record and sit 2nd in the league with matches in hand. The U16 Yellows are at the foot of that league but also have games in hand having not played for some time due to the weather.

The U16 Girls have played back to back matches against perennial league winners Cambridge. before Xmas they lost 9-0 with their performance being deserving of a much closer result. In the return match they held them to 5-1 scoring a fantastic goal in the process with one of their defenders running half the length of the pitch before unleashing an unstoppable shot that was right in the top corner of the net.

The U18 Blues have had the two matches losing to Deeping 7-1 when they played most of the match with only 8 players due to injuries. They then played a Powerleague side mostly made of County players. They were 2-1 up the 5 minutes to go, lost an equaliser with a debatable goal when the keeper was fouled in the build-up but then could do nothing about the winner as a free kick ended up in the top corner of the net for a 3-2 loss. The U18 Yellows and U18 Ladies have yet to resume in 2014 again due to waterlogged pitches but the Ladies did manage a 2-1 victory just before Xmas and remain mid-table.

As you can see then the teams are starting to venture back onto the pitches in 2014 but as I write this another heavy shower has just started so maybe it will be a waterlogged Greenfield again this weekend!

Brian Craig

www.sawtrycolts.co.uk

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

There are no bowling activities to report but the social events over Xmas were well attended, these include the Quiz, the Bingo and the Xmas dinner. By the time you are reading this, Burn's Night will have already been held on 25th January and that is usually very enjoyable, even for the Sassenachs among us. We need the support of members at these events as club maintenance, insurance and utilities are expensive. Most of the work remaining on the paths is nearly finished, but a new water tank and pump should be installed before the start of the season. An enormous vote of thanks goes to all those who have worked so hard to improve the club.

The club welcomes new members

- **Monday at 2pm is Club roll up for all members**
- **Saturday at 10am is a coaching session**

Bowls can be provided for all beginners, and other times can be made by arrangement.



Any queries contact : Mr Mick Rayson tel no 01487 830720

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TABLE TENNIS RETURNS TO SAWTRY

After playing out of the village for some years, we now have a regular club night at Sawtry Junior School every Tuesday from 7.00 to 9.30 pm. We currently have three tables and are hoping soon to add a fourth. We still have a team in the Peterborough league but are concentrating this season on becoming established in Sawtry again.

We always welcome new players young or old. So, if you've played before and would like to take up the sport again or even if you're new to table tennis and would like to give it a try, please contact Peter Blundell.



Phone: 831374

Email: peterblundell51@hotmail.com

SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Recent Results

1st Team, sponsored by Greystones PH

January 11	PFA Senior Cup	Long Sutton Athletic	1 - 2	Sawtry
December 28	League	Stilton Utd	2 - 0	Sawtry
14	League	Coates Athletic	1 - 2	Sawtry
7	League	Sawtry	6 - 1	Riverside
November 30	League	Pichbeck Utd	0 - 4	Sawtry
23	League	Sawtry	1 - 2	P'boro ICA Sports
16	League	Sawtry	1 - 0	Ramsey Town
9	League	Sawtry	2 - 1	Whittlesey Blue Star

The First Team are currently in 10th place in the Premier Division

Reserves

January 4	League	Sawtry Res	1 - 1	Uppingham Town Res
December 28	League	Sawtry Res	3 - 2	Parkside FC
21	League	Ketton Res	2 - 5	Sawtry Res
14	League	Sawtry Res	7 - 3	Thorney Res
7	League	Sawtry Res	1 - 2	Parkway Eagles FC
November 23	Hunts FA Junior Cup	P'boro ICA Sports A	4 - 2	Sawtry Res
16	League	Farcet Utd Res	3 - 3	Sawtry Res
9	League	Uppingham Town Res	2 - 1	Sawtry Res

The Reserves are currently third in Division Three

Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield (Weather permitting)

January 25	League	K.O. 14:00	1 st Team	v	Pinchbeck Utd
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Match Sponsor: A K Cleaning

For more information, match reports, player profiles, etc. visit the club website at www.sawtryfc.co.uk

Mike Patchett