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St Nicholas', Glatton

Quiz Night

Saturday 19th March

In Glatton Village Hall

6.30 for a prompt 7pm start

Tickets @ £10

Which includes supper

Contact Helen (830648)
or Rosie (834234)

There will be a bar
and raffle



SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER PRIZE BINGO

Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club



ON Thursday 28th April

EYES DOWN AT 7.30PM

You do not have to be a member
of the Club to attend.

Everyone very welcome

Great prizes

For details contact
01487 832645

Sawtry & District Bowling Club

Easter Bingo

Saturday 19th March

At 7.30pm

At the Bowls Club,
Green End Road

Contact:
01487 832854



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club,
Gidding Road

Prize Bingo

Thursday 17th March

All Welcome

Profits to:
Sawtry Royal British
Legion Social Fund
Contact: 01487 834338



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



Make A Date

2016	Group	Details	Contact No	Page
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23 April	Winwick Village	Winwick Garage Sale	01832 293215	9
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17 December	CARESCO	RAF Wyton Voluntary Band	01487 832105	5

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If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with the subject 'Make a Date'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, please let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline. If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours). We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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Welcome

As our thoughts were beginning to turn to Spring and the daffodils were showing their heads, it looks like winter has finally decided to arrive. We've got details of lots of bingo sessions and the odd quiz night to chase away the winter blues (see front cover, and the Sawtry WI entry on page 8). Plans for the Sawtry Carnival in June are well under way and we have details about the Court selection evening in this issue. Summer will be here before we know it.

The Sawtry Eye team have been working hard to put this issue together for you and would like to thank all our regular contributors for making the job a pleasure. We are of course also grateful to our advertisers, without whom there would be no magazine, so please when responding to an advert, do not forget to tell them where you found their details.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy all that this issue has to offer and please remember to let us have future dates for all your club and society activities for the coming months and we can include them in our Make a Date page and help to avoid clashes.

Have a good one.

Liz - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Spring Term 2016

Half Term, 15 - 19 February
End of Term - 24 March

Summer Term 2016

Start of Term - 11 April
Half term, 30 May to 3 June
End of Term - 21 July

Autumn Term 2016

Start of Term - 1 September
Half term, 24 to 28 October
End of Term - 20 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 - during 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)

1st, 15th & 29th February
14th & 28th March

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

8th & 22nd February
7th & 21st 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

4th February

Hats with Helen Tilly
Competition - Cotton

3rd March

Fun Chair Exercises with Pat King
Competition - Wood

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

President Ros Rowland 01487 831793

Secretary Ann Daniels 01487 831450



Soup Lunch

Wednesday 17th February
From 12 - 1.30
At Sawtry Methodist Church
Green End Road

£4.50 per person

Come and enjoy a simple lunch of
Soup, Roll
Cheese and Pickle
plus Tea/Coffee

All proceeds to:

The Leprosy Mission

For more information
please call 01487 830345



The Leprosy Mission

For Issue No: 121
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12 Noon on 11th March
News Items by
12 Noon on 18th March

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For more information call in or
phone 9.00am - 12 Noon
Monday - Friday

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sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk



CARESCO
COFFEE SHOP
HELP WANTED

We urgently need some extra
volunteers to join our team for our
Coffee Shop rota on Friday mornings
in the CARESCO Centre.

Do you have the time to offer your
help to serve customers with
refreshments from 8.45 – 11.45am on
Friday mornings?

**If you are interested or would like
to know more, please contact Liz
Coates on 01487 832105 or drop
into the CARESCO office any
weekday morning.**



Forthcoming Event
in aid of CARESCO

Featuring RAF Wyton
Voluntary Band

Saturday 17th December
At Sawtry Village Academy



COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING
TERMS & CONDITIONS

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

www.caresco.org.uk

Situation Vacant

Duty Manager 

Based at the CARESCO Charity Shop,
Sawtry

This position is for 14 hrs per fortnight
Including one day alternating weeks in the shop
Plus every Saturday morning
(to include admin worked flexibly by agreement)

Pay is £7.64 per hour
4 weeks paid holiday (pro rata)

Are you able to work unsupervised in a position of trust?

Work as part of a team?

Able to lift and work in a safe manner?

**In addition be able to cover sick &
annual leave in the team?**

Come and be part of our team

For more information & application form, please contact:
Liz Coates between 9 – 12 noon weekdays
on 01487 832105

Or call in at the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX
Email: office@caresco.org.uk
Or visit www.caresco.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 5th February 2016

CARESCO

Below are details of some of the activities run by CARESCO, a Sawtry-based charity which also edits and publishes this magazine.



For more details about our services, please visit our website or contact the CARESCO Centre - details on page 3

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
10.30AM - 1.30PM

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

Couples welcome

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

Cost: £4.20 per session plus transport if required.



Our new befriending scheme offers companionship and a natter over a cuppa by matching up volunteers with those who would like a volunteer visitor in their own home.

If you are interesting in getting involved, either to be or to receive a visitor, please get in touch.

This is a free service, but please note we cannot provide any caring or housework duties.

Vintage Club

because life gets better with age

Wednesdays & Thursdays
9.30am - 2.30pm

We aim to bring together older members of our community for a regular day of friendship, food and fun. The team are able to offer a basic level of care in a safe environment where people can find company, activity and assistance where needed.

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

Cost: £6.50 per session, includes cooked lunch, refreshments and transport (depending on circumstances).

CARESCO PRINTSHOP

Mondays to Fridays
9am - 12 noon

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

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

Contact us with your requirements and ask for a quote.

Please note that our machines print in mono on A4 only

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry 01487 208026

Mondays to Fridays	9am - 4.30pm
Saturdays	9am - 12.30pm
Sundays	Closed

Come and find yourselves a bargain while supporting our services.

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

New volunteers wanted.

Come and join our fun social group involving all things musical and the spoken word



The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 1.30pm to 3pm
At the CARESCO Centre

Refreshments included

There is a nominal charge of £2.00 to help cover expenses

Forthcoming dates:

11th December;

8th & 22nd January

SAWTRY CAR SCHEME

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

Journeys cost 45p per mile

Trips can be local, to hospital, or for some social occasion

For more information contact the co-ordinator on 07810 476979 or the CARESCO office



Is open every Friday
(including School Holidays)
9.00 - 11.30am
(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)
A Warm Welcome
For Coffee, Cake And A Chat

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

12th & 26th February

11th & 25th March

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

For more information call 01480 388388
or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets

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

Meet Wednesday Evenings

Sawtry Village Academy, Fen Lane,
Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

Beginners Class - 7 - 8 pm ~
but welcome to stay on afterwards

Improvers / Intermediates - 7.30 - 9.30 pm
£3.50 per class

Learn to line dance, no partner required
and all ages welcome

Come along, make new friends, enjoy yourself
and keep fit at the same time

We are a friendly, sociable class, dancing to all types
of music - including country, pop and contemporary

Email Julie:

jcgillmore@sky.com

Call or Text: Julie on
07939070406



Line Dancing

www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk

TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall, Green End
Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday **term time**

9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE

Refreshments 10p

Come along and make new friends

New members welcome

For more information
call Charlie

01487 830341



Saturday

20th February

19th March

4:30 - 6:30pm

All Saints' Church
Church Causeway, Sawtry

Crafts for all ages

Celebrate with bible story
and songs

Share a meal together

For more information see
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk
or contact Revd. Rosie Ward

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturday 13th February

Saturday 12th March

10.00 till 11.30am



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

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information please
contact :Sue Fowler
01832 293215

Craft Buddies



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

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

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

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday
At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry
Just turn up or for more info contact
Carolyn on 01487 832682
or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk

Gt Gidding Friendship Group

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, & biscuits
 Meet up with old and new friends whilst enjoying a chat and monthly activity



Everyone welcome

When: **Fourth Thursday** of the month
 25th Feb, 24th March
Time: 10.00 - 11.30am
Where: Great Gidding Village Hall



No need to book, just turn up. See you there
 Further details please contact Susan or Kathy
 on 01480 423085 or email



susan.bate@care-network.org.uk



SAWTRY WI
In the WI Hall, Gidding Road
 In aid of the hall fund

SPRING AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 28th April

2 - 4pm

Come and have a chat over
Sandwiches, Mince Pies, cakes, tea and coffee

Tickets £3.50

Raffle, Bring & Buy Book Stall
 Roz Rowland 01487 831793

All Are Welcome

Charity Number 229016



SAWTRY WI
In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

5th & 19th February

4th & 18th March

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

Contact for events

Secretary **Ann Daniels 01487 831450**

Charity Number 229016

SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB



If you like gardening then join us
 at the Sawtry Club in
 Gidding Road on the 2nd Monday
 of each month at 7:30pm.

Entry is free; just buy
 any drinks you want
 from the bar.

We look forward to
 seeing you there.



If you would like more information
 Contact either

Caz Vanslyck on 01487 831592
Email cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk

or

Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146
Email susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk

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.hpfiwi.com or
 Glatton Village Website: www.glatton.org.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





WINWICK GARAGE SALE

On Saturday 23rd April

from 10 – 4 pm

Houses around the village will be selling

Plants > Cakes > Bric A Brac > Books

And much more

Maps and light lunches in the village hall

For more details or to rent a stall (£10) contact:

SUE FOWLER on 01832 293215 or

sue@fowleremail.co.uk

JANE CAPP on 01832 293513 or

davidcapp@btinternet.com

ALISON GERMAN on 01832 293209 or

av.german9@gmail.com

Proceeds in aid of the Church and Village Hall



**Come to this year's
Sawtry Light Factory**

Holiday Club

Monday 1st – Sunday 7th August

at Sawtry Methodist Church,
Green End Road

For children in School
Years 1 and above

**For more details, contact Matt on
01487 830345**

**Sawtry
CARNIVAL**



2016 Carnival Court Selection & Crowning Evening

On Friday 8th April

At Sawtry Club starting at 7pm

The time is with us again to appoint the new 2016 Sawtry Carnival Court! The Court will proudly lead the Carnival procession on Saturday 11th June in their own float. They will also get the opportunity to represent Sawtry at other carnivals and events in our region.

We are looking to select:

A Carnival Queen

who is ideally aged 14 years and upwards
Princesses aged between 9 and 13 years
and a **Rosebud** aged between 5 and 8 years.

For more information and an application form
please contact

**sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com or
call 07799 062276**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND INCLUDES A
DISCO AND RAFFLE!**

Do come along with the kids
and support your carnival.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Julia, Sawtry Carnival Committee

What's in a Word?

One Little Word

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this. There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, that is 'UP.'

Follow along here... It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use paint to brighten UP a room, we polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has a really special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about 'UP'!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.

(I'm trying to help here, don't hate me or I may just give UP.)

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

Weather-wise, when it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP for now, my time is UP, so... it is time to shut UP!

Sadly this is the last What's in a Word? Our thanks to Tony Black for this series looking at the vagaries of our wonderful language, we have enjoyed reading them.

If anyone has an idea for another series, please get in touch. The Editors



Sawtry Youth Project

Prize Bingo

Thursday 10th March
at Sawtry Working Men's Club.

Eyes down 7.30

Includes Raffle

All welcome

Terry/Paul
01487 831004



Sawtry Youth Project

JUMBLE SALE



Saturday 27th February
at Sawtry Village Academy
From 2 - 5

Refreshments will be available
Collections will take place in the evening of
Friday 26th and the Saturday morning
If you have anything ready before these dates
contact us and we will make
arrangements with you

Terry/Paul 01487 831004
Ray on 07801 660401
or Natalie on 07872 542915 (evenings
only please)

Letters ...



APPRECIATION FOR THE CARESCO CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY

What a wonderful day you gave us all on Christmas Day. Everything was so perfect. Lovely company. Wonderful food.

Such a welcome when we arrived and we had a really great time. The atmosphere was so friendly and I think you thought of everything. This was all very much appreciated as we would have been just the two of us if we hadn't joined you all.

Thank you so much for the lovely day. Everything was so well organised and ran so smoothly. The hospitality was so warm and welcoming from the pick-up to the drop-off; the company superb and the food was delicious. Nothing was omitted and so much extra was provided – gifts from Santa Claus, a "party bag" to take home and even a photograph!

I'm sure all your guests would agree with me that it was a superb day and we all enjoyed it very much indeed.

Leading up to the 'Big Day' most people would have been deciding whether to have a family party or invite a few friends around and really push the boat out. Living alone, like a lot of other people in our village, I had to make a choice between a frozen turkey dinner for one, with no other person to pull a Christmas cracker with, or to accept the invitation from CARESCO to join in their Christmas Day Party. Having been fortunate enough to enjoy this get together in the past, my 'difficult' decision was resolved as quickly as a blink of an eye.

Arriving at the CARESCO Centre on a very miserable Christmas Day morning, I was greeted with a cheery 'Merry Christmas' and ushered into the main room where the tables had already been laid out, and the decorations were fantastic, someone had really been very busy.

Once all the guests had arrived and we were all seated, it was time for lunch, with a choice of starters and mains with all the trimmings, followed by pudding ending with mince pies and chocolate mints. I had to loosen my belt a couple of times!

This was an ideal time for the entertainment to start which included the singing of carols etc. At 3pm we had the Queen's Speech, which was followed by more entertainment. Then there was Santa – the highlight of the afternoon coming amongst us handing out gifts to everyone. I found it amazing the number of people who he remembered by name, even though he had just completed a night without sleep delivering presents to so many other people.

And very reluctantly the party came to a close. Everyone leaving with a bag containing a chunk of Christmas cake and a photograph which had been taken during the day.

We would like to thank you for our Christmas dinner, you did us proud, and we hope you do the same next year. If we are still alive and kicking, we hope we can join you again.

Thank you to all involved in the Christmas dinner. We all agreed it was lovely, a five-star hotel could not have matched you, every small detail was so carefully and lovingly thought out.

Susan Janet Rayson

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy and support following the passing of my darling wife Susan in December. I would also like to thank the many people who attended her funeral. I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to the Committee, Members and Friends at Sawtry and District Bowling Club for their kindness and support during this very difficult time.

Susan and I moved to Sawtry in June 1972 and with our family, have had a full and happy life here in the village.

Following retirement from her full time occupation, Susan had time to enjoy time locally. She worked part time for a while at Thomas Morris and was an active member of the Sawtry W.I. enabling her to meet and make many friends in the community. She was also one of the small team of volunteers of the Sawtry in Bloom team, helping to look after the planters around the village.

The collection at the funeral raised £1300 for Macmillan Nurses. Thank You.

Susan was a great wife, mother and good friend who will be sadly missed, but always in our hearts.

Kind Regards

Michael Rayson.

Doris Martin

Ann and David Martin would like to thank everyone for their kind donations following the funeral of our mother, Doris Martin aged 87, on the 23rd November 2015, at All Saints Church, Sawtry.

A total of over £400 pounds will go to benefit her two chosen charities: East of England Air Ambulance and Wood Green Animal Shelter.

CARESCO DONATIONS

We have received some very generous donations over the past couple of months, especially during the Christmas period, and would like to thank the following with apologies if we have missed anyone:

- All Saints' Church Sawtry for their contribution of £600.00 from their annual giving
- Pete Gilham for the funeral donations of £80.00 in memory of his father
- Chris Flint for the funeral donations of £199.64 in memory of her mother, May Branch
- Louise Moore for her donation of £20.00 in lieu of sending Christmas cards
- Sawtry Small Business Partnership for their contribution of £310.00 being half the proceeds from their Christmas Fayre in November
- Sawtry Slimming World for their contribution of £36.50 from the total raised at their recent dinner
- Glatton Parish Council for their donation of £30.00 towards our work
- The family of John Bohonis for the funeral donations of £132.17 in his memory
- Two private donations in support of our Christmas Day Party, totalling £80.00
- Salon 42 for their donation of £27.00 from monies raised with Christmas refreshments served to Customers

Thank you to everyone involved, and also to those who gave private donations and also those who give regularly. Without your support we would not be able to continue with our full range of services.

All contributions are gratefully received.

Liz Coates, CARESCO General Manager

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

Closure of Kennels

Since making the extremely difficult decision to close the business of Conington Boarding Kennels and Cattery, I have been pleasantly amazed at the response from customers, old and new. I have received an abundance of letters, emails, phone calls and gifts, for which I would like to offer heartfelt thanks. I do realise how lucky I am, not many people can say they have had a job they so enjoyed for such a long time. I will truly miss it, and all the people and pets I have come to know over the years.

I would also like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard here, in particular Katie Munns and my daughter Melissa, who have been invaluable assets to the business. They are both now mums and I'm sure you would all join me in wishing them every happiness in their futures.

Penny Cooper

Remembering a Very Special Dad & Grandad

Stanley Reginald Redhead who passed away on 6th February 2008

*God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come To Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Loving you Always, Forgetting you Never.

Mark, Mandy, Sam & Jordan xxx

ALL SAINTS,' SAWTRY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015

A huge thank you to everyone concerned with the Christmas Tree Festival held last year. It was so good to welcome so many trees and so many people over the start of Advent. What a wealth of talent and ideas there are in Sawtry! And how different all the entries were, each with their own special 'something' that made the whole event such a success.

Thanks to every Group and Organisation that took part and for the good will and generosity that came from contributors, visitors and our Church congregation who worked so well to provide refreshments and lovely cakes which were appreciated by all. So good too, to see so many people catching up with neighbours and friends and sitting down chatting over a cup of tea. Lastly, the huge bonus of a very generous £535 collected for victims of last year's earthquakes in Nepal.

Thank you, everyone and let's hope we can think of some equally wonderful ideas for the next Christmas Tree Festival in 2017.

Sue Simmons for the Events Team, All Saints' Church

ACADEMY NEWS



Sawtry Village Academy

Exciting developments at the Academy continue! The 6th Form coffee shop and cafe garden, in particular, have been a resounding success and excellent additional facilities for the Academy as a whole. We are currently looking to develop our 6th form provision for September 2016, so please see our website www.sawtryva.org for up to date course information.

We have now established an on-site Alternative Educational Provision, The Willow, which is proving to be a great asset in terms of providing specialist and small class teaching to some of our students. We welcomed Olympic Gymnast Louis Smith M.B.E to officially open the centre and a very enjoyable day was had by all!

Our Friends of the Academy, parent and community group continues to work hard, currently focussing on fundraising to support the purchase of further equipment that will benefit students. Any involvement you can offer to support them in their work is very much appreciated.

Our Leisure Learning programme offers varied evening classes and facilities for hire, detailed information is on our website.

The House system is now fully operational with house captains in place, together with a new head boy and girl. A new system of rewards and celebrations is ensuring student success is acknowledged regularly and publicly and as such there is a renewed sense of pride in personal achievement being evidenced across the school. Pledge activities have been launched this term to ensure that our students are educated in the broadest sense and all of their wider skills are recognised and developed. It is a delight to reflect upon the progress made in the last 12 months and I look forward to seeing the impact of new processes and initiatives which aim to enrich the whole education of our students.

Sarah Wilson, Principal

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

**T: 01487 830701 F: 01487 831679 or email enquiries@sawtrycc.org
or visit www.sawtryva.org**

NEWS FROM THE BROWNIES



Last term 2nd Sawtry worked hard on their Brownie Adventures, having done Safe & Secure, Clean up Time, The National Anthem and Songs, Past Games and Top Teams. We celebrated UN International Day of Peace and also Harvest Festival, with Vicar Imogen coming in to talk to the girls and make it a fun evening, very many thanks to Imogen. The girls donated food which all went to the Sawtry Food Bank so thanks to all the girls and their parents for the donations.

On 2nd November we visited the Sawtry Fire Station together with 4th Sawtry Brownies and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Fireman Steve and Fireman Guy who taught the girls the dangers of fire, how smoke alarms work and how to get help if needed. They kept the girls amused with stories, allowed them to hold and spray the hoses and, as it was near bonfire night, each girl was given a sparkler to enjoy, whilst being taught how to dispose of it. The girls were also taught about safe handling of fireworks. Leaders Spotty Owl from 2nd Sawtry and Dodo from 4th Sawtry had a great time dressing up in Firemen's gear – look out on our Facebook page for the pictures!

From 13th - 14th November 2nd Sawtry Brownies and 2nd Sawtry Rainbows enjoyed a sleepover at Stibbington. In December we decorated a Christmas tree for the All Saints' Church Tree Festival and did Christmas crafts; the term finished with a Christmas Party together with 4th Sawtry Brownies.

This term the girls will be completing their Brownie Adventure badge and also working on the Roald Dahl Badge which will entail all sorts of crafts, cooking, a film night and hopefully at the end of term a visit to Cadbury's World. We have also welcomed three new brownies from the 2nd Sawtry Rainbow pack who have joined us this term.

SAWTRY SHOW 2016 SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

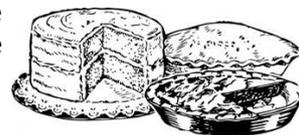
By the show day, the Mulberries estate should be completed and hopefully many of the new Sawtry residents will this year submit entries to the Show. While we have a number of regular entrants, it would be good to see what new talent we have in the village; so make a note of the date and think of what you could enter. If it is a craft or wine item, you may even need to start making it now.

For newcomers to Sawtry, the Show has 100 categories ranging from fruit and veg, flowers and plants, flower arranging, cookery, preserves, art and craft, wine making and photography.

There is an adult and four junior classes, so the whole family can enter and see who is the best!

Even if you don't win a category trophy, there is a points system which selects the overall winner, so the more categories you enter, the greater chance you have of winning that trophy.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of the show please contact me on 01487 831281. It only involves attending six meetings a year plus of course considerably more effort on the Saturday of the Show, but that is the fun bit.



Barry Dupée, Show Chairman



GOING GREEN

So, there's a thing. Nature has finally called our bluff. As a family we have tried over the years to be as Green as possible, living close to nature, doing our best to keep our consumption to a minimum and generally doing our bit to save the environment. This includes treating nature with respect, encouraging wildlife in the garden and not using chemicals any more than is absolutely necessary.

But this morning, as we opened the pantry door to get out the breakfast cereal, we came face to face with a mouse! A cute little brown one, but never the less a mouse standing on the shelf right in front of us. It was a classic comic moment, not sure who jumped the most, but now we have to decide how to deal with this 'infestation'.

Obviously, much as we love nature, we're not so keen when it's trying to share our food, so we need to find a way to not only encourage the said rodent outside, but also to stop him, and his family, coming back inside our lovely warm, food-containing, home. Even as the winter weather sets in, he has to go.

So this evening there are now two humane mouse traps sitting, baited with chocolate (yes we know peanut butter is supposed to be better, but we don't have any in and the chocolate is Fairtrade!). Hopefully by tomorrow our small furry visitor will be conveniently trapped and escorted off the premises the necessary two miles into the countryside, which should disorientate him enough to stop him making his way back.

In the meantime, we will have to work out how he found his way inside in the first place and block up the hole. The fact that he probably squeezed in through a hole a pencil will only just fit through, makes it all the more challenging.

From now on we will open that door more cautiously, in case we find nature once again trying to live a little too closely for comfort!



Eco Apprentice

SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT

We have had a busy couple of months at SYP. We have continued our discussions with the Parish Council and as a result, we have provisionally been allocated some land for an all-wheeled facility. We are currently in the process of drawing up some plans for this facility, and we will keep you updated on any developments.



We hope that you would have seen us at the SSBP Christmas Fayre, selling our milkshakes and cookies. We have now been designated as a partner for the Sawtry Small Business Partnership, who have already started raising money for us at their Indoor Racing fundraiser on 11th December. We were handed £255.00 from the event, and we would like to thank them for their hard work on our behalf. We look forward to working with them on further projects.

We would also like to thank Sawtry Slimming World and Louise Moore for their support in recent weeks. All of the support we receive from everyone is greatly appreciated. We hope to be able to have something to show for this soon.

We have a couple of events coming up. We will be holding a good old fashioned Jumble Sale at the Academy on Saturday 27th February and a Chocolate Bingo at the Club on 10th March - so mark the date in your diaries. We will be coming round collecting for this - just keep an eye out for the posters.

**For more information please check out our Facebook page and visit our website
www.sawtry-youth-project.org**

AN EYE ON NATURE

Nature gives us a deep innate feeling of wellbeing. Each one of us inspired by different things. Not everyone enjoys a pigeon calling each morning outside their window, or the dawn chorus from February to July, but I defy anyone not to be awestruck by the beauty of a carpet of bluebells on a sunny spring morning after overnight rain. The sunlight on the carpet of blue and the heady perfume - magic.

How can anyone not be mesmerised by the mass of starlings in autumn as thousands of individuals dance in perfect synchrony. Then the murmeration (which is what it is called) suddenly drops down to roost. All gone in a flash. Silence then descends on the stage where the "dancing" took place.

Each season has its own special spectacle and it is up to us to explore each one. You could go chasing around the country after the autumn deer rut, or visit seabird cliffs in spring. If colour is your thing, capture the magic of the autumn colours in a wood or park.

Why not make a late new Year resolution in 2016 to enjoy as many natural wonders as possible. The beauty of our country means long distance travelling is not necessary. Go and visit our local highlights like the local ancient woodlands such as Aversley or Archers Woods, or a wildflower meadow, I would recommend Upwood Meadows. Then there is the Great Fen to explore as the restoration unfolds. A car or public transport is not even necessary as we are blessed with wonderful wildlife to enjoy on our doorsteps, literally. Look up and marvel at the red kites over the village or get up and watch dawn as the colours change. It is all there, we just need to take a moment, pause and open our eyes.



Martin Baker

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

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

Phone 01954 713543 or visit www.wildlifebcn.org

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Events in Sawtry Library

- **Sawtry History Society** Come along and view the local Archives within Sawtry Library. Members of the History Society will be on hand every Saturday morning between 10am and midday to answer any questions.
- **Rhymetime** Come along and join in with rhymes and songs on Wednesdays. 10:00 - 10:30am. Term-time only, Rhymetimes are free (donations welcome) and aimed at babies 0 - 18 months and their parents / carers.

Arts Alive in Yaxley – Art Classes

Drawing and painting classes for beginners with David Brown an experienced artist and Tutor who offers relaxed and informal classes. The sessions will be held in Yaxley Library from 10am – 2.00pm, each session costs £5 payable in advance and includes refreshments.

Sessions available:	Monday 7th March	Painting and Landscaping with Watercolours
	Monday 4th April	Drawing a face with coloured pencils
	Monday 9th May	Drawing a building with pen and pencil
	Monday 6th June	Let's go Mad ! Abstract with Acrylic

Places for these workshops are limited. Please call 03450455225 or speak to a member of staff to purchase a ticket. Adult only classes.

Events in Huntingdon

Scrabble/ Board Game Club for Adults every Tuesday 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Why not come along to this new social group for Adults.

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



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Closure Afternoons 2016/17

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 on 01487 830340 for further instructions. Dates booked for 2016/17 are as follows:

Tuesday 23 rd February 2016	Thursday 20 th October 2016
Tuesday 26 th April 2016	Thursday 26 th January 2017
Tuesday 21 st June 2016	Wednesday 22 nd February 2017
Wednesday 14 th September 2016	

Vaccination Flu

May we remind all patients falling within the following at risk categories that you are entitled and encouraged to have a flu vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination please contact our Reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Booking an Appointment

As we try to meet increasing demand for appointments our reception staff may ask you if you are able to provide some information as to the nature of your problem. This is so we can direct you to the best person or resource to meet your need and make best use of the increasingly limited resources we have available.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340



SAWTRY CHORALE

The choir ended 2015 with a very successful concert in Great Stukeley village hall for Huntingdon Rotary Club in aid of their charities. The evening was a sell-out and the audience enjoyed joining in with some of the traditional carols and songs. It was good to see our patron, Dame Norma Major, who has supported the choir for many years, in the audience.

We have now returned to rehearsals after our Christmas break. A new year and we are looking ahead to our summer concerts. Our Musical Director, Angus Davidson, has started introducing us to some pieces as he plans the new programme. 2016 is a bit special because in September it will be 30 years since the original members got together for an evening class which was to develop into Sawtry Chorale.

The choir is still going strong and recently, we have with great pleasure welcomed several new members and some returning ones. We are a friendly group of people from mid-teens to 80+ whose common interest is singing. If you like to sing, enjoy a challenge, want to meet new people and have fun do come along. For more information you can ring or text me on 07745 618364, go to our website or come along to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

For more information go to <http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk> or check out our Facebook page.

May there always be music in your life.

Hazel Rea

SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2016



Looking back briefly to last year, the 2015 Carnival was a resounding success, not just for the committee members who ploughed endless hours into ensuring the day went ahead but to all of you, who despite the continued rain during the day turned out to support the Carnival, a credit to the community spirit.

The 2016 Sawtry Carnival day is set for **Saturday 11th June**. Although the Committee are at the early stages of pulling together this year's event we can confirm that the theme for this year is **Superheroes**. The children from Sawtry Junior School were given the task at the end of 2015 of choosing from a list of themes and they all agreed on this great choice, so thinking caps on stall holders and parade participants.

The Sawtry Carnival is a not for profit organisation but it has always been the committee's wish to support the local community and 2015 allowed us to give something back by pledging £300 to the Sawtry Youth Project. Something we look forward to doing in 2016 with another local charity/project scheme.

Keep an eye out on page 10 and on our Facebook page for news about the Sawtry Carnival Court Selection and Crowning night for the Rose Bud, Princesses and Carnival Queen in April.

Also watch out for the Grand Prize Draw tickets that will once again be rolled out into the local shops.

If you wish to book a stall please email Martin on martin.sales@btinternet.com

If you wish to advertise in the Carnival Programme please email David on sawtrymarquees@btinternet.com

All other enquiries about the Carnival please call Jo on 07944 895114



Please come and join us at
VINTAGE CLUB

because life gets better with age

Welcome back to this bright New Year. We hope you all enjoyed the festive break.

Our membership is increasing and with the new flexibility in the way we operate we are finding it fits into some of our member's lifestyle much better.

Why not come and try one of our home-cooked meals, we do everything from spaghetti to a roast dinner, the first visit is free, or if you just want to come in for a chat and a cuppa that is ok too, we are very approachable and friendly.

A recent survey conducted by Susan Bate of Care Network showed very positive results in the feedback and how important this club is to the older members of our community. Results and comments will be published in the next Sawtry Eye.

If you would like any further information regarding the Vintage Club please feel free to contact us or drop in and see us. We look forward to seeing you.

Vicki & Gill, Vintage Club Managers

You can find us at the CARESCO Centre, off Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 2.30pm, email us at daycentre@caresco.org.uk or call the office on 01487 832105

FOOD BANK NEWS

Feeding local people in crisis

It's a whole year since the food bank in Sawtry first opened its doors and since then we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people in the level of the donations we have received. Thank you to everyone who has placed a tin or packet into one of our collection baskets around the village or special items for the Christmas Food Hampers. All your help and support is gratefully received.

A big thank you also to the volunteers who have worked hard during the twice weekly sessions, offering a warm welcome and confidential support to anyone needing their service during a time of crisis.

The food bank is a partnership between the churches of All Saints', St Benedict's and the Methodist Church with CARESCO, overseen by the team at Godmanchester Food Bank.

A year on and we are now looking to add to our team of volunteers, so if you have some time to give on either Tuesdays or Fridays from 3 - 6pm on a regular basis, please get in touch or pop into one of the sessions to chat with the team.

Here's to the next year's success.

The food bank sessions are from 3.30 - 6pm Tuesdays & Fridays in the CARESCO Centre.

For more information about the food bank, please visit our page hosted on the CARESCO website, or contact the office on 01487 832105.

For foodbanks in general, please visit the Trussell Trust website.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



During this year we will be remembering the six residents of Sawtry that fell in 1916 during the 1st World War:

Pte Charles Smith	7 th September 1916
L Cpl William Kisby Rowell	11 th September 1916
L Cpl John Robert Allen	31 st October 1916
Pte Percy Woods	31 st October 1916
Pte George Henry Bowland	14 th November 1916
Pte Albert Edwin Ginns	14 th December 1916

If any relatives would like to take part in the Remembrance Services please contact the Branch using my details below.

The 1st July will be the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Fought between 1st July and 1st November 1918 near the Somme River in France, it was one of the bloodiest military battles in history. On the first day alone, the British suffered more than 57,000 casualties, and by the end of the campaign the Allies and Central Powers would lose more than 1.5 million men. Details of a Service of Remembrance will be published in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

Carol Stobbs, Poppy Appeal Organiser

Tel: 01487 834338 Email: carolsonoma@gmail.com

SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY PRAISED FOR TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP



Sawtry Village
Academy

In its latest Ofsted inspection, December 2015, leadership and management at Sawtry Village Academy are reported to 'have been completely transformed,' meaning that the school has now moved out of Special Measures. The report graded the academy as 'Requires Improvement' overall, with 'Good' leadership and management – a significant improvement on the previous inspection in June 2014.

The report praised the school for implementing new processes and strategies which have had a positive impact in supporting the safety, welfare and behaviour of students. The personal development, behaviour and welfare of students was graded 'Good', recognising that all concerns raised by the previous inspection have been fully addressed. The school has also been praised for creating a 'stronger sense of community' for pupils.

The school's sixth form was rated 'Good' by Ofsted for the 4th consecutive time, with particular reference to the standard of teaching, guidance students receive about their next steps after school as well as learning opportunities provided.

The Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT) was brought in in July 2014 to provide strategic leadership in an advisory capacity, following the school being placed into special measures. Sawtry officially joined CMAT in April 2015, becoming the fifth secondary school in the Trust.

Sarah Wilson was appointed by the Trust as Principal in April 2015 following a period of undertaking the role in an acting position. The latest Ofsted report recognises that the Principal, 'supported by a cohesive and committed team of senior leaders, has skilfully steered the academy's recovery.'

To find out more about Sawtry Village Academy, please visit: www.sawtryva.org

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

This year's supper will be held on **Tuesday 6th June** 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.

We continue to have concerns regarding non-attendance as the meals have to be paid for in advance and we have a waiting list of people wishing to attend, so please put the date in your diaries.

You may have seen over the past year the lovely home grown vegetables outside Dick and Pam Tuplin's house. Dick and Pam have very kindly donated £100 from the money they made to the Feast Supper Club, for which we are very grateful.

In November last year we held our most successful Bingo ever, we raised a magnificent £420 our best to date, so thanks once again to all those that donated prizes, helped and attended the evening, also thanks to Marlene for the gorgeous cake she made for us to raffle on the night.

Our next Bingo is booked for **Thursday 28th April** so please make a note in your diaries.

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

Karen Leader 01487 832645 or 07903 841708



www.sawtry.net www.ssbpartnership.org

As a local non for profit Business Networking Group, the SSBP have been established for 6 years and growing. With 50 members of all trades and services our local community can call on trusted professionals who can recommend each other and help to reduce the fear of poor workmanship and inflated prices from bogus traders.

The partnership is also proud of the funds it has raised over the years for local causes such as CARESCO, Little People, Sawtry Youth Project and Sawtry First Responders.

The social side of the group is also an additional benefit of becoming a member. All trades and services are welcome to join from the home-based business person to local companies. The cost is only £50.00 per annum which entitles members to attend 12 meetings a year to and be part of the yearly full colour Directory distributed to 5000 homes. There are also marketing leaflets and opportunities for advertising.

Sawtry.net is also owned and run by SSBP for the community. This is the place to find out so much about what is happening in your locality with clubs, groups, etc able to promote themselves at no charge. The SSBP is all about local...why not find out more?

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

FREE HEALTH WALK IN SAWTRY

The Huntingdonshire Health Walk scheme offers a free Health Walk on the 1st **Thursday** of every month in Sawtry.



The Health Walks are led by trained volunteers on various routes and last no longer than an hour. They are a great way to improve stamina and can benefit a variety of health conditions alongside the benefits of meeting new people

All walks meet at Old School Hall car park, off Green End Road at 10am

You can view the current brochure at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

New walkers are asked to turn up 15 minutes before published start times to fill in a short health questionnaire. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact the Sport and Active Lifestyles team on 01480 388469 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activelifestyles

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last meeting of 2015 was a talk by Martyn Smith on the subject of the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion. The Battalion was formed in early 1914 as a 'Home Service' by the Territorial Force. It was given the nickname of 'The Gas Pipe Cavalry' because their bikes were made from Gas pipes. Their Cap badge of a Rising Stag was taken from the Huntingdonshire seal. They had to provide their own bikes and most were young agricultural workers, these workers were classed as Privates. If you had a Motorcycle you were a Corporal or Sergeant, if they went to a Grammar school they were Officers, the class system very obvious in the Battalion. At the beginning Officers were issued with Khaki uniforms, but because there was not enough of this material, other ranks were dressed in Blue serge uniforms.

During training there was a two week break at the seaside which was a new experience for many. The duties of the Battalions were to guard Railways, Schools and main roads including the A1 to mention a few. The Hunts men were sent to Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, hilly counties, not the flat of the fens they were used to. This resulted in a few broken bones because when coming down the hills their brakes were not strong enough to stop the heavy bikes, resulting of falls. In the first two months 18 - 20 broken bones were recorded! They were stationed every two miles along the coast, two men with 4 rounds of ammunition between them to stop the whole German army. They were not allowed to serve overseas, however when volunteers were asked for, some did go out but they had to join other Battalions, hence the reason why some soldiers had two service numbers. The Battalion was never really disbanded but merged eventually into the Royal Anglians, so their history lives on. This is really a snapshot of the Battalion, it's worth looking at the Hunts Cycle Battalion website.

There was no meeting in December, our next meeting is on the 18th February on Medieval Manors of Huntingdonshire by Phillip Saunders, followed by 17th March with the AGM and a talk on Holmewood Hall by Sue Knight. Please come along and support the Sawtry History Society, all welcome.

Sheila Tibbs

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.

Contact 01487 830054 for more information

EASTER THOUGHT

It does not seem that long since Christmas, but already there are Easter eggs in the shops. Easter is coming – though not until after Lent. Lent (which just means ‘spring’) begins this year on 10th February. The day before Lent begins, known as Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday!) remind us that Lent used to be a time for fasting, before the feasting of Easter. Pancakes were a way of using up all the rich food in the house.

‘Giving something up’ for Lent can be a good discipline. Do we have the will power to give up chocolate, or wine, or whatever it is? Whatever we’ve given up will taste a whole lot better at Easter!

But in recent years, churchgoers and others have been encouraged to mark Lent by ‘taking up’ rather than ‘giving up’. In other words, we make a special effort in those 40 days to live well, by thinking of others, being generous, doing acts of kindness. You can search online (eg 40acts.org.uk) and find your own ideas.

Towards the end of Lent comes the final approach to Easter. Jesus grew from the baby born in Bethlehem to a 30-year old man, who did lots of amazing things: healed people, cared for the poor, raised the dead and welcomed the lonely. But some people did not like the things he did and said. They plotted to have Jesus arrested, and he was falsely accused, and condemned to death.

On Good Friday (25th March), we remember how Jesus was put to death by being nailed to a cross by his hands and feet. Members of the churches in Sawtry will be carrying a cross through the village, to remind us of the cross on which Jesus died – a painful, cruel death.

When Jesus died, it looked like the end. But he came back from the dead after three days, the event we celebrate on Easter Day. Dead people don’t usually come back from the grave - but Jesus was different. He promised people forgiveness, and the power to live like he did, telling people about God’s love and working to make the world a better place.

Whether you spend this Lent exercising your will power or munching your way through those chocolate eggs, take a moment to think about what an egg points to. It’s a sign of new life which we celebrate at Easter. The churches in Sawtry and the surrounding area would love to help you discover why Easter is so special – come and find out. Enjoy your Easter eggs - and may the good news of Easter bring you joy and hope.

Revd Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton

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

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

In 1981 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry was formed. Mass is celebrated at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday Morning at 9.15am. After Mass you are invited to stay to meet everyone and enjoy refreshments.

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

Everyone is Welcome

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

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

If you wish to know more

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

Or Christine – chrissi4328@gmail.com - 07951 488466

For details of all services at St Benedict's and St. Luke's Peterborough check website <http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk>

Find us on:



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

SERVICES

February			March		
7 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	6 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship		10.30am	All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday
10 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	13 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
14 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	20 th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
21 st	10.30am	Morning Worship	24 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
28 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	25 th	Good Friday	
				10.00am	March of Witness leaves All Saints at 10am
				10.30am	Good Friday United Service at Sawtry Methodist Church
			27 th	Easter Day	
				10.30am	All Age Holy Communion

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will meet on Saturdays 20th February and 19th March, 4.30 - 6.30pm, in church. Church – but-not-as-you-know-it — for all ages, especially children and parents/ carers. Come and enjoy being messy, with activities, celebration and a meal together.



ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

After school Adventurers Club will meet at Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 9th February and 8th March, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. For more info contact Revd Imogen Falvey on 07903098982. Discoverers (years 3 - 6) will meet on Fridays 19th February and 11th March, 6.30 - 7.30pm in church. Seekers will meet on Tuesdays 2nd February, 1st and 22nd March, 7.45pm at 48 Newton Road. For more info contact Ali Scott on 07506411507 or 832478.

SATURDAY OPENING

All Saints is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00pm, for space to pray, or enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR

Contact the Rector, Rosie Ward, 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.

The Curate, Imogen Falvey can be contacted on 07903 098982 or falvey12@btinternet.com

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Rev David King - Tel 01480 853857

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

SPECIAL SERVICES

All Age Worship

21st February – 10.30am

Led by John Stent

Mothering Sunday

6th March – 10.30am

Led by Rev David King

All Age Worship

20th March – 10.30am

Led by John Bridge

Come and join us, all are welcome

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all

8th & 22nd February, 7th & 21st March

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11 am

In aid of Building Project Phase 2.

ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

February			March		
7 th	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	6 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10 th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Joint Service at All Saints	13 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
14 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	17 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
18 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	20 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
21 st	9.00am	Holy Communion	24 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Joint Service at All Saints
28 th	9.00am	Morning Worship	27 th	9.00am	Easter Service Holy Communion

Lent Study

After Ash Wednesday on 10th February we plan to have a series of five lent fellowship/study evenings meeting each Wednesday starting on 17th February. Further information can be obtained through the PCC or specifically John (01487 832401) or Joan (01487 831168).

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19th March at 6.30 for a prompt 7pm start. Tickets @ £10, which includes supper, can be obtained from either Helen (01487 830648) or Rosie (01487 834234). There will be a bar and raffle.

Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 17th February and 16th March in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR

Please phone Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 with any general enquiries, or to ask for prayer.

See Glatton website for more information: www.glatton.org.uk



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Biodiversity: Anglian Water’s Natural Partner

Wednesday 10th February

The talk will be given by Chris Gerrard who is Anglian Water’s Climate Change and Biodiversity Manager. Chris will explain how the company is working to conserve and enhance wildlife on its land and how this work impacts the whole region through the provision of water and water recycling services to its six million customers.

Are New Developments Ever Good for Wildlife?

Wednesday 9th March

The talk will be given by Martin Baker, The Wildlife Trust’s Conservation Manager for Cambridgeshire. Martin will explain that Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties in England, using the experience gained by the Wildlife Trust with the Trumpington and Cambourne developments, Martin will explore what must be done if wildlife is to thrive alongside our expanding population.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. No need to book. Please contact Tim on 07941 261346 for further information.

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**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
CAMBRIDGESHIRE LIBRARIES**



Residents are being asked to have their say and help shape the future of Cambridgeshire Libraries while making sure Cambridgeshire County Council still makes the savings it needs.

The Council had planned to have to save £41 million next year but recent Government announcements now mean the Council has to find around an extra £5 - £11million, depending on Council Tax.

Over the last five years the Council has already saved £118 million and libraries have saved £2.5 million. To make the current savings the Council now has to look at saving a further half a million from its already lean library budget.

Previously savings have been made from back office support, management costs, a more self-service approach, some service reductions and other efficiencies across the service. Now, the Library Service has to make some tough decisions and the Council public library consultation launched in January is asking people for their opinions about the options.

Proposals include a combination of reducing opening hours at larger libraries, reducing management and professional staff and spending less on new library stock. The Council has already started a cross party group which has been looking at ways of increasing income generation to make sure facilities can continue to be used as much as possible by local communities.

Other options are still being discussed by the Council, including budget proposals for the Mobile Library Service and possible changes to Archives and Local Studies. Although current options do not include transferring the running of any of the 32 libraries to the community at this stage, this may still be an option the following year when even more savings are needed. We will consult on any future proposals in due course.

The Consultation which can be found online at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraryconsultation closes on Monday, 15 February

QUESTIONS FOR THE GARDENER

Can you recommend a selection of medium tall shrubs that will grow in limy soil? The chalk is a maximum of 30cm (12in) below the soil’s surface.

Most chalky soils tend to be free draining and will dry out very quickly in summer, so improve it by digging in lots of old rotted compost or well-rotted organic matter into it in autumn, this will help to raise the humus levels so improving the water holding capacity. Alkaline & chalky soils are ideal for a wide range of lime tolerant shrubs, so this small selection will do well grown in this type of soil.

Cistus, Ceanothus, Hebe, Deutzia, Dwarf Lilacs (*syringe vulgaris*) are all sweetly scented. **Philadelphus var Bell Etoile** the **Mock orange** (With its beautifully scented flowers will do well in chalk). **Osmanthus delavayi** has small dark evergreen leaves with clusters of small, fragrant white tubular flowers in spring an excellent evergreen for borders. Also, try **Berberis darwinii, Buddleia davidii**, and the spring yellow flowering **Forsythia**. All make excellent shrubs for chalky or for alkaline soils. So my best advice is to do some checking up firstly to see that the plants you intend to grow in this position are suitable for chalky or alkaline soils too!

Tip: If you intend growing early vegetables on the Allotment etc, then firstly cover the soil over with cloches or fleece tunnels to warm it up before hand as this helps get any seeds off to a good start.

Good Gardening

The Gardener

Sawtry Eye Feb – Mar 16

**SIT DOWN FOR BREAKFAST, STAND UP FOR FARMERS!
FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 29 FEBRUARY - 13 MARCH**

As Martin Luther King famously said, 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally.

It's a scandal that the people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.



When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, the Fairtrade Foundation will be encouraging campaigners to inspire a multitude of Fairtrade breakfasts in their community – and wake others up to the challenges facing farmers and workers.

So, this Fairtrade Fortnight will you eat a Fairtrade breakfast? Have a look at the coffee, tea, sugar, cereal & fruit in your pantry and look out for the Fairtrade logo on supermarket shelves.



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

For more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk or call the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7405 5942



Had a recent experience of using health or social care?

Tell us what it was like for you.

Listen: At Healthwatch, we listen. Tell us what is working well within our local health and care services and what you think needs to be better. We log what you say and share this anonymously with the people who make decisions about our care. This helps them improve care where it is needed.



Involve: We can make sure you know about local opportunities to have your say on health and care decisions. You can sign up for regular updates, or get in touch when you want some information.

We can help you find out what health and care services are available locally, or how to raise a concern. This is a free, independent and confidential service.

Challenge: Healthwatch can challenge health and care decision makers, if care isn't working in the way it should. We can also challenge, if we think a decision has been made where people have not been able to contribute. They have to listen to us, and they have to reply.

Get in touch: Please do tell us how care is working right now for you and the people who are important to you. Your experiences are important to us.

We are happy to talk to local groups and attend events, so please do invite us.

Contact us or call **01480 420628**, visit www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk



Healthwatch Cambridgeshire follow us  @HW_Cambs

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

THINK the fire service is all about putting out fires and rescuing people from road crashes? Think again. At Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, the men and women on our frontline deliver important fire safety advice to dozens of different communities. From visiting schools to care homes, mother and toddler groups to community fetes, our firefighters play an integral role in keeping YOUR community safe.

And we'd like **you** to think about joining us.

The role of a firefighter is varied and exciting but most importantly, it can make a real difference to people's lives.

The next recruitment process for whole-time firefighters opens on 6th February. To find out more, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook or call **01480 444500**



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Working together to improve community safety

DRAGON ACADEMY

Facebook "Sawtry Martial Arts" "Mark Adlington"

Advanced Martial Arts made simple

Juniors – Karate & Kickboxing

Adults – Karate, Kickboxing, Pressure Points, Weapons, Chi Kung, Yoga, Feng Shui

Beginners welcome to all classes.

Training Hall – 11 Ashdale Close Sawtry PE28 5SN

Classes - Saturdays 2pm and Sundays 10am

Classes can be set to suit students any day any time.

Most classes are one to one

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

Events and local seminars:-

- 13th February Seminar with Grandmaster Bowman 9th Dan
- March Coloured Belt Test

Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington,

8th Dan Ki Do Karate, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do Karate, 5th Dan Kickboxing

Phone 01487 830601 / Mobile 07599 643393

Email markad@btinternet.com



SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Sawtry FC are running two teams, both sponsored by The Greystones PH. They are Sawtry First Team playing in the Premier Division and Sawtry Reserves playing in Division 2 of the Peterborough and District Football League. Both teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry usually on Saturdays with midweek matches early and late in the season. Both usually kick off at 2 pm on Saturday, 6:30 pm on a weekday. Please come down and show your support.

Recent Results

November 21	League Premier Division	Sawtry	0 - 2	Pinchbeck Utd
	League Division 2	Glinton & Northborough FC	7 - 1	Sawtry Reserves
28	Scott Gatty Cup	Eaton Socon	4 - 0	Sawtry
	PFA Challenge Cup	Sawtry Reserves	2 - 3	P'boro ICA Sports Res
December 5	League Premier Division	Sawtry	0 - 2	Langtoft Utd
	League Division 2	Hampton Sport FC	9 - 1	Sawtry Reserves
19	League Premier Division	Crowland Town FC	1 - 1	Sawtry
	League Division 2	Sawtry Reserves	1 - 6	Crowland Town Res
January 2	League Premier Division	P'boro ICA Sports	4 - 1	Sawtry

Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

January 30	League Division 2	Sawtry Reserves	v	Ketton Reserves
February 6	League Premier Division	Sawtry	v	Riverside FC
13	League Premier Division	Sawtry	v	Uppingham Town FC

If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07719641431



SAWTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Re-introducing ourselves – and looking for new members



So, why the re-introduction? When people mention a Motorcycle Club, often the first image which springs to mind is a bunch of leather-clad lunatics roaring & speeding down the road and upsetting the local residents. Well, that couldn't be further from the truth as far as Sawtry is concerned (although some members *are* clad in leather!). We prefer to become involved in local events (where possible/appropriate) and to be a part of the community in which we all live. You may have seen us at the Sawtry Carnival, not just on our stand but more importantly providing the marshalling for the Carnival Parade (and yes, we'll be doing the same again this year). We have had a presence at some charity events and have raised money for, and donated money to, quite a few local charities including MAGPAS, EACH and the Sawtry Feast Supper.

The Sawtry Motorcycle Club (SMCC) is made up of people from all walks of life but who share a common interest i.e. motorised 2-wheelers (of any shape/size!). We have many different types of bike in the club (e.g. cruisers, tourers, sports, etc.) and a wealth of experience to go with them, including some advanced riders, some members who help with CBT (the compulsory basic training), some members who race as a hobby (and very successfully too) as well as people who have ridden for most of their lives and just enjoy it! We also have mechanical/electrical experience (and some club tools available) to help when things go wrong.

So, if you're an 'old hand' and looking for like-minded company, a newly qualified rider who would like to learn from the experiences of others (and ride with them) or someone who is just considering getting a motorbike, please come along and have an informal chat with us; we meet at the Greystones every Tuesday at about 8.30pm. This time of year there aren't too many bikes out and about, but we meet up just the same!

By the time you read this, we'll have had our AGM and decided upon events & outings for the forthcoming year. I hope to be able to share our 2016 calendar with you in the next issue of the Sawtry Eye.

Ride safely

Pete

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

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

All club members were deeply saddened by the death of Mrs Sue Rayson just before Christmas, the respect and fondness for Sue was shown by the incredible number of people from Club, County, W.I. and friends who attended her funeral. Sue was a keen player at Club and County level reaching National finals at Skegness and Leamington, she was Treasurer for the Ladies league and Club delegate for the E.B.F. Sue will be a great loss to the Club and our sympathies go to Mick and her family at this sad time.



The Club is very fortunate that Huntingdon and Sawtry Co-op Funeral Directors have kindly sponsored our new Junior Club shirts. Our thanks go to Karen and Maddie Leader for designing our new contemporary and very smart shirts. The manager from Sawtry Co-op Funeral Directors, June Underwood made the presentation of the cheque to Club President Mr Urwin on Wednesday 13th January.

Our winter social activities Christmas bingo, Christmas lunch and Burn's Night have all been very successful.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Saturday 19th March Easter Bingo at the Club at 7.30pm

Any Queries contact

Ladies Secretary; Mrs Maureen Urwin Tel: No: 01487 830193

Club Secretary Mr Kevin Bowers Tel No 01487 832854





SAWTRY COLTS

Not too much football to report upon with the festive period bringing a hiatus to Colts football and then the rain bringing too much water to the Greenfield pitches.

The Under 7s (U7s) secured a few more victories at the end of last year but have not ventured onto the pitches in 2016 yet. The U8s drew with Huntingdon, lost their first match of the season, when under-strength, to a strong St Ives side and then picked up a well-deserved win against Huntingdon. They are now playing a

series of matches against the stronger teams so we will see how they match up in the weeks to come.

The U11 Yellow Sox have continued with their winning run and now have 8 wins out 10 matches so far this season topping their initial group in the process. They are playing some great football and also have the cup to look forward to where they face St Ives. The U12s have a win, a draw and a narrow defeat in their last 3 matches. The draw in particular is worthy of note as they came back from 2-0 down to be only the 2nd team to take points off of top of the table Bourne.

The U13s have a comfortable cup win and an equally comfortable away win in the league to show for their recent (well pre-Christmas) efforts. They have won 6 of their 7 games in the league and a quarter final cup match awaits them later in the year. The U14s gained a long overdue win beating Huntingdon 9-3 at the end of last year. Unfortunately this was their last game as they have since folded but it was nice to go out with a win.

The U15s girls have lost their last 3 matches although as they were all against the top two teams they will have easier days to come. The U15 Blues went out of the cup losing by the odd goal in five to St Neots, a loss in the league to Ramsey is their only other recent outing. Similar to the Girls, the U15 Yellows have lost their last 4 matches all against the top three teams, losing home and away to Staploe and Duloe and then to Alconbury and Gamlingay.

The U18 Girls drew with Bourne in hurricane conditions, lost to top of the table Wisbech in gale force conditions and then had a disappointing loss to Newmarket when they just didn't compete. They have a cup semi-final against Netherton to look forward to later in the season.

Brian Craig

www.sawtrycolts.co.uk



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
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