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## Julie Gillmore's Charity Linedance Evening

*Featuring Tony Rouse*

**Saturday 26 March**

**At Sawtry Village Academy**  
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5QT

**£12.00 per person**

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on Sunday 27 February

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## BELATED NEW YEAR KNEES UP

With the fantastic live band  
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**Saturday 19 March**  
**7.30 - 11.30pm**

**At Sawtry Village Academy**

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**Licensed Bar**

**All proceeds to CARESCO & Sawtry Village Academy**  
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Please check with the individual group concerned.



## TREE OF LIGHT

Thank you very much to everyone who wrote on a wooden heart for a loved one which we placed on the Sawtry village Christmas tree. I hope that you had a chance to read some of the lovely heartfelt messages that were written on them - it was a pleasure to hang them all there. I think that you'll agree that the Christmas tree was outstanding and a huge thank you to Sawtry Parish Council for putting it on the green again. It made an awesome sight when you were coming in and out of the village and certainly lit up the festivities. I look forward to seeing another fantastic display again this year.



## VILLAGE CAROLS

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the elements to join in the Sawtry Village Carols in December at Greystones. Although it started off raining and we thought we might have to sing inside - the rain stopped and we were able to stay outside. It was a lovely village event and was supported by lots of people. It was great to hear so many voices singing along to all the well known Christmas carols. Thank you to Matt Coates for setting up the PA system and above all singing so heartily to every carol - couldn't have done it without you!! Also to Greystones for providing the much needed warmth of a mulled wine and a mince pie donated by Arthur at the Co-Op. There were collecting pots out on the night and you very kindly helped to raise £100 which has been split between CARESCO and the East of England Ambulance Service who are helping Sawtry Parish Council to site another defibrillator in the village.

## SSBP THANK YOU

CARESCO would like to thank Ralph Maloney and the SSBP group for donating £1428.41 towards our mini bus appeal. It was a very generous donation for which we are very grateful and it will help to go a long way towards our target to get a replacement minibus. We are still on a journey with our fundraising and would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. If anyone would like to donate to this appeal then visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CARESCOminibus>, scan the QR code, or drop off your donation at the CARESCO Centre (cheques payable to 'CARESCO').



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# Welcome...

As we begin to move towards Spring and the warmer months, I can see my bulbs coming up and promising colour in my garden. Hopefully we will also be seeing the rates of Covid infection begin to drop away. Most of the local groups are back up and running, even if they're not quite as they were pre-2020 as yet.

We were sorry to hear of the demise of very long-term contributors, the Sawtry Winemakers and wish their former members all the best as they explore alternative hobbies. Our thanks for all their contributions and support over the years.

Sawtry History Society are back in-person in their new venue (see page 8) and we also have some lovely evocative memories from a life-long Sawtry resident on page 10 and Maurice's next Quintuplication instalment - do please keep these coming. I'm sure newer folk to our villages will find these reminiscences fascinating.

As confidence builds, we have a growing number of dates for bigger village events over the summer months, including Sawtry Carnival, Sawtry Sport 4 All and even the Frost Fayre in December, so get the dates in your diary.

Be good to each other

Liz - Co-Editor



## CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

## CARESCO UPDATE

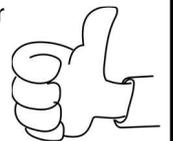
Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising campaign to purchase a new minibus. We are grateful for all the contributions so far, please keep them coming.

All our activities are up and running, Covid allowing, and we would love to welcome you if you would like to try out one of them. We are here for anyone who lives in Sawtry or one of the neighbouring villages and needs us. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Don't forget to visit our website for updates and details of all our services and activities: [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2022

Half term: 14 - 18 February

End of term 1 April

### Summer Term 2022

Start of term 19 April

Half term: 30 May – 3 June

End of term 22 July

### Autumn Term 2022

Start of term 1 September

Half Term - 24 to 28 October

End of term 21 December



**NB** Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday dates and may not match those set by Cambridgeshire County Council. Schools have a number of training days available to take in addition at their discretion. Please contact your local school for more details.

Information taken from [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

7 & 21 February

7 & 21 March

### GARDEN WASTE (GREEN) & RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)

(Week Beginning)

14 & 28 February

14 & 28 March

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



Your Kind of Music presents

## 'Stilton in Tune'

With the support we have received for our first two post-lockdown concerts I have decided that Keyboard Showtime will continue through 2022. Hopefully the pandemic doesn't worsen again and our audiences continue to grow again as confidence in going out returns.

**Sunday 6 February** - Mark Thompson

**Sunday 6 March** - Michael Wooldridge

**Sunday 10 April** - Lewis Scott

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm)  
at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA  
Entrance £10 with refreshments included.

All Covid safety measures will be taken in line with current guidelines.

More details will be provided on Facebook pages for the area.

**For further details please contact  
Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600  
or email [tony.oliver5@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.oliver5@btinternet.com)**



## SOUNDS GOOD

Come and join us for all things musical and the spoken word

We meet on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month,**  
from 1.30 to 3pm  
**At the CARESCO Centre**

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

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



## SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL

Saturday 9 July

We are pleased to confirm that our National Lottery Community Fund application for Sawtry Sport 4 All in 2022 was successful. This means we can now go ahead with organising this popular village event where everyone can come along and enjoy a free afternoon of activity with their friends and family.

Sawtry Walk To Run & CARESCO are the main organisers, but the event cannot happen without the valued support of Sawtry Parish Council, Sawtry Academy Leisure, Sawtry Village Academy and Sawtry & District Bowls Club who generously open up their space for us to use.

Of course, it also wouldn't happen without the amazing efforts and contribution from Sawtry's sports and leisure clubs, communities, and businesses who provide a full range of inclusive activities or our amazing group of volunteers.

If you want to have the opportunity to promote your club, business, or community group by putting on a free activity at the event, please email us at [sawtrysport4all@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrysport4all@gmail.com). Please also email if you can volunteer some hours on the day to help everything go smoothly or want to help with organising.

**[www.sawtrysport4all.com](http://www.sawtrysport4all.com) or follow our Facebook page**



**SATURDAY  
11 JUNE**

## 'Tropical Fiesta'

After a two year break, we are back!

We look forward to welcoming you all to Sawtry Carnival once more, preparations are already underway for the well-loved village event.

Bookings for Stalls, Parade and Arena along with Court entries are now being taken...

Any bookings in place for the cancelled 2020/21 events will be carried over - a committee member will be in touch.

We can't wait to see you there!

**Julia and Committee**

**For any further information:  
[sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com)  
[sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycommittee@gmail.com)  
or call 07799 062276**



Join us for a great night of music direct from the West End

## Faith in the Musicals

Saturday 19 February

Starting at 7pm  
Doors open 6:30pm

At St. Nicholas Church, Church Road, Glatton, PE28 5RR

Tickets £20

including interval refreshments and delicious canapés

Funds raised for ministry and outreach in the local community

Come and see exceptional musicians from London's West End perform your favourite musical hits

Tickets available here:

This promises to be an evening not to be missed and we look forward to sharing it with you.



Supported by West End has Faith and The Coverdale Trust



For more information contact  
Rev Becky Dyball 07444 574039

## CHATTERBOX

Drop-in sessions for family carers

A friendly drop-in where you can get help.



Chat & relax over a cuppa. Guest speakers & Carers Assessments

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

We're back in-person!

14 & 28 February  
14 & 28 March

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



For more information email:  
[office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
or call the CARESCO Office  
01487 832105

## MOTHER'S DAY RUNAWAYS

Sunday 27 March  
At All Saints Church  
Starting at 3pm



A space for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult for any reason, offering a space to pray, be still and be reminded you're not alone.

Drop in to light a candle, say a prayer, talk to someone and enjoy a fresh coffee and slice of cake

There will be a short reflective service at 3:30pm

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays  
12 February and 12 March

10.00 till 11.30am

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

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information please contact :

Sue Fowler  
01832 293215



## SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN & TRADITIONAL LINEDANCE CLASSES

This style of dancing is suitable for all ages and fitness-levels, bringing with it physical and mental benefits and is a great way of making new friends.

I am a dance Instructor and Choreographer with 24 years experience and a member of the Best Western Dance Academy.

I run classes for Beginners, Improvers and Intermediates in the Old School Hall, Sawtry and Glatton Village Hall, Glatton.



Line Dancing

For more information on days and times and to book a class contact Julie Gillmore

On 07939 070 406

[Jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:Jcgillmore@sky.com)

Or ask to join

Sawtry Steppers on Facebook



**Saturday 19 February, 4.00 – 6.00pm**  
**Saturday 19 March, 4.30 – 6.30pm**

At All Saints' Church,  
 Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5RD

**Bible themed activities and crafts, story  
 and song, followed by supper.**

**Messy Church is for all ages and families  
 of all shapes and sizes!**

*If under 16, you will need to bring an adult with you*

To find out more and to pre-register, contact Ali Scott  
 childrensministry@allsaintssawtry.org.uk  
 or go to our website www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

**No charge, but donations welcomed**

*We look forward to seeing you!*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As our big village events come back, after their Covid-breaks, the organisers are looking for extra help on the day to make everything run smoothly and safely for everyone.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the co-ordinators direct - eg Sawtry Sport 4 All (page 4) or Sawtry Carnival (page 4).



## SAWTRY FOODBANK

A team of 19 Foodbank volunteers packed and delivered Christmas food parcels which helped 220 local people over Christmas. Thank you for all the donations we received over the festive season. Our community is very generous and it was all very much appreciated.

Please consider making food donations of suitable items from our list to help us:

- Tinned ham / corned beef
- Long-life Milk
- Squash
- Custard
- Jam
- Instant coffee

We are also in need of donations of strong plastic 'bags for life' if you have any to spare.

Donations can be dropped off at Gt Gidding Stores, Sawtry Co-op Food store or the CARESCO Centre.

Thank you in anticipation.

**To contact the team, please email  
 foodbank@caresco.org.uk or call 07743 593863**

NB Please make sure that all items are well in date and note that we cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or homemade produce

*Thank you in anticipation*  
**www.caresco.org.uk**



## GREEN END DAY CLUB

*Invite you to join them for their*

## QUIZ SUPPER

Saturday 12 February  
 from 7.30pm



*Teams of 4 - 6 people*

*In the CARESCO Centre  
 off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX*

**Tickets £10.00**

*(Per person, to include a hot supper)*

*All proceeds to CARESCO's Minibus Appeal*



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To book your tickets,  
 contact the CARESCO Office  
 on 01487 832105

or email  
**office@caresco.org.uk**



## SAWTRY CARNIVAL COURT

### Selection & Crowning Evening

**Disco and Raffle!**

**Spring 2022 - details to follow on**



Julia and Committee

**For any further information:  
 sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com  
 sawtrycommittee@gmail.com  
 or call 07799 062276**



## LITTLE SAINTS



**Every Thursday in term time**

**9 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)  
 Methodist Church Hall,  
 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX**

All Saints' Sawtry, St. Nicholas Glatton and St. Giles Holme welcome all 0 - 5 year old's and all those who care for them.

From each session you can expect: Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments, Singing, Prayer and lots of fun.

If you care for a little one as a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder, come along and join the fun.

**£2 donation per family**

**For more information please contact  
 Alex Dyball  
 littlesaintssawtry@gmail.com or  
 call 01487 506217**

## BROW4 FAMILY FUNFEST



**Saturday 18 June**  
**Starting at 11am**

**At Ferry Meadows Country Park,  
Peterborough, PE2 5UU**

Would you or your friends and family like to  
Bike, Run or Walk for  
East Anglian Air Ambulance or Magpas Air Ambulance?  
Come and join us and do a sponsored Bike Run or Walk,  
with or without your 4-legged pet,  
around a 5k, 8k or 12k marshalled track

The ticket office is now 'OPEN'  
<https://brow4cic.mhtickets.com/events/11510>

- **Live Music**
- **Hot Food**
- **Trade Stands**
- **Licensed Bar**



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## CHARITY SHOP

**7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR**  
**01487 208026**

Our shop team are currently looking  
for a couple of new volunteers  
to help fill the following slots on our rota:

- **Saturdays - 12.45 - 4.00pm - Till**  
(full training will be provided)
- **Saturdays - 12.45 - 4.00pm - Shop floor**

*Please get in touch if you have  
some spare time and  
would like to get involved.*



## WE NEED A NEW BUILDING!

We are looking for volunteers to join our team  
to help us source a replacement building

**Are you interested in getting involved?**

*After 20 years, our modular building is beginning  
to wear out and we need a new purpose-built  
permanent home from which we can continue  
to run our community services.*

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**For more information contact:**  
**the CARESCO office**  
**on 01487 832105 or**  
**office@caresco.org.uk**

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

## HOLME WI

We made it to December and were still able  
to hold meetings indoors. We ended the  
year with Fun Science with Pat. Pat came  
along and showed us a fun way to enjoy science, sitting in  
groups we had different experiments to do. We made a  
simple version of a thaumatrope, erupting volcanoes using  
vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, and most amazingly, a  
mixture of cornflour and water which looks like a liquid in its  
container but when you touch it, it feels like a solid  
substance, when you manipulate it, it becomes liquid, very  
unusual. It is a non-Newtonian fluid, it doesn't follow  
Newton's law of viscosity, apparently. I won't get any more  
technical than that! It lived up to its name though, it was all  
very good fun. There was a lot of giggling, and not just  
because of the alcoholic fizz. Pat was a good teacher, very  
patient with us.

Certificates were handed out to our longest serving  
members, with one of our ladies being a member for 61  
years, what dedication. Our Knit and Knatter group has  
been very busy knitting for the Helping Hands appeal. They  
put on an amazing display of knitted blankets, baby and  
small child clothes, and some toys.

We start our meetings again in February, we meet on the  
first Thursday of each month, anyone interested in seeing  
what we get up to please do come along to  
Holme Village Hall, we open our meeting at  
7.30pm.

**Anyone wishing to contact us  
please email**  
**Wlholmevillage@gmail.com**  
**or call 07711 224437 (evenings only)**

**Alison McGuinness, President**



## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

**Sunday 20 February**

Visit to Deane Park, Nr Corby, NN17 3EG.  
Meet at 10.30am at Sawtry Social Club car park  
to car share.

Admission £5 each. Tickets to be ordered in  
advanced.

Call Penny on 07598 431308 to book your place.  
Non-members welcome

**Saturday 19 March**

Daffodils at Chippenham Par, Nr Newbury, CB7 6PT  
Minibus leaving Sawtry at 10.30am  
£10, Members only

**For info:**  
**call 07598 431308,**  
**or email**  
**sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com**

**Find us on Facebook at:**  
**Sawtry Gardeners**



**SIMON BYWATER**  
**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**  
**FOR SAWTRY & STILTON**

Happy New Year to you all and hope you have all managed to see family and friends over Christmas.

Throughout 2021 I was amazed to see how our community continued to "step up to the Plate" and support one another during the challenges of Covid. Our local charities, community groups and schools have been instrumental in this and continue to make life a little easier for many residents.

I would also like to recognise the hard work of the Sawtry Litter Pickers who continue to try to make our village a more pleasant place to live. Also all the volunteers who give up their time to work in the parish church and grounds in Sawtry which is transformed from what it looked like 2 years ago.

On 7 December 2021 at the Huntingdonshire District Full Council Meeting I was pleased to be able to present and launch the Community Transition Strategy which received full cross party support. The strategy sets out how the council will help and support the community going forward. Full Details can be found on [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

I will continue to push for highway repairs as necessary but I can't stress enough, that if you see a problem please report it here: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Finally, I am delighted to announce that I will be standing for re-election in the District Council elections in May and hope many of you will take the time to use your vote.

You will often see me walking my dog Ruby around the village and surrounding areas, and if you do, please stop and chat to me about any local issues that you feel the need to discuss/highlight and I will endeavour to do my best to assist and support you.

For regular updates please follow my Facebook page.

**Simon**

**07984 637553**

**<https://www.facebook.com/CllrSimonBywater/>**

**HOLME YOUTH CLUB**

We were very fortunate to have 30 members enjoying a hectic night at Laserforce and 10 at the ice rink (as Laserforce was oversubscribed and we didn't want to disappoint) in November, because it ended up being our last session of 2021 as the sudden rise in Covid cases meant we had to cancel our sessions in December and our first one for January. We got up and running on 14 January all be it with masks, so hopefully that is the end of our closures for Covid.

We did manage to have a superb "Santa Float" touring Holme on 20 December and would like to give sincere thanks to Steve Harper, Jo Wood and all the Admiral Wells team for the hard work they put into this. It was greatly appreciated by the village as well as Youth Club as so many people were waiting at each "Santa Stop" to greet us.

We were also very grateful to the Community Reach Fund for the grant they gave us to cover the loss of our tuckshop stock and the additional PPE equipment we had to buy. We also had to continue paying our insurance cover for the 18 months we were closed with no income, so it has ensured we can continue to keep running enabling our members to have a great time with their friends on a Friday night from 6.30 - 8.30pm in Holme Village Hall.

Holme Youth Club membership is open to school years 5 - 10 who live in Holme village plus those who attend or have attended Holme School. We are unable to take guest members as we are at capacity.

If you would like to find out more details about the Youth Club please contact

**Renee Mitcham**

**Facebook: @HolmeYouth**

**[reneemitcham@btinternet.com](mailto:reneemitcham@btinternet.com)**



**SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY**



All good news this issue!

Sawtry Library, where our Archive is situated, is now open on Saturday mornings. When we open the Archive, we will post updates on the website, on our Facebook page and in this publication.

When you read this we will have had our first meeting at Sawtry Methodist Church on Green End Road, the subject being "Who or What is buried Under your Garden?"

We have not been idle during lockdown. Not only have we arranged this new venue, which will help us improve our meetings, but Marilyn has provided a young German man with links to help him discover more about his grandfather who was a prisoner at the camp during the war. She has also done extensive research for a resident of Guernsey looking into his ancestry, and which I was able to combine with information provided by the Garner family from the Methodist Church. He was most grateful, saying that we were more helpful than the professional he had paid to help with the task.

If you are planning on joining one of our monthly meetings, we would request that you use the local parking arrangements as parking in Green End Road is not ideal, dropping off is fine.

Please visit our new website [www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk) where you can read our local history articles. There is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.

**The History Society meet at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Methodist Church, Green End Road, PE28 5UX**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441 - [www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk)**



## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB FUN TT KIDZ EVENT

Sawtry Table Tennis Club will be hosting another 8-week long TT Kidz programme for 7 to 11 year old children (Junior School aged).

The TT Kidz 8-week programme has been designed and developed by our Governing Body - Table Tennis England to provide youngsters the opportunity to have some fun, while at the same time, meet new children, learn new skills, build new friendships, learn about teamwork, exercise, and learn how to play this great sport of table tennis.

The TT Kidz programme is aimed at 7 to 11-year-old children to encourage them to try table tennis for the first time. The overall focus is on learning some new skills, while having fun.

The programme will be held on a Tuesday evening, from 5pm until 6pm. Starting on Tuesday 8 March until the 10 May, but not running during the Easter Holidays (5 and 12 April). It will be held at the Club's Venue:

- Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry.

The cost of this programme is £25.00 per child, which works out at less than £3.50 a night. This includes the essential kit for your child to take part in this programme and to continue their table tennis journey. Your child will receive a TT Kidz branded draw string Kit Bag, with a TT Kidz T-Shirt, an Activity Book, a TT Kidz Lanyard, a Table Tennis Red Bat and a box of 3 TT Kidz branded Training Balls.

So, if you are interested in booking your child or children onto this great programme, then go to the online booking system: <https://www.ttkidz.co.uk/event/sawtry-ttc-tt-kidz/> or scan the QR Code and it will take you straight to the booking site.



If you don't have access to the internet, please send a Text or WhatsApp message to: - 07981 821556.

If anyone would like to see what TT Kidz is all about, then you can visit a Table Tennis England's YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYRXGctK5hE>.

## QUINTUPLICATION PART SEVEN MORE BEATING THE BOUNDS

Last time we beat just over half the parish which was to be a 13 mile walk in all. Once over the A1 (not a Motorway in those days and cross-able with care), the route took us along fields up Stangate Hill to Monks Wood, the National Nature Conservancy Reserve and Research Station. We could, I suppose, proudly look upon these as our most academic neighbours. Their Director, Dr Mellanby, more than once visited the College to give talks. The route then reached the main line railway which, since 1850, has barred walkers from a sliver of Sawtry parish which lies to the East. So, we skirted its large embankment, walking North for about two miles passing the remains of Sawtry Cistercian Abbey on the left. Much of that stone must have ended up in local dwellings, and I know I had my share. The walk continued with a long trudge beside a fen drain showing the weary walkers that very rich peat farmland which is so different to the land we started in. Then, the Bounds do a dog leg round what was once the mediaeval Great Meadow, probably our ancestors' first attempt at draining these lower acres. Then on, nipping carefully across the A1 again, and back to the start point.

For those with interest in this route (though please do not try it all these days!) I have produced a rough 15-minute picture montage DVD of our exploits and it now rests with the Sawtry Historical Society. Similarly, one about the following walk in Aversley Wood:

### THE WOODLAND TRUST

We are very lucky to have Aversley Wood (once private) available as a local amenity. This was because the Woodland Trust purchased it in 1984 to preserve what is a valuable natural site with rare trees (Service Trees) and butterflies and many bluebells. They say the wood grew after the last Ice Age and the ground has never been farmed. The Parish Council welcomed their action and it, and local landowners, the Young Farmers Club, and many volunteers have helped to maintain it properly. There are many walks (rides) within the wood and at the top end there is an Armed Pond. No, there are no guns up there but armed means that this is a small pond with many branches or arms. It was designed so that a great many animals could drink from it at the same time. Animals? Well, this pond is at the very top of the wood and adjoins the ancient Bullock Road (our Parish Boundary) along which animals passed on their way to the big markets of the South. This was such a successful purchase that, later, the Woodland Trust also bought the nearby Archers Wood, also in our parish and that became a public amenity too.

**Maurice Dybeck**

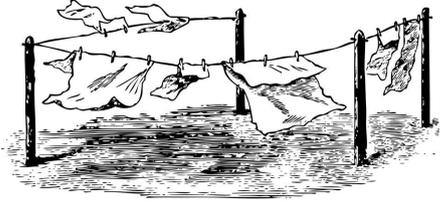
**Former Sawtry resident  
and first Warden at Sawtry Community College**



## THOSE WERE THE DAYS MY MEMORIES OF SAWTRY OVER THE YEARS

I have lived in Sawtry for all of my 91 years, and have seen so many changes in my lifetime from a small village of 500 inhabitants in the 1930s, to a population nearing 5,000 in recent years. I am not alone in my memories and there are still original residents living in Sawtry who have grown up sharing those memories with me since our schooldays, perhaps this will jog a few of their memories too.

My very earliest memories are at the Toll Bar Cottages on the South side of the original Great North Road, which now of course is the A1M. One of six children (all girls), who grew up in one of the eight council houses, which eventually had to be demolished to make way for the motorway. There was a garage, opposite our house, on the North bound carriageway owned by Mr Wilcox and later by Mr Hornig, which served petrol to the passing traffic and those lucky enough to own a vehicle, although most relied on pedal power to get to work on the farms or the railway, and it wasn't thought odd to cycle to Peterborough!



Monday was always the day washing blew in the breeze, courtesy of the coal fired boiler in the corner of the kitchen and a mangle to squeeze out the excess water- later upgraded to a Hotpoint Countess – and then the Servis Twin Tub – all thought to be luxury gadgets in their day!

The Land Army were based in the hostel on Slow Lane (where my sister Betty worked in the kitchens to help feed the workforce), who were busy keeping the country fed during the Second World War by working on the land.

After the war, the hostel later became an Infant and Junior School for the youngsters of the village and the Senior School was run by Mr & Mrs Kelly, on the top of the hill. The Village College not required yet, as Sawtry consisted of a couple of roads and a village green, giving no indication of how much the population of this tiny village would increase over the years to come.

Prisoners of war held in the camp at Woodwalton were allowed to visit the village unaccompanied on Saturday and Sundays.

I recall Westerman's Shop in Green End Road, selling those things we got on ration during the war years, and my Mother seemed able to make good hearty meals from whatever was available at the time. You could certainly not be too choosy and we were grateful for anything we got, I can remember at Christmas we got a sugar mouse and an orange in our stockings, and thought we'd got a real treat!

Sawtry had plenty of social gathering places courtesy of five pubs to my recollection – The Bull (on the corner of St Judith's Lane), The Bell (the only original remaining pub today), The Chequers (at the Green), The Oddfellow's Arms (in Church Street), and The Royal Oak on the Great North Road.

The village green was the focal point of the village and hosted maypole dancing and the visiting fair, which caused great excitement amongst us youngsters, going home clutching a prized "win" from the coconut shy, heating up the poker in the fire to burn a couple of holes in the husk to get at the coconut milk inside – what a prize!

Miss Siggers ran the post office from the shop in High Street, later the bed and breakfast, and Trevor Garrett had the garage on the corner of Gidding Road – His Mum (Dora) ran the sweet shop on the corner of High Street and Church Street and sold all types of sweets, from rows and rows of glass jars, you could buy sweets by the quarter (that's 4 ounces) and cost a couple of old pennies (pre decimalisation).

Dr Patterson's doctor's surgery is now Rumbles and where the Wellside Surgery is now was farm buildings – how things have changed.

My eldest sister, Audrey and her husband Charlie had the small general store in Church Street, selling groceries and home grown vegetables from their garden, home baked cakes, kindling wood bundles bound by string for 6d.

People would bring their empty 5 gallon paraffin cans for a refill from a tank at the back of the house, and this would be carried through the living room to the waiting customer..... we knew how to recycle by getting refills in our existing can, but sadly not too much about pollution, with many a paraffin heater in use to keep the ice from the inside of the windows!

We had a tough but happy childhood, and still fondly remember those characters no longer with us. I like to reminisce and can still smile at all those memories of times gone by.

**Sheila Gilbert**

## HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



As winter finally hits us and temperatures drop it is not a very pleasant prospect to be observing vehicles speeding through our village, but our speedwatch volunteers are so keen to educate drivers they bravely step out and do their bit whenever they can. Interestingly, since our restart after the Covid suspension of speedwatch in May 2021, we have checked 4812 vehicles in our sessions of which 721 were exceeding the speed limit. As we do approximately one session per week for an hour and a half, you can imagine how many speeding vehicles pass through the village every day potentially putting lives at risk.

Our little effort assists our overstretched police force by reporting the registration numbers of those speeding vehicles resulting in a letter being sent to the registered keeper asking them politely to observe the speed limit – we can hope they will take notice but sadly we do get a lot of repeat offenders.

Please respect our village residents and keep below 30 mph when passing along our village roads.

If you have an hour or so a month to spare and would like to join our team, please contact us and we will sort out your training with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and add you to our team.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN  
THROUGH OUR VILLAGE**

*For further information please email [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com)*

## CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY THANK YOU!

A Big THANK YOU once again to all the CARESCO team and helpers who gave us such a lovely day on Christmas Day.

Such a lot of work was undertaken, not just the day itself, but just managing to arrange things so that we were able to once again have this Christmas lunch, with good food, good company and all were made to feel so welcome. Let's hope the New Year will get things back to a more normal feel. I am sure a good time was had by all who attended and was very much appreciated.

Thank you.

**Ann and Tony Martin**

Thank  
YOU!

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE RECYCLES SHRINK YOUR WASTE FOOTPRINT IN 2022

Looking for an environmentally sustainable New Year's resolution? One of our #HuntsWasteBusters looks at what makes up our landfilled waste.

In 2020, Huntingdonshire residents sent over 29,000 tonnes of waste to the landfill. Much of this could have been directed elsewhere. Recycling, reusing and composting are the keys to cutting our waste footprint.

In 2019 the council completed a waste analysis. They found that over 70% of the contents could have avoided the landfill. Our recycling bins can take a lot more items than you might expect and the council can make compost from our green bin waste. Many soft plastics can now be recycled at larger supermarkets. Our Household Waste

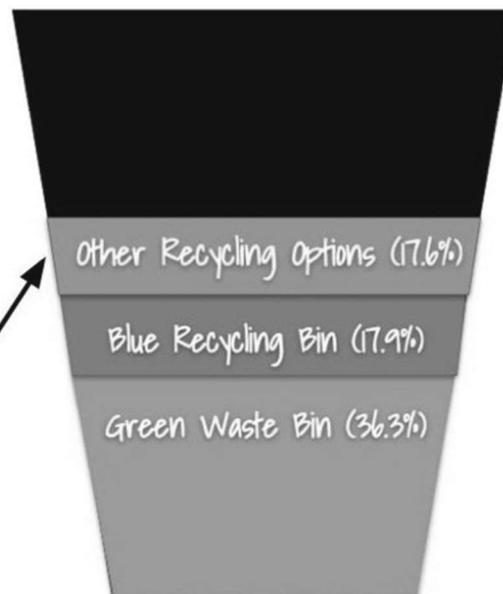
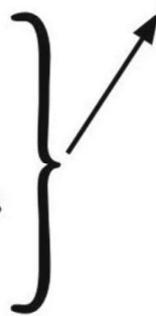
Recycling Centres accept a range of materials from paint tins to small electricals. Terracycle schemes also offer local drop-off points to recycle a wide variety of items.

The most important change you can make in 2022 is to tackle your food waste. Keep a bucket or caddy near your kitchen bin so it's easy to collect your food scraps, kitchen roll and tea bags. Add this to your green bin with your garden waste.

Huntingdonshire is already leading the way on waste reduction. We achieved the 33<sup>rd</sup> highest recycling rate across all 317 English councils in 2019/20. Follow Huntingdonshire Recycles on social media for tips and reminders. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to shrink our waste footprint and help Huntingdonshire climb to #1!

What's in  
our bins?

- Charity Donations
- Reusable items
- Terracycle
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Supermarket soft plastics recycling



2019 audit of household bin waste collected by HDC.

**Facebook – Huntingdonshire Recycles**  
**Twitter – HDC Recycles**  
**Instagram – Recycle For Huntingdonshire**  
**[wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)**



## CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

The Highway Code has some major revisions that took effect from 29 January 2022. The revisions include a new Hierarchy of Road Users, which implies automatic culpability for drivers in collisions with more vulnerable road users (cyclists or pedestrians), while another change states drivers should stop and give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the road before turning into or out of junctions. The final major change will be establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders.

A significant change is to give "overtaking or undertaking" cyclists going straight on a right of way over drivers turning into junctions.

A brief summary of the major changes are as follows.

### Rule H1: New Hierarchy of Road Users

Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

### Rule H2: New priority for pedestrians at junctions

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing (currently you only have to give way if they're already on the crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

### Rule H3: New priority for cyclists when cars are turning

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

RoADARC is a club where members are trained to recognise and manage HAZARDS using the System of Car Control as taught to police drivers. RoADARC's mission is to promote safer driving.

For an annual membership fee of £10.00 you can be coached in advanced driving (or riding) and will be encouraged to take the RoSPA Advanced Driving Test. If you just want to be coached but not take the test, then that is fine also.

Visit our website at [www.roadarc.org.uk](http://www.roadarc.org.uk) for information on the car and bike training that is available (subject to COVID-19 restrictions). Or contact us by email at [info@roadarc.org.uk](mailto:info@roadarc.org.uk)



## CARING TOGETHER

Do you care for someone who would find it difficult to cope without that support? This could be looking after a family member, partner or friend because of their illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.

If this sounds like your situation, then your role means you are recognised as a carer.

Caring Together are a local charity who last year supported more than 17,000 carers of all ages and their families across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and Norfolk. Carers can be any age and have a wide range of situations.

Whether you are new to your caring role, have seen your role evolve as the person you care for has needed more support over time, or have lost a loved one you cared for, Caring Together are there to help you. They can offer a range of advice, information and support, and help you, and the person you care for, access services that are helpful to you. Their services include:

- a dedicated carers telephone where trained advisors can give you information and advice that will support you in your caring role, such as carers assessments
- homecare services, where a care worker looks after the person you care for
- face-to-face and online carers hubs, where you can meet other carers in a similar situation;
- a monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

To find out more call them on 0345 241 0954 or email them at [hello@caringtogether.org](mailto:hello@caringtogether.org)

You can also visit [www.caringtogether.org.uk](http://www.caringtogether.org.uk)



## GREEN END DAY CLUB

For a day of friendship, food and fun

### Volunteer Drivers Required

Successful candidates will:

- Have access to a suitable private car
- Have appropriate insurance
- Be required to complete a DBS check
- Hold a clean driving licence
- Have weekday availability
- Be reliable and flexible
- Enjoy being with people of all ages

If you would like to know more, please contact the CARESCO Office on 01487 832105

**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

## REFLECTIONS ON A SKATEPARK JOURNEY

In early 2014, a post was placed on the local Facebook page, asking if anyone would be interested in setting up a community focus group, to find out from our young people what they would like to see in their community. Sawtry Youth Project (SYP) was born. Fast forward 7 years and in August 2021, the Sawtry Skatepark was finally finished.



Here are some reflections on this 7 year journey.

We formed a committee, a strong group of local people, who remained dedicated to this project throughout the 7 year journey. Our first job was to produce a questionnaire and ask our young generation what leisure facility they wanted in the village. A skatepark was top of their list. Our vision was set. We met once a month, every month, setting action plans and moving the project forwards. We had clear roles, including- chair, vice chair, treasurer, community coordinator, fundraising coordinator, social media coordinator.

Our first objective was to raise 20% of the overall build cost (our estimation at this time was this would be around £20,000). We needed to present our proposals to the Parish Council, who own the land which would be an ideal location for the skatepark. We did a great deal of research and created a proposal document.

We set our sights on fundraising and on galvanising the community, through a shared direction towards the end goal. Over the years we have arranged jumble sales, BBQs, Santa's Grottos, to name but a few! We had a committee of young people, who were always keen to be involved and support this project. They especially loved dressing up as Elves for the annual Santa's Grotto!

We registered ourselves as a charity, which allowed us more credibility to apply for grants - some applications unsuccessful, but we were successful with others. Successful grants funded a half pipe and pro riders at one of the annual carnivals and a further successful application meant 'Let's Go Skate' could be funded to deliver free skate boarding lessons to anyone in the community who fancied having a lesson. We were also able to fund some of our young people's attendance to a first aid and food hygiene course, allowing them to learn new skills and support us with BBQs/food related events and be aware of how to help their friends with any first aid requirements.

After a few years of committed fundraising, we reached our £20,000 milestone. We applied for a Sport England Grant, but this was unsuccessful. This was a blow, but we picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off and went again. Our village has seen a great deal of housing development and section 106 monies, alongside a £16,000 grant from the County Council finally secured the total cost required to build the skatepark.

This project has been incredibly rewarding, but also, at times frustrating. There were times when I think we all felt we were stuck and not really getting anywhere. I am so proud that we dug deep at these times, supporting each other and finding ways to keep moving the project forward.

To see the skatepark busy, with young people socialising, making new friends, learning new skills and keeping fit, has made the past 7 years absolutely worth every effort.

### The SYP Committee



## SAWTRY WI

Charity number 229016

Sawtry WI meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 7pm, in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS.

Members performed in our very own hilarious pantomime in December which we all enjoyed and the Open Christmas Tea for both WI and the community was a success. Our tombola at the Frost Fayre was very popular and our craft groups decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

In February, we are planning an emergency first aid demonstration with a quiz and in March we will have our annual meeting. Members are currently voting on one of our five national resolutions, one of which has been put forward jointly by Alconbury-cum-Weston and Sawtry WIs.

- Member meetings: Monthly on first Thursday at 7pm.
- Afternoon Tea & Chat: Monthly on third Tuesday at 2 - 4pm.
- Evening Tea & Chat: Monthly on third Thursday at 7 - 9pm.
- Knit & Knatter: Weekly on Wednesdays at 2 - 4pm.
- Patchwork & Quilting: Monthly on second Monday at 11am - 3pm.
- Reading & Discussion: Monthly on first Monday at 2 - 4pm.

**2022**  
Calendar

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We also have a Garden group. You don't have to become a WI member to attend any of our social groups. All meetings and social groups are held at our WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS.

Sawtry WI welcomes all women regardless of background or circumstances. You are welcome to be a guest at a monthly meeting or receive a copy of our current programme.

### Please contact

Jacqui Svensson on 07841 647345 or email: [j.svensson@btopenworld.com](mailto:j.svensson@btopenworld.com)

Rosemary Jubb on 01487 830243 or email: [rosemaryjubb@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjubb@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook 'Sawtry WI'

## SAWTRY SOCIAL CLUB

We hope you managed to have a good time celebrating Christmas 2021. It was certainly a mixed bag at the Club. The Outsiders rockabilly band had to postpone due to Covid, and New Year's Eve was very quiet. However, we held a few well attended events: the Christmas Singalong, quiz nights, poker, line dancing Christmas party, bingo, discos, the Social Canvas Christmas painting night and a live band.

Our events committee have now started to plan for 2022. We intend to hold regular Motown and northern soul nights, discos from all decades, singalongs, a race night and live bands. In June we will be joining the village in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We're not sure what yet, but it's likely to be a big music event. For Easter Sunday we have hired a children's entertainer for the afternoon. All details will be advertised on social media and around the village.

Don't forget you can hire our function room for all your events. We also have snooker and pool tables, dominos, bingo, poker and darts. Our membership fees are very reasonable (the most expensive works out at 34p per week!) and will give you free entry to most of our events. We may charge a small entry fee to cover costs of some of the pricier dos.

We like to offer free room hire to local charities and community groups and by supporting the Club and attending our events you help us to continue provide this important service to the village.

To join the Club just pop in when we're open. We love to welcome new members of all ages and children are always very welcome.

**We can be contacted by email [sawtryexservicemensclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryexservicemensclub@gmail.com),**

**Facebook 'Sawtry Club',**

**Phone (01487 830462) or call in during opening hours.**

**Our website is currently being updated.**



### AN EYE ON NATURE

Discovering wildlife lasts a lifetime, but how much richer is the experience when shared with others. It was a Monday morning recently when a group of friends and I met for our annual walk around Shepherd's Close nature reserve. The quest was a small fungus called a scarlet elf cup. They are, as the name suggests, scarlet and small, about the size of an acorn cup. We meet as a group every Monday morning, and this gathering was my cue to write about friendship.

I have known some of the group for over 40 years and we have discovered the wonders of our natural world together. We are very fortunate, now in our retirement we still share the exciting moment when at last (in my case at least) a great white egret is spotted, or a rare beetle emerges from under a log.

You may be thinking "But I don't know anyone who is interested in wildlife", well neither did I back in the early 1980s. However, there are always opportunities to meet new friends if the will is there and that is what I did. Now, 40 plus years on, my life is so much richer. So, how do you meet these people? Joining a group as I did is one pathway and can lead to lifelong friendships. As you can imagine, I am a member of several wildlife groups now who cater for general wildlife interests (Hunts Wildlife Trust) or more species orientated (Hunts RSPB).

I also take part in more practical conservation on my reserves or other reserves in our local area. The Wildlife Trust can help by pointing you in the right direction. See below for details of the various contacts and enjoy exploring our magical natural world together.

- Brampton Wood: George Cottam - 01480 450809
- Hunts Wildlife Trust group: See page 17  
Or for inclusion on emailing list: Pat Doody - 01480 392706

Volunteering on nature reserves:

- Wildlife Trust BCN: 01954 713543
- Peterborough Conservation: Martin Pride - 07504 827313  
info@p-c-v.co.uk    www.p-c-v.co.uk

#### **Martin Baker**

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

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

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



## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Our Neighbourhood Plan will allow us to designate areas within Sawtry as Local Green Spaces in order to protect them from development.

This article explains the concept of Local Green Spaces as defined under the National Planning Policy Framework; it also describes the conditions for designating an area as a Local Green Space. Most importantly, you are asked whether you wish to propose an area in your vicinity as a Local Green Space.

### What are Local Green Spaces?

As the name implies, any area such as a park, public woodland, playing field or village green may qualify. Once designated, the area is protected from further building development. In Sawtry, St Judith's Field is one example which already exists; however, the area can be of any size, large or small, even down to patches of grass within housing estates. The inclusion of these areas aims to promote the health and well-being of the community.

### What are the conditions for designating Local Green Spaces?

The requirements for designation are quite straightforward: the proposed area must be close to the community it serves and have a long term value; it should possess some special or significant feature, such as an attractive appearance, recreational value, historical interest, or richness in wildlife. However, extensive tracts of land, such as farmland outside the village boundary, would not qualify.

### Do you wish to designate an area as a Local Green Space?

There are scores of areas in Sawtry which could be so designated and thus protected from future building development. A potential area would need to be justified in terms of its importance, photographed, and then accurately mapped into our Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Planning Group can perform the technical work... BUT we need your suggestions of suitable areas for inclusion.

**Please address any proposals for Local Green Spaces either by email to [john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk) or in writing to the Parish Council Offices at 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY.**



## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Sawtry Table Tennis Club has now reopened after its festive break and we are pleased to welcome back quite a few of the club's regular members, some newer members and some brand-new members.

The club prides itself on having a fun and leisurely atmosphere, being friendly and open to anyone interested in participating, promoting, coaching or volunteering in Table Tennis, regardless of who they are.

Within the club, there are different types of players:

- Players who are just starting their table tennis journey, learning how to play this fun and fabulous sport, while learning new skills - how to hit the ball, play a rally, build new friendships, learn about teamwork, learn how to interact with others.
- Players who are just wanting to play table tennis socially, for a bit of fun, while getting some exercise and meeting different people.
- Players who want to just restart their journey of playing table tennis again.
- Players who play for fun and have a hint of competitiveness within them.

Mondays	Tuesdays
5:45pm to 6:30pm	6:30pm to 8pm
6:30pm to 8pm	8pm to 9:30pm
8pm to 9:30pm	

Sawtry Table Tennis Club meets for our twice weekly Club Nights on a Monday and a Tuesday evening at Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH

**The Club Nights are split into sessions, players are required to pre-book onto a session and not just turn up.**

The early session (5:45pm to 6:30pm) on a Monday is primarily for the younger generation (6 to 10 years old) with their parents or grandparents to attend and play.

We also offer players the chance to have some coaching from our very own qualified Table Tennis England Coach Pauline Williams, who is on hand.

There is no membership fee, only club night fees - Adults £2.00 each, Juniors (under 18's) £1.00 each per session, per night.

**If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact the Club at [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk) , [www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk) Or find us on Facebook [@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)**



## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



### Hospital Waiting Times – Patient Helpdesk

The Covid-19 pandemic has added to the strain on all NHS services. As a result of this, waiting list times for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody. We appreciate that this can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment. The practice has no direct access to the hospital appointment lists. If you have been referred by your GP / are waiting for:

- An outpatient appointment
- An appointment for hospital tests (eg scans)
- A date for an operation or other treatment
- A follow-up from your hospital team

and you have a query about what is happening, please contact the Patient Helpdesk on **0800 048 5800**. The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

**Only call the practice if your condition has genuinely deteriorated**, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your care.

### Flu Vaccinations

All patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:

- All children aged 2 to 15 (but not 16 years or older) on 31 August 2021 \*\*\* See info below
- people aged 50 years or over (including those becoming age 50 years by 31 March 2022)
- those aged from six months to less than 50 years of age, in a clinical risk group:
  - ⇒ chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
  - ⇒ chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
  - ⇒ chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five
  - ⇒ chronic liver disease
  - ⇒ chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease
  - ⇒ learning disability
  - ⇒ diabetes
  - ⇒ splenic dysfunction or asplenia
  - ⇒ a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)
  - ⇒ morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 and above)
- all pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the flu season)
- household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation on most days over the winter and, therefore, for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable
- people living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities i.e. patients in residential, nursing and learning disability care homes
- those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- health and social care staff, employed by a registered residential care or nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients or clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza
- health and care staff, employed by a voluntary managed hospice provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients or clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza
- health and social care workers employed through Direct Payments (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users

\*\*\*All children aged two and three years old on 31 August 2021 can be vaccinated at the surgery. All school-aged children – Reception Year to Year 11 should be offered vaccination through a school age immunisation service

**If you haven't had your vaccination yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.**

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

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

### Rhymetime Returns - Wednesdays 10.15 - 10.45am

Our regular Rhymetime sessions for parents with children under 5 resumes from Wednesday 2 February. Come and join in with some popular songs and rhymes! Sessions are free to attend but places are limited due to current capacity restrictions. Please pick up a ticket on the day for entrance.

### Pottery Painting with Crafty Monkeys - Wednesday 16 February from 2.00 - 3.00pm, £2.00 per child

Come along to Sawtry Library and get the chance to paint your own ceramic mug. Staff from Crafty Monkeys will show the children what to do and how to paint a mug based on the theme of 'The Environment'. Children can then create their own designs and paint them on. For children aged 6 - 10 years old. Tickets available in Sawtry Library or by calling 0345 045 5225.

### Shakespeare Craft Event - Saturday 26 March from 10.00am - 12.00pm - FREE

Get involved with Shakespeare Week by coming and making a Shakespeare inspired headdress. Children can make and decorate their own unique headbands. There will also be Shakespeare characters to colour in and a Shakespeare themed crossword. Free drop-in event for families.

### Bus Pass Assistance

Is your Bus Pass up for renewal? Do you need to apply for your first Bus Pass? If so, pop into Sawtry Library and staff there will be happy to help you complete the online application form.

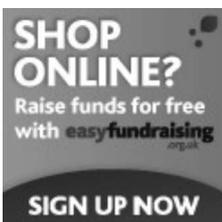
### Social Media

Please look at our social media pages for information, updates and events. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

### Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3pm - 7pm
Wednesday	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3pm - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

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



### SHOPPING ONLINE?

Please sign up to support CARESCO  
With AmazonSmile and / or the Easyfundraising scheme  
Each purchase will give us a donation at no extra cost to you.  
See details on our website [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

Turn on AmazonSmile in  
the Amazon app to  
generate donations.  
[smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### Lockdown Reflections on Habitat and Wildlife Change in Brampton Parish

Online illustrated talk (hosted via Zoom) on **Wednesday 9 February at 7.30pm**

Based on Lockdown diaries, our Co-Chairman Dr. Pat Doody will consider the way we have changed our landscape and, specifically, the wildlife of Brampton Parish. He will begin with a brief introduction to the geology, and then consider the history of the area and the way we have altered habitats and wildlife up to the present day.

Please book for the talk by emailing Pat on [jp.doody@ntlworld.com](mailto:jp.doody@ntlworld.com) in advance. He will send you a zoom link. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

### Guided walk at Godmanchester Nature Reserve on Sunday 27 March at 10.30am

Godmanchester Nature Reserve consists of four lakes which are former gravel pits and therefore attracts a wide variety of birds, particularly ducks, geese and kingfishers. There are also areas of grassland and ancient hedgerow, making a diverse habitat for wildlife.

Please meet at the reserve entrance at the end of Cow Lane, PE29 2EJ, GR TL2639 7149. There is parking available, but it is limited. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George Cottam on [georgecottam@virginmedia.com](mailto:georgecottam@virginmedia.com).

**For more information, contact Alistair Grant on [alistairgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistairgrant@hotmail.com) or 07775365507**

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



## SAWTRY'S CHORALE

Following a frenetic period of rehearsal and uncertainty due to the ever changing rules on COVID, Sawtry Chorale were pleased to perform two concerts during the Christmas period. We were at Keyston Village Hall and Glatton and were well received by very enthusiastic audiences, when it was so good to be singing live once again.

As we move into the new year we remain hopeful and optimistic that rehearsals will continue as we plan for our concerts throughout 2022. So far we have a Spring concert scheduled for 14 May where we will perform at St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton. We'd love to see you there.

At the moment we are still finalising further venues for both our Summer and Christmas concerts, so if you have any thoughts on any venues in Sawtry that may be interested in hosting Sawtry Chorale, it would be great to hear from you.

This year, Sawtry Chorale are supporting *The Light Project* in Peterborough to help them continue their valuable work, providing shelter and support for the homeless.

If you are thinking of finding a new hobby, we are always looking for more members, particularly men, we'd love to see you. We meet every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX from 7:45 – 9:30pm where you will be welcomed by a very enthusiastic and friendly group.

If singing is not your thing, but you are interested in supporting us, get in touch, we would value your support.

**For more information,  
please call 07870 248897  
or visit [www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk)**



## OUR BUILDINGS TELL A STORY ....

Across the benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Conington I am delighted that 2022 looks set to be an exciting year with a wide range of services, activities and projects in the making. Everyone is welcome to come along to any that may be of interest. We continue to keep up to date with the latest restrictions and retain Covid Secure buildings. We sometimes have to change plans or adapt as a result and will do our best to keep you all informed.

Recently I have been reflecting on how the different church buildings and villages they are part of must have changed and what different points in history the buildings will have witnessed. The buildings with their pointing towers, well-worn pews and well-trodden footpaths have stood the test of time and what they present has never changed. God with Us. A visual reminder that for years before and I pray years to come our communities have prayed, gathered, learnt, taught, celebrated, grieved, worshiped and the God we worship is never changing. In a world so topsy turvy, so fragile and never to be taken for granted I find that really reassuring. As a church community we always seek to be good stewards of the buildings we have been gifted and work creatively to make the best use of them. Thank you to all those who help us look after the grounds, clean, tidy, dust, fog, clear and help ensure we have these beacons of stability and hope not just in the bricks and mortar but in the community of church. You matter and we are really grateful.

February and March see some key dates in the Christian Calendar and we have some great events and services across the villages for you not to miss, including:

Ash Wednesday (2 March) - Service 7:30pm at All Saints' Sawtry

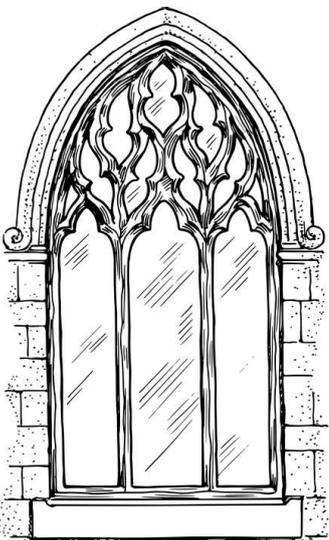
Mother's Day (27 March) – Services across the villages and an afternoon service and space to just be at 3pm All Saints' Sawtry, for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult.

I am also pleased to say that the Causeway Group is back— an informal space on the first Wednesday of every month 2 - 4pm at All Saints' Sawtry for friendship, cake, short worship – each month we have a different theme and enjoy time together. All Welcome.

If you are ever wondering what's on in St. Nicholas, St. Giles and All Saints', you can't find the information in these pages or you want to get the latest information please visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk), your local notice board or be in touch with me directly: [revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com), 01487 506217.

With every blessing

**Reverend Becky Dyball  
Benefice of All Saints', Sawtry,  
St Nicholas', Glatton  
& St Giles', Holme with Conington**





REMEMBRANCE

# REMEMBRANCE

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



REMEMBRANCE

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

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



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



## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST LUKE PETERBOROUGH ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

Sawtry Sunday Mass normally at the  
Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX

**\*\* See update left \*\***

**Contact in Sawtry:**

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

**Parish Priest: Fr Jeffrey Downie VF**

**Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Belnas**

**Deacon: Rev. Prameel Joseph**

Phone: 01733 230464

Email: [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk)

**Masses at St. Luke's, Orton Malborne, Peterborough:**

Monday - Friday 10am; Saturday 6pm;

Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

**Social distancing and other measures in place,  
masks & sanitiser provided**

## ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**\*\* UPDATE \*\***

Sunday Mass has not been celebrated in Sawtry since the start of the pandemic, although the churches in Orton Malborne, Ramsey and Huntingdon remain available 20 minutes away.

St. Luke's, which serves Sawtry, has seen rapid and considerable growth in recent years. Unfortunately, due to this and with the small size of the regular active Catholic community in Sawtry, after local consultation and discussion with the Bishop of East Anglia, it has been decided that the Sawtry 'Mass Centre' will not resume for the time being.

There will be further discussion with the bishop and community later in the year about the best way forward for Catholic life in Sawtry and what that might be. For now most seem to be happy to go to St. Luke's, to Ramsey or to Huntingdon, although we continue to greatly appreciate the friendships we have in the village.

**Fr Jeffrey Downie**

## SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion supports our Armed Forces community, including serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

The Sawtry & District Branch meets on the first Monday of each month in the Sawtry Social Club at 7.30pm.

The village is full of serving military personnel and veterans and we would really love to meet you and chat. You do not have to have served to be a member; we would welcome all those interested to join. So please come along, or you can contact us, details below.

### Events

- **Bill Hall Quiz Night** – Friday 18 February
- **Easter Bingo** – Thursday 7 April

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of you who donated during the two-week Remembrance tide and to our volunteers. Because of you our 2021 Poppy Appeal stands at £6876.92. Thank you.



**For more information, contact [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community), call Billy on 07864 296519, follow us on Facebook 'Sawtry RBL' or visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)**



### ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY, ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON & ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON PARISH CHURCHES BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Date	St Giles, Holme	St Nicholas, Glatton	All Saints' Sawtry
6 February	9:00am - CW Holy Communion	--	10.30am - Holy Communion
Saturday 12 February	Coffee and Cake with 30 @ 4:30pm	--	--
13 February	--	9.00am - Morning Prayer	10.30am - Service of the Word with Baptism
Saturday 19 February	--	--	4.00pm - Messy Church
20 February	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	10.30am - Holy Communion
27 February	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	10.30am - Morning Prayer
6 March	9:00am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	10.30am - Holy Communion
Saturday 12 March	Coffee and Cake with 30 @ 4:30pm	--	--
13 March	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	10.30am - Reflective Service
Saturday 19 March	--	--	4.30pm - Messy Church
20 March	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	10:30am - Celtic Style Holy Communion
27 March	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	8.00am - BCP Holy Communion 10.30am - Mothering Sunday Special 2.00pm - Mothering Sunday Runaways Service (see page

**Each Monday Morning** - Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church at 9.30am. Please check [www.allsaintssawtry.org](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org) or call the churchwarden for the latest service details, Zoom and information

**Rev Becky Dyball**

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

**Mobile:** 07444 574039; **Office:** 01487 506217

**Address:** The Rectory, Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD





# SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Open Saturdays  
from 9.30am to 11am

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

**We would love to see you!**



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Sunday 9 February** at 4pm - *A Light in the Darkness*  
an informal time of worship suitable for all ages

**Sunday 20 February** at 10.30am  
Holy Communion - with Rev Nick Witham

**Sunday 6 March** at 4pm (TBC)  
an informal time of worship suitable for all ages

**For details and how to login via Zoom**  
**please check our website**  
**or call 01487 830345**

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

## MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Meetings start at 2.00pm

28 February & 28 March

For more information, contact Joy on 01733 566588

**For more information, please contact Rev Sue Baker-Maher on 07483 153948**  
**Email [sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk) or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)**  
**Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch**

## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



Sawtry Cricket Club is actively recruiting new players for the 2022 season – both Juniors and Adults. All standards welcome.

The Junior section of the club currently run fun and friendly training sessions at the Academy Leisure Centre on Sunday mornings for age-groups:

Under-15 (10:00)

Under-7 (11:00)

Under-11 (12:00)

All coaches are qualified and DBS checked.

Outdoor training and games for the Juniors will start in May.

The Adults currently run a Saturday team in the Huntingdonshire League, and a Sunday team in the Rutland League. Both teams are looking for players for matches starting towards the end of April.

Indoor net training for the Adults is likely to start in March, at the Academy Leisure Centre.

The club has a great social side too, with quiz nights, race nights, meals out and more.

**For any queries, contact John Dudley – Tel No. 07943 526379 or**  
**email [sawtrycc@yahoo.com](mailto:sawtrycc@yahoo.com)**

**Looking forward to hearing from you.**



## G-WHIZZ INCLUSIVE TANDEM BIKE RIDES

I love social cycling and when I couldn't find a suitable, local organisation to join, I started G-Whizz Inclusive Tandem Bike Rides here in Sawtry. You see, not everybody can or wants to ride a bike on their own and so G-Whizz offers on-road rides to not only able bodied but also to visually impaired, limited mobility and impaired balance cyclists. Rides range from a few miles to many miles, including overnight stays, depending on the ability of the rider.

G-Whizz was established in memory of my best friend. Sharyn loved singing and cycling - sometimes at the same time! But when Sharyn discovered a lump at the age of 46, that made sitting on a saddle just too uncomfortable, the singing stopped. A diagnosis rapidly followed with the awful news that Sharyn had terminal cancer. Determined to ride once more, we came across a Circe Morpheus tandem, which features more of a bench seat, a semi-recumbent sitting position and an independent pedalling system which enabled us to enjoy three final rides, one of which was around Derwent Water in the Lakes.

Now Sharyn wasn't best pleased that money was to be spent on something that had a very limited purpose and so I promised to put the bike to good future use. And so, with the untimely passing of Sharyn, just a few months from diagnosis, this club was born.

The Circe tandem allows me to take able bodied riders and those with certain disabilities including limited mobility and balance issues out with me for rides. This includes my mum! Take a look at the video on the G-Whizz Facebook page. It's also a bike which has encouraged the NHS to refer people to me with various ailments.

For the cyclists amongst you, my other more standard tandem is a Santana with SS couplings, Ultegra gears and carbon components. For the non-cyclists amongst you, let's just say it's the business! A joy to ride and has enabled me to complete a sportive in Cumbria and a 150 mile ride with an overnight stay with blind stokers. Average rides on this bike are 40 - 50 miles long, and depending on terrain average between 14 and 18 mph. The point is that I tend to use this bike with cyclists or athletes who want to go for a bike ride, but for whatever reason, can't do it on their own.

Now for the hard sell! If you're interested in going for a ride, why not contact me? What have you got to lose? I have some capacity to take on new riders for ad-hoc rides, particularly if you live locally. But really, my plan is to grow this provision during 2022 with more bikes and therefore more pilots. If you are an experienced cyclist and would like to join me in this most satisfying pursuit, with as much or as little commitment as you like, please contact me. Maybe you'd enjoy short local rides or maybe you'd be interested in more adventurous trips, I'd love to hear from you. New tandem pilots are going to need new bikes and I am applying for funding, but if there's somebody out there who's been touched by what I'm doing and would like to provide some sponsorship, I'd love to hear from you too!

**Graham Davies**

**[GrahamNDavies@Outlook.com](mailto:GrahamNDavies@Outlook.com)**

**[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/GWhizzInclusiveTandemBikeRides)**

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## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE - (& NOW SAWTRY BIKE TO CAKE)

We are all pleased to be back running again after the Christmas break to help improve our fitness and clear our heads.

Our Santa Run in December attracted over 70 Santas and raised just shy of £400 for CARESCO. Our elves raised even more money for local charities by accompanying the Round Table when they brought Santa to Sawtry on two December evenings.

January started with our runners competing in the Cambridgeshire Cross County Championships at St Neots and another taking on their second Spine Race - a 268 mile ultra along the Pennines over several days. Amazing! We had 14 runners in the Sublime New Year's Eve 10k at Ferry Meadows and lots of us already have races booked in for this year including the London Marathon.

Our latest beginners course finished in December (next one starts in March) and some of those finishers have already joined our 6-week 5K Improver course.

We still run/jeff and walk every Tuesday & Thursday evening (7.15) and Sunday morning (9am). On the second and fourth Tuesday of every month our Lead Coach runs an Efforts session aimed at challenging those who want to push that bit harder. Whether you want to increase your steps to get fitter and ready to start running or if you want to take on 268-mile ultras in difficult terrain or anything in between including running and chatting on one of our regular social runs, there is a space for you in our Club.

**Membership is £20 a year which gives you access to all our runs, prize challenges and our member's only Facebook group plus member discounts with Advance Performance and other benefits.**

**Call Nona on 07861 740040 for more details.**

**Or visit [sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://sawtrywalktorun.co.uk)**



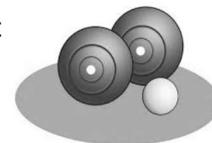
*Running - it's much more fun than you might think!*

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

In November last year we held our AGM which saw Dorothy Binge elected to be Club President for 2022. We hope Dorothy enjoys her year in office. Toby Furzeland and Nib Bowkis also joined the committee replacing Pam Martell and Tommo. We thank Pam and Tommo for all their efforts and support over the years. It's also nice to welcome some more young, and new blood, on the committee.

Work has started on fitting out the old machine shed to create a new ladies' changing room. Unfortunately, the dreaded Covid has impaired progress due to the illness of one of the key workers. However, this should be in place for the new season, and hopefully we will have new toilet facilities for both the men and ladies as well.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Burns Night planned for late January, due to the uncertainty of holding large gatherings when the new committee met in late December. Here's hoping that we can hold more social events this coming year.



**Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 07989 503740**

**Visit our Facebook Page - search 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**

**Our website :- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us> or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**



## SAWTRY COLTS

It's been a relatively good football season with the weather, touch wood, playing ball this season with the only call-offs being for COVID infections or contacts. Below are a few details on how some of the Colts teams have been doing of late.

The Under 9 Bluesox (U9) have seen a few changes this season. They went from 5-a-side to 7-a-side on a bigger pitch and moved to play in the Peterborough league with four new players joining the squad. On the pitch the team continue to enjoy themselves and are improving all the time. A record of 9 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses, scoring 50 goals in the process, is testament to their progress.

The U12s have 5 wins, 1 draw and 6 defeats in the league to date and sit mid-table in what is a very competitive league. With 2 wins and 2 defeats in their last 4 matches, and with all games being decided by a one goal margin that is indicative of the close nature of the teams in the league. They also have a second round League Cup tie against Papworth to look forward to.

The U13s, in their first season at 11-a-side, have picked up after a difficult start and now have a record of 5 wins and 8 defeats in the league. Probably their best performance to date was a 6-0 win against Huntingdon. They have a bye in the first round of the League Cup so wait to see who their opponents will be in the second round.

The U14s, after having back-to-back wins, have gone down to defeat in their last five matches but have not been disgraced with three 3-2 losses and a 3-0 loss to top of the table Eynesbury amongst their results. They did disappoint in their first match for a month in early January when they were knocked out of the County Cup to Peterborough league side Hampton. A home second round tie in the League Cup against Division One Oundle awaits them.

The U15s have two league wins in their 10 matches so far, both against Godmanchester White. They also departed in the first round of the County Cup losing to a strong Huntingdon side.

The U16 team, who are in the top division of the Peterborough league, have lost their last five matches and currently sit at the foot of the table. After a bye in the first round of the County Cup, they have a second round home match against St Ives coming up.

Hopefully the Sawtry Colts tournament will return this season and with bigger plans in place for the development of the Greenfield clubhouse in the near future and a growing list of teams at younger ages, the future looks bright for Sawtry football.

Don't forget, to keep up with the Colts teams, pop along to their dedicated website at [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk) where details of all teams and their managers can be found for anyone who wants to get involved both on and off the pitch.



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

## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicap, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf.

November saw us at a new course for the Society, Colmworth Golf Club near Bedford, our Secretary Dave Gadsby won the day with 39 points, one ahead of the ever consistent Jason Bohonis, in third was our league leader Tony Littlefair a further point behind.

December was our Christmas event at Greatham Valley, it was another very close tussle for the winners with Mark Torry, just beating our Captain Kevin Medlock on count back with both on 40 points, third was Steve Nolan, just another point behind.

After 5 rounds, Tony Littlefair continues to lead our league a full 15 points ahead of Mark Lindsey and Keith Phillips who are tied for second.



**Membership is only £15 for the year, if you are interested contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632**