



# SAWTRY EYE

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## SAWTRY FOOD AND CRAFT MARKET

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
9.30AM TILL 1.30PM

2nd MARCH · 6th APRIL · 4TH MAY · 1st JUNE  
6th JULY · 3rd AUGUST · 7th SEPTEMBER  
5th OCTOBER · 2nd NOVEMBER · 7th DECEMBER



FREE ENTRY

The Old School Hall  
37 Green End Road  
Sawtry  
PE28 5UY

FREE ENTRY



Please come along and support your local food and craft market, something for all the community to enjoy

We will have a really good variety of food and craft stalls every month  
PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Refreshments available

Free Entry

[queeniesfoodandcraftsevents@gmail.com](mailto:queeniesfoodandcraftsevents@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook

Queenie's Food and Crafts Events



## EASTER HUNT

Friday 11 to Monday 22 April



Join in our free hunt around Sawtry

To be part of the fun:

- 1) Download the free trail sheet from [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or pick up a copy from the CARESCO Centre or Charity Shop
- 2) Follow the trail
- 3) Find all the letter clues
- 4) Unscramble the words
- 5) Write them on the sheet
- 6) Add your details
- 7) Claim your prize!

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To claim your prize, bring your completed sheet to the CARESCO Centre on **Tuesday 22 April** between 2.30 and 3.30pm and exchange it for a sweet treat.

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[office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk) 01487 832105  
[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)



## SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Holding a Spring Show – Just For Fun!

**Saturday 22 March**

at the Old School Hall - 2 - 4pm

Free public admission.  
Tombola, Refreshments.

Open to everyone

Full details on page 8



## Sawtry CARNIVAL

### Sawtry Carnival Court Selection evening!

Saturday 5th  
April 2025  
6PM onwards

@ The Greystones

We are looking for:  
A Carnival Queen  
1 or 2 Princesses  
A Rosebud  
A Prince (Carnival day only)

Enjoy our Family Disco and Raffle!  
Open to All!

Enter and Take part for Free!

Represent the Village at Sawtry Carnival and other events!

14th June 2025  
This years theme...  
"Sawtry on Safari"

For more information or to enter please visit our website:  
[www.sawtrycarnival.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycarnival.co.uk)  
or email:

[Sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:Sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com)

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## ***ADVERTISE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT HERE***

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion, please email the details along with a contact number to [sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk) with the subject 'Make a Date' or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours).

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DONATE

£4

A MONTH

TO

FUND

OUR

FUTURE



## GREEN END DAY CLUB



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## QUIZ SUPPER

Held at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



**Future Dates**

7 March

6 June



5 September

28 November

Tickets £10 per person  
(to include a hot supper)

**Contact 07743 216746 or email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk) for more details or to book your tickets.**

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**Contact details:**

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The CARESCO Centre  
Green End Road  
Sawtry, Huntingdon  
Cambs PE28 5UX

01487 832105

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# Welcome...

As we begin to move towards Spring and the warmer months, and the bulbs are now starting to come through it will be nice to see colour in our gardens.

Hopefully, as we get to enjoy some warmer weather and longer days, we'll be able to shake off all these colds and bugs that seem to have been hanging around for months.

While we have details of lots of activities and events happening over the next couple of months, we also have the dates for Sawtry's big community events too, such as the Spring Show and Carnival so now's the time to get them into your diaries.

Have a good one

**Sawtry Eye Team**



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### CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

May I start by wishing all our readers a Happy New Year!

The run up to Christmas was considerably busy for our Staff and Volunteers but we rose to the challenge and delivered as usual. After a well-earned break, we are all back and working hard to serve the community once again.

Some of you may have noticed that we have had external decorations and repairs carried out to our centre. We were fortunate to obtain a grant for this and feel it will brighten up what is fast becoming a tired looking building. There is no news with regards to our potential new building but, I will keep you updated if there is anything to report using this column in the future.

January 25th saw our first Quiz of the year, held to raise funds for the Foodbank. It was good to join everyone who bought tickets, and we all enjoyed exercising our brain power on the night!

We have bid farewell to two long serving Trustees and wish them well for the future. We are always looking for Trustees to join us and bring with them new skills and ideas. Please contact me by email if you would like more information about this [dave.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:dave.dougherty@caresco.org.uk).

I look forward to seeing some of you at our forthcoming events and regular projects.

**Dave Dougherty - Chairman**

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2025

Half Term - 17 to 21 Feb

End of term 4 April



### Summer Term 2025

Start of term 22 April

Half Term - 26 to 30 May

End of term 23 July

### Autumn Term 2025

Start of term 1 September

Half Term - 27 to 31 October

End of term 19 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)

3 & 17 February

3 & 17 March

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

(Week Beginning)

10 & 24 February

10, 24 & 31 March

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



Every Thursday (term time)

9:00 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

A safe play space to enjoy adventures with 0 - 5 year olds and all those who care for them.

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.

For more information please contact Alex Dyball: [littlestaintssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestaintssawtry@gmail.com) or call 01487 506217



## 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

14 & 28 February  
14 & 28 March

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Please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 for information

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session, refreshments included

## JULIE'S SAWTRY/YAXLEY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLASSES

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

### Mondays

10am - 11am - Beginners/Easy-Going

11am - 12pm - Improvers/Intermediates

(can start at 10am, no extra cost)

### Fridays

7pm - 9pm - High Improvers/Intermediate

Royal British Legion Social Club, 210 Broadway, Yaxley, PE7 3NR

### Thursdays

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Beginners

7.30pm - 9pm - Improvers/Intermediates

(can start at 6.30pm or 7pm - no extra cost)



Line Dancing

For more information contact:  
Julie Gillmore

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

or 07939 070 406 or ask to join Julie's Steppers' Facebook group



## Ash Wednesday Service

WEDNESDAY  
5TH MARCH  
6PM

ALL SAINTS'  
SAWTRY

Service includes the  
imposition of ashes



Fen Edge Churches

FOR YOU ARE DUST,  
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.  
GENESIS 3:19

## CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who put together the CARESCO Christmas Day lunch this year.

We are so lucky that we live in this great place where people give their time to make this such a happy Christmas for those of us who otherwise would be on our own at Christmas.

We were made welcome when we arrived and given drinks and any help we needed. The food was beautifully cooked and we had a nice warm, place to be. I truly appreciate everyone and everything.

I am looking forward to next year already.

**Ann Martin**



## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

At Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS

## EASTER BINGO

Thursday 27 March

Eyes Down 7.30pm



Happy  
Easter

All Welcome

For more information  
please call: 07368 210882

## SAWTRY WOODCRAFT FOLK

Every Thursday (term time)

Methodist Church, Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Elfins: age 6\* to 9 - 5.45 - 7.00pm  
Pioneers +: age 10 plus - 7.15 - 8.30pm

\*Note if you have a 5-year-old you are welcome to bring them, but you will need to stay.

#spanning the world with fun and friendship

#Everybody welcome

**£35 a term for first child in family**  
**£25 for subsequent children**

No child should miss out from attending due to costs, please contact us for a confidential discussion on how we can help.

£15 joining fee for Elfin and Pioneer. This will not be payable until Easter and will cover a Sawtry t-shirt and badge book.

Woodcraft Folk will be 100 this year. We will be working with East of England and Cambridge groups and joining them in camps throughout the year.

*Woodcraft Folk: a place to grow in confidence, learn about and value our world!*

*Woodcraft Folk: we support children to take the lead through weekly group activities, trips and camping trips.*

We are working with lots of other Sawtry community groups and businesses. We have a fruit and vegetable patch to grow and take care of items and once a month we plan to have an outside session with night walks, activities and gardening.

You can enrol on the woodcraft website,  
search for Sawtry: <https://woodcraft.org.uk/find-a-group/>

Follow us on Facebook and join our launch group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SawtryWoodcraftFolk>

Email: [sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk)

## CHATTERBOX

Drop-in sessions  
for family carers

A friendly drop-in  
where you can get help.



Chat & relax over a cuppa.  
Guest speakers once  
a month

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
between 2.15 - 4.15pm

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

**Come and join us**  
No meeting on Bank Holidays

10 & 24 February  
10 & 24 March

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session,  
refreshments included

For more information email:

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

or call 01487 832105

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Youth  
SPACE

EVERY SUNDAY IN  
TERM TIME

(YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS)

6.00PM - 7.30PM

ALL SAINTS'  
CHURCH

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

8 February & 8 March -  
10.00 till 11.30am

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

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church

For more information  
please contact :

Sue Fowler  
01832 293215



## SAWTRY WI HALL

### Available for Hire

Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS

Regular or occasional bookings

refurbished, accessible, clean and bright,  
kitchen, fridge, microwave, excellent lighting,

Wi-Fi - Capacity 55

Terms and conditions available on request.

[sawtrywihall@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrywihall@gmail.com)



## CARESCO CAR SCHEME

*Providing transport for local people*

Run by volunteers using their own cars,  
journeys (to medical appointments only)  
can be booked via the Co-ordinator  
9am - 5pm, Mondays to Fridays only  
(subject to availability)

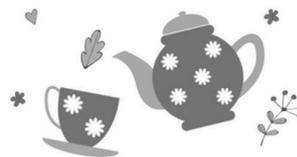
on **07810 476979**

Please leave a message, your name & phone number and the  
team will get back to you as soon as they can

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

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## SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Open on the first Saturday of each month  
**12 - 3pm**

**\* 1 Feb, 1 Mar & 5 Apr \***

**Open to everyone in the community**

at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

**There is no charge for food**

Join us for a warm welcome

Free Wi-Fi



Access to support available

Community Meals provided by  
volunteers from Sawtry WI and others  
Funded by local organisations and  
contributions

Enquiries and donations  
**07841 647345**



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**SAWTRY**

[www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)

Welcome to the Sawtry Armed Forces  
& Veterans Breakfast Club.

We are a group of veterans and serving members of  
His Majesty's Armed Forces who meet up for breakfast  
and other events

There are no commitments or subs,  
just pay for your breakfast.  
So come to a great place and meet like-minded people  
for support, chat and banter.

Our Breakfast Club meets  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
from 09.45

at The Greystones Public House, Sawtry

Interested then get in touch via Facebook, email or via  
the web *Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/afvbc.sawtry>

[sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com](mailto:sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com)

[https://www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)



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Spiritual but not religious?

Into God but not into Church?

Seeking community?

Looking for a place to BE?



After a hard day, you deserve some **rest...**

**RELAX • EAT • SHARE • THINK**

**Relax** in an informal space where you can  
**eat** a tasty meal, **share** in worship with  
friends and find time to **think**

7:30pm, first Thursday of the month  
Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you **rest**." ~ Jesus  
(Matthew 11:28)

[www.r-e-s-t.org.uk](http://www.r-e-s-t.org.uk)

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Presenting...

# GEORGE EGG SET MENU



The comedian who cooks!  
It's time for the funniest recipes  
and the most delicious jokes.



"A culinary Bill Bailey, with chopping boards instead of keyboards."  
- The Scotsman

**Sunday 9th February, 3pm**  
**The Old School Hall**

Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon PE28 5UY  
Tickets available from the Parish Council  
Office 37 Green End Road, call 01487 831771 or email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)

**TICKETS**  
**£5**

Please note this event is subsidised meaning tickets can be offered at a reduced price

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We kick off with a film night, followed by **five weekly** sessions exploring our faith today. We'll reflect on overcoming fear, discovering our purpose, persevering through challenges, and encouraging one another.

**WHERE:**

**MONDAYS**

**From 3rd March**

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**TUESDAYS**

**From 4th March**

Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry

**For more information contact:**

[revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com)

[rectorstiltongroup@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstiltongroup@gmail.com)

[jjamesbamber@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesbamber@gmail.com)

Free, Everyone welcome

THE 2010 FILM

**THE KING'S SPEECH**

SAWTRY WOMEN'S HUB

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



# HIDDEN HEROINES



Scan QR code for Event details and Registration

**SAT**  
**14:00-16:00**

**8 MARCH**  
**2025**

**THE OLD SCHOOL HALL**

Join us for an inspiring event featuring stories from women in and around Sawtry. From our remarkable older ladies sharing legendary tales to the vibrant voices of the younger generation, there's something for everyone. Come be empowered, uplifted, and connect with other women in the village.

**37 GREEN END ROAD, SAWTRY, PE28 5UY**

**For more information contact on 07717018078**

FREE ENTRY - Register on Facebook  
Refreshments will be served

# SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Again Holding a Spring Show – Just For Fun!

**On Saturday 22 March 2025**

at the Old School Hall 2 - 4pm



Free public admission

Tombola and Refreshments will be on sale

**\*\* The Full Schedule For The September Show Will Be Available \*\***

**Show Classes** – up to THREE entries per exhibitor per class

**Cut flowers and pot plants** (must be grown by the exhibitor)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 stems daffodils/narcissi</li> <li>2. 3 stems multi bloom daffodils/narcissi</li> <li>3. 3 stems polyanthus (multiple blooms on a single stem)</li> <li>4. 3 stems primrose (single flower on a single stem)</li> <li>5. 3 stems pansies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Vase of 3 different flowers, one stem of each</li> <li>7. Vase of 6 shrub stems in flower</li> <li>8. Flowering pot plant</li> <li>9. Foliage pot plant</li> <li>10. Cactus or succulent</li> </ul> |
|--|---|

**Flower arranging**

(flowers may be bought)

- 11. Table arrangement of fresh flowers (No artificial flowers)
- 12. Miniature arrangement in an egg cup

**Cookery**

- 13. A simnel cake
- 14. 5 cup cakes decorated for Easter

**Craft**

- 15. Any piece of craftwork on a Spring theme

**Junior Classes** (to be judged in four age groups:

Preschool, School Years 1 - 2, School Years 3 - 6, School Years 7+)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. A Spring picture</li> <li>17. Home-made greetings card</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. A decorated egg</li> <li>19. A display of 8 labelled items found on a spring walk.</li> </ul> |
|--|--|

Open to everyone. Classes 1 - 15 are open to all ages including children. Jars and vases will be provided for Classes 1 - 7. No pre-show registration and no entry fees required. Entries to be bought to the Schoolroom at the Old School Hall on the morning of the Show between 10 - 11am. The hall will be closed at 11am for judging and reopen at 2pm. Names will not be disclosed to the judges. No trophies will be awarded but certificates and small prizes will be awarded in each class. Exhibits must be cleared after 4pm. Any not claimed may be sold for Show funds. No items previous shown at a Sawtry Show to be included.



For more info contact us on Facebook "The Sawtry Show".

**cda Hearing Help 2025**

**Sawtry 2025**

**Hearing Aid Maintenance Sessions**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 10am until 12noon.

**Dates:**

February 13	May 8
March 13	June 12
April 10	July 10

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

**Held at the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX**

**Batteries**

Please collect from any Hearing Aid Maintenance session, no need to book.

You can also collect batteries from any **Cambridgeshire Mobile Library**  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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## HOLME YOUTH CLUB

Holme Youth Club started up again on 10 January after the Christmas break.

The members have expressed a desire to go ice skating, so we are in the process of fixing a date within the next couple of months. Members who have attended on a regular basis will have priority for the subsidised places, but I am sure we can fit everyone in who wants to go.

We are looking for new ideas for outings and additional equipment so let's hear from you all as to what you would like to do - it's your club so it's up to you.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or who attend or have attended Holme Primary Academy. We meet every term time Friday in the village hall from 6.30 - 8.30 pm - admission is £2.

For further information email [holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com) or check out our Facebook page @HolmeYouth or website [HolmeYouthClub.co.uk](http://HolmeYouthClub.co.uk) or just pop down one Friday evening and have a look around.



## CARESCO TUCK SHOP

We are looking to increase the team of Volunteers for our Tuck Shop.



Do you have a few hours to spare occasionally on a Saturday morning?

Do you like the smell of Bacon frying?

Would you like to feed spectators and players of the Sawtry Colts?

We promise you won't be standing out in the cold and rain!

If you think you can help, please contact me, Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email [sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)

## CARESCO GARDEN



The Volunteers who help to maintain our garden work extremely hard at improving the outside space we have and are proud of what has been achieved so far.

If you can spare any time at all and are interested in joining our Garden Team, please contact Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email [sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)



## 100 YEARS AND MORE OF SCOUTS IN SAWTRY (FINAL PART)

To follow on from part one

In July 1922, 3 patrol leaders and several younger scouts set off for a cycle ride/camp around Norfolk, Victor Stanyon, George Barnard and Fred Colbert. They left on Monday and arrived back the following Saturday after covering 200 miles, visiting Wisbech, Kings Lynn, Hunstanton, Holkham, Wells, Swaffham and Downham Market. This was good practice for an expedition when the troop under the leadership of J M Weston cycled to Alexander Palace in London to the Great Scout Rally, in October, where the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) was invested as chief Scout of Wales by Baden Powell. Major Dane Huntingdonshire County commissioner presented the Sawtry troop to the Prince who commended them on their journey.

31 July - 9 August 1924 saw the Sawtry Troop representing Huntingdonshire at the Empire Jamboree at Wembley, with troops from other counties of the UK, the Empire, Colonies and Dominions, after this there is not many articles in the newspapers and HQ records but it does seem that in the late 1920 the troop was again put into obedience.

In August of 1931, still under the Wesleyan church the troop was reformed with the scout master shown as J.W. Ayres and assistant scoutmaster J. Colbert. The following years saw many camps, parades and fund raising events, by 1934, J. Colbert had taken over as scout master and for short period while he had returned home was assisted by an old patrol leader Victor Stanyon BSc who by that time had taken the role of district scout master for Westminster London.

May of 1935 the scouts assisted in build the jubilee beacon on the hill west of Sawtry on the Speechley's farm, once the King had lit the Beacon in Hyde Park, scouts up and down the country were responsible for lighting the local Beacons.

In 1938 the Wesleyan church tried to start a wolf cub pack, a leader could not be found and with uncertain times ahead it was decided not to continue. There are very few reports of scouting in Sawtry though the war years and may have even been closed for a while.

In August of 1946 under group scout master Rev R.C. Frith (Sawtry rector) a wolf cub pack was opened assisted by Miss Margaret Rowell, and in 1950 by Miss M Branson, no longer sponsored by the Wesleyan church, but registered as an independent scout group. I know that there was a scout troop in Sawtry from 1946 to possibly the early 1950s but with no newspaper articles and HQ not releasing details, name etc due to the Data Protection Act I cannot enlighten you further.

In 1967 the current group was registered and renamed as 1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry (Hunts), in 1968 records show group scout master Mr M. Donne and scout master Mr C Johnson, soon after a cub pack was formed.

My scouting history with Sawtry started at the age of 10 in 1972 and I'm still here, the group thrived in the 1980-90's when there was not much else in the village for young boys to do, the group had 2 cub packs in the village and over saw one in Great Gidding, a scout troop and a venture scout unit, later to be renamed explorers. The group can boast 4 weddings, 6 queen scout awards and some of our young people went on to become quite famous, a top league football goalie, a tv/film star to name a few.

Thank you to all the adults whether leadership, administration or support who have enriched the lives on hundreds of young boys and later girls in Sawtry over many years.

Neil Fountain

Group Lead Volunteer - 1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry Scout Group - Email - [gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org)



Scouts

## HOLME VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Once again, the unpredictable weather has played havoc with our Speedwatch session with at least three having to be cancelled.

Nevertheless, we will persevere and continue with our efforts to educate drivers passing through our lovely village to abide by the speed limits.

We regularly have checks at various places on the B660 but if anyone has a site they are concerned about and would like us to hold a session please contact [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) giving a location and, if possible, a time of concern and we will endeavour to hold a session there.

As always we are open to adopting new volunteers so if you feel you can spare an hour or so each month and would like to contribute to our efforts please contact [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) and I will send you the Guidance Notes - if you are still interested I will arrange your training with Cambridgeshire police and then you can have a live training session on the road then take your place on our happy team of volunteers where you will be made very welcome.

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**SAWTRY ON SAFARI**

Sawtry  
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Sunday 30th March

2pm

All Saints' Church, Sawtry

## M O T H E R S ' D A Y R U N A W A Y S



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

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

**There will be a short reflective service at 3pm**

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Email [menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk](mailto:menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk)

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### What is Coffee Ark?.....

Coffee Ark is a mobile coffee shop in the form of a converted Land Rover Defender and community interest company, with a particular heart for reaching those who find themselves separated or isolated whether through loneliness, location, challenges around mental health or other social circumstances.

Coffee Ark exists to build community, resource positive mental health, offer radical hospitality and serve great coffee. We use income from sales, donations, public and private events, fundraising, sponsorship and grants to help fund our community action and enable us to be where we need to be.

### 'Transforming lives one cuppa at a time'

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Sawtry & District Royal British Legion

## VE & VJ 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 7pm

Sawtry Village Academy

featuring

### Wyton & Brampton Military Wives Choir

and

### HuMS Big Band



Tickets: £8 (on sale from Mar 2025)

To reserve tickets now please email: [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community)

All funds raised will go to the Sawtry & District Branch, Royal British Legion. Registered Charity Number: 219279

## SIMON BYWATER DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and enjoyed a well-earned break with family and friends. As we begin 2025, I want to share some important news about the year ahead.

I am pleased to announce that I will be standing for re-election in the Local County Elections this May. Serving as your County Councillor since 2013 has been an honour, and I remain dedicated to representing our community with pride and determination.

This year marks 26 years since I made this community my home. Over that time, I've built a strong network of people, partners, charities, and stakeholders, working collaboratively to tackle the issues that matter most. These relationships allow me to bring people together to find practical solutions for local challenges.

My background has equipped me with the skills and resilience needed to serve effectively. As a former Royal Marine Commando, I learned the importance of teamwork and perseverance in challenging circumstances. Later, as a police detective, I developed problem-solving skills and the ability to remain calm under pressure. I've also worked as a businessman and an author, gaining insight into the struggles faced by local businesses and the importance of sharing experiences to inspire others.

We face significant changes ahead, particularly with the Government's Devolution White Paper, which proposes major reforms to local government. These changes could reshape decision-making at a local level, and I am committed to ensuring our community's voice is heard during this process.

Although I've served as an opposition member over the past four years and not been in a decision-making role at the county Council, I have continued to work hard to represent our community. Whether addressing infrastructure concerns, supporting residents, or holding decision-makers to account, I have always focused on standing up for the best interests of our area.

As we look to the future, my priorities remain clear: advocating for local services, sustainable growth and good infrastructure, transport improvements, and ensuring our community is not overlooked. Your input has always been invaluable to me, and I encourage you to share your thoughts and concerns as we navigate the challenges ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is a privilege to represent you, and I look forward to continuing to serve and work together to achieve the best outcomes for our community."

Don't forget if you see me, please come over and have a chat.

Best Wishes

**Cllr Simon Bywater**

**Sawtry and Stilton Division, Cambridgeshire County Council - 07984 637553**

## SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets once a month, on the third Thursday of the month, at the Sawtry Social Club in Gidding Road, 7.30pm start.

The members have a variety and a wide range of different makes and types of cameras.

So if you would like to join us you might have a bridge camera or a small digital or maybe use the camera on your phone, it doesn't matter all are welcome. You must download your images to a USB stick.

If you would like to join us, please email me at [sawtrycameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycameraclub@gmail.com) and each month you will be sent the subject title for the monthly meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Neville Diss**



Sawtry Village  
Academy

## STATE-OF-THE-ART SCIENCE LABORATORIES UPGRADE COMPLETED AT SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY



Meridian  
Trust

**Media Release**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Sawtry Village Academy has completed a major two-year refurbishment of its science laboratories providing students with enhanced practical facilities for their studies.

The first phase, completed in 2023, saw three of the laboratories upgraded. This summer, three further laboratories were fully modernised, ensuring all six labs were ready for the return of students in September 2024.

This project was made possible through the financial support of Meridian Trust. Each laboratory upgrade required an investment of approximately £100,000, reflecting the Trust's commitment to providing high quality learning facilities.

Careful thought was given to the layout of the new science laboratories to ensure a functional student-focused design. Each laboratory is equipped with long fixed benches accommodating groups of six to eleven students providing ample space for collaborative work.

The bench layout not only maximises space but also ensures clear sightlines for students to the teacher's demonstration area. Each workstation is fitted with electrical sockets and gas taps, enabling students to conduct experiments directly at their desks. Sinks are conveniently placed along the side benches and teacher's desk, offering easy access for equipment cleaning and liquid waste disposal. Advanced equipment such as Liebig condensers and water jet vacuum pumps are now available for smaller sixth-form classes and demonstration purposes.

Every laboratory features state-of-the-art interactive display screens, display boards, and blackout blinds, essential for managing light levels during optics lessons. Improved safety features were also a top priority in the designs of the new labs. Modern electrical distribution boards with residual current protection have been installed, and both gas taps and electrical sockets are controlled by an emergency stop button at the front of the classroom, allowing teachers to isolate them instantly if needed. An additional gas safety feature prevents gas flow if taps are accidentally left open.

Simon Moore, Faculty Lead for Science at Sawtry Village Academy, said: "The refurbishment has transformed our science labs into modern, functional spaces that cater to a wide range of practical experiments. We carefully considered the layout to enhance usability and further improvements were implemented in the second phase.

"Our new labs provide better access to gas and mains power and are far more comfortable to work in. We've added suspended ceilings and noise-deadening floors to reduce ambient sound, and our improved storage facilities ensure a clutter-free environment that keeps distractions to a minimum.

"Students across all our age groups can now work comfortably at lab-height desks, and we've introduced chairs with backrests to cater to ergonomic needs, including those of SEND students. We've already welcomed Year 6 pupils from Sawtry Junior Academy as part of our Physics outreach program with the Ogden Trust, and they've enjoyed learning in the new space.

"Having reliable and well-designed facilities has already made an impact on the quality of our student's work and it's clear to see that they appreciate the investment in their learning environment."

Mark Woods, Chief Executive Officer at Meridian Trust, added: "We are thrilled to have provided our students at Sawtry Village Academy with modernised science laboratories that will significantly enhance the learning experience for all students.

"Providing high-quality learning environments for our students and staff is one of our core Trust values, and future upgrades will include the installation of an air-source heat pump for consistent heating across all laboratories, along with a modernised prep lab to support technicians in efficiently storing and maintaining equipment."



For more information about Sawtry Village Academy, please visit: <https://www.sawtryva.org/>

For more information about Meridian Trust, please visit: <https://www.meridiantrust.co.uk/>

**Media Contact:** Rosie Sly, [rosie@athene-communications.co.uk](mailto:rosie@athene-communications.co.uk), 01733 207335



## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is now open on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in the Community Centre access is via the library, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome, search census records & view old documents relating to our area.

The programme for the year continued in January, when membership subscriptions were due, we have a full programme of talks booked for the year, more details to follow.

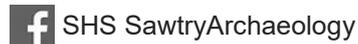
If you read this section regularly you may have a dormant interest in history. Not everyone knows we are a registered charity & although we have the correct officers on the committee, we need a couple more members to help us expand our activities. Perhaps our Thursday meetings are not convenient for you, but you could still be part of what we do.

In November our meeting subject was **Did Cromwell Ban Christmas** by Stuart Orme, this man's knowledge is outstanding, as always delivered in an entertaining fashion. This presentation was not just for Christmas but also a window into the religious attitudes leading up to the Civil War. So did Cromwell Ban Christmas NO although it was not encouraged for a time. On the other hand, it was in Scotland, this was long lasting as Christmas Day became a public holiday in Scotland in 1958. Boxing Day became a public holiday in 1974

'Sawtry Archaeology' is a group within Sawtry History Society that is committed to investigating the archaeological record of Sawtry and neighbouring communities and presenting interpreted findings in the public domain in order to enrich the communal heritage. Details of projects, publications of interest and useful links can be found on the Sawtry Archaeology website (below). Follow Sawtry Archaeology on Facebook (below) where details of fieldwork, other activity and updates to the website will be posted. You can contact Sawtry Archaeology at the email address below.'

Sawtry Archaeology website: <https://sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com/my-site>

Sawtry Archaeology email: [sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk)



Don't forget our sister website the details being [www.sawtryhistory.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistory.co.uk) [sawtryhistory@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryhistory@gmail.com)

**The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month  
in the Methodist Church, 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX at 7.30pm**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**



## SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are busy planning the year ahead as we continue to serve the community.

Our programme to bring live theatre to the village continues with SET MENU on 9 February, please see advert on page 7 for full details. We can provide these excellent shows at a much-reduced price due to successful grant funding.

In January St Andrews cemetery saw another phase of drainage works of this much needed improvement.

Plans are underway to celebrate VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 8 May with a children's art competition and Beacon Lighting. The Beacon on St Judith's field is being relocated so that it is more visible for occasions such as these.

Following the success of last year, we will be entering the Anglia in Bloom competition again so please look out for ways to support and get involved.

Another successful funding application means a public vehicle twin EV charger will be installed at the Old School Hall car park. This will be the second one in this area along with the one available at the Community Centre.

Updating play equipment is always on the list and this year we are looking to provide a zip wire at St Judith's Field along with another kick wall.

The play park at Green End Road has recently had some replacement rockers and this park is now better equipped for the under 11's. CCTV to cover this area also has been updated.

There are tentative plans to make the garden behind the Old School House (Parish Council Office) into a 'Growing Well Garden'. The idea is to make this a space for people to sit and enjoy outside space with perhaps the opportunity for some gentle gardening to enhance health and wellbeing. If this is something you would like to be involved in, we would love to hear from you. You may have skills, ideas, resources or just want to sit and smell the flowers.

We still have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors so if you would like to get involved, please do get in touch.

**Steve Browning - Clerk to Sawtry Parish Council**

**37 Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5UY**

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**visit us on our Facebook page**



## SAWTRY CHORALE

We ended 2024 with two very successful Christmas concerts, featuring a great mix of traditional and modern festive favourites – with abundant audience participation – Ollie, our musical director, loves getting the audience involved!

Although our Yaxley concert audience was diminished by terrible weather, those stalwarts who did attend joined in enthusiastically and with great gusto while, back on home territory in Sawtry, a packed All Saints Church audience responded with equal enthusiasm, and everyone left with the spirit of Christmas ringing in their ears!

Now it's onward and upward at the start of a new year, a new term and exciting new music for us to work with.

We are still working on dates and venues for this spring/summer's concerts with full details appearing on our Facebook page as well as here, in the Sawtry Eye, once confirmed. But one date already confirmed is a concert in Holme Village Hall on Saturday 21 June. And in the shorter term, in a 'first' for Chorale, a number of members will be attending the UK Choir Festival in Manchester in February.

We are particularly delighted to be starting 2025 by welcoming four new members. And there is always room for more so, if you're interested, just come along to one of our Wednesday rehearsals, between 7.30 and 9.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall on Green End Road. Remember, there are no auditions, and you don't need to read music, all you really need is enthusiasm and a love of singing.

If you prefer to find out more in advance, call our Chair, Tracy on 07796 972580.

A Happy (and Musical!) New Year to All.

**Find us on Facebook,**  
**email: [sawtrychorale@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrychorale@gmail.com)**  
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## CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm and Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please come along for a coffee and chat. See the projects and repairs we are working on at present. Do you have a project you want some help with?

Everybody is welcome, male or female. We are a happy crew and welcome new members. We replace watch batteries and carry out PAT testing at a fee of £3 each.

**Contact us by calling 07851 803482 and leaving a message, emailing us at: [thecave@caresco.org.uk](mailto:thecave@caresco.org.uk) or pop in during one of our sessions, you can find us at the rear of Sawtry Community Centre off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.**



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## GREEN END DAY CLUB

We are so glad to welcome all our lovely members back after the Christmas break.

Our member numbers continue to rise, and we are so happy that we have a room full of people over all four days. There is much laughter and chatting, it is a really wonderful club full of friendly people.

We have already planned our trips out for the year and booked in plenty of entertainment. If you would like to know more and are interested in joining us, then please feel free to pop along from Monday to Thursday and see us.

Our dates for our Quiz Suppers this year are as follows:

- ★ Friday 7 March
- ★ Friday 6 June
- ★ Friday 5 September
- ★ Friday 28 November

**Vicki, Suzanne and Helen**

**07743 216746 or**  
**email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)**



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# AN EYE ON NATURE

I wonder what could, or did, inspire you to explore our natural world? For me a lifelong passion started at an early age. It was partly my loved ones (mum, dad and paternal grandfather) but also the books that I read. A favourite series was the lady bird books and in particular the 'What to Look For' books which were first published between 1959 – 1961. The series covered winter, spring, summer, and autumn. I read them over and over again absorbing all the wonderful illustrations on each season which was explored through the four books. As it is often the case, where the books went is a mystery.

Fast forward to 2024 and a return to a dear friend in Bath. I had not caught up with Sue since before Covid and finally visited in October. On a previous visit in the 1980's one of the four books was there in one of the many bookcases. I was drawn to it like a moth to a flame and as I flicked through the pages wonderful memories came flooding back. Remembering that book I asked to see it again on my last visit. Sue had been busy and when I located it in another room there were all four books! I just had to acquire a set for myself. A chance conversation about the books led me to Riverport Books, St Ives, a new shop of second-hand books. I just knew the proprietor would be able to help, he searched 'online' they were ordered, and I got the call in November that the books were ready for collection. They will stay with me now and sit on my bookshelf and I know every so often I will look at them bringing back fond memories.

There are three other books which shaped my love of the natural world. These three have travelled with me on each house move from my early childhood. It is easy to tell which ones they are in my 'library' they are the battered ones, much thumbed and much loved. I remember The Observer's Book of Wild Animals of the British Isles in particular. The vibrant red/orange coat of the iconic Red Squirrel, they were still 'hanging on' in Lowland Britain during my childhood, but it was not until my holidays in the Lake District that I saw my first one. Such an exciting moment I will always remember it, so to my first encounter with a Brown Hare that was also in the Lakes.

My time has now come full circle, and it is up to me to inspire my Great Niece about our natural world. I wonder whether she too will have a favourite book which inspired her in childhood.

## **Martin Baker**

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

**For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust:**

**Phone 01954 713543, or**

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





## SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

We have changed the plan for our members meeting on Thursday 6 February and are very pleased to welcome two inspiring women both Sawtry Parish Councillors talking about the Accessibility in the village and a new Sawtry Women's Group. In addition to these inspiring talks, we will be voting on our nationally proposed resolutions which lead to national campaigns each year.

March members meeting is our Annual Meeting with voting followed by social and games. In April Suffolk and Cambridge Blood Runners will be talking about their work collecting and delivering emergency supplies to health sites where they are acutely needed.

We are currently accepting new members. Visitors are always welcome and if you would like to come to one or two of our members meetings to see if you would like to join us, there will be no charge. Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm with a speaker or activity followed by lovely refreshments, business, raffle and competition. As well as our varied programme for members meetings we also enjoy outings and social groups and an annual Spring Party which will be held this year on Thursday 27 March 2025.

Our programme for members meetings for the period April 2025 to March 2026 is now arranged with a variety of speakers and activities on topics such as gardening, driving, health, AI, history, craft and charity work abroad. Let us know if you would like a copy.

We would like to thank the community for supporting our annual Festive Tea in December raising much needed funds for the WI Hall which is regularly used not only by WI groups but also by a variety of small businesses and community groups.

Sawtry Community Café is run by Sawtry WI members together with wonderful volunteers from our community. The Café is open on the first Saturday of each month held at Sawtry WI Hall. Food is served from 12 noon to 2.45pm and there is no cost, it is all free. This is a great community space where residents of all ages come together in friendship. We distributed free bags each containing a blanket and other items to Café visitors in January.

**Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345**  
**[sawtrywi@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrywi@gmail.com)      Instagram: [Sawtry\\_WI](#)      Sawtry WI | Facebook**



## CARESCO FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Lights trail, all the houses that joined in looked wonderful and I saw lots of people walking around looking at them. A special thank you to Jonathan from Drone Through The Lens for taking some fantastic photos and drone footage for us all to see. We will be doing this again this year and it would be lovely to see more houses join in.

Events coming up – CARESCO Quizzes, Annual Cream Tea Takeaway, Pumpkin Trail & Christmas Lights Trail with dates to follow plus lots more. If anyone has any unwanted items such as bottles, gift sets, perfumes, aftershaves, candles, jewellery, gifts or anything that you don't want but think I can use then please contact me on [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) and I will arrange collection. Also Thank You to everyone who continually donate prizes to me and for always thinking of me when you have any items – I am truly grateful.

If anyone has anything they want to talk to me about with regards to fundraising or how we can work together then please contact me for a chat.

Happy New Year to you all.

**Jacqui Hedington**  
**Fundraising Manager**



## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Sawtry Library is a friendly, welcoming library based in Sawtry Community Centre. We offer a range of services such as children's activities, free pc and internet access and of course fiction, non-fiction books and audio books. We also provide help to get Bus Passes and we have a selection of local information leaflets.



### **Dragon Crafts - Wednesday 19 February 10.30am - 11.30am**

Come and make your own friendly (or scary) paper puppet dragon!  
This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years.  
£1 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Space Mobile's - Saturday 15 March 10.30am - 11.30am**

Make your own planet or spacecraft using recycled cd's.  
This craft event is suitable for children aged 5+ years.  
£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Mother's Day Crafts - Saturday 22 March 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Make a Mother's Day card and decorate a pebble.  
This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years.  
£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Reading Group**

If you love reading and talking about books, then why not join a Reading Group? It is a great opportunity to meet new people and read a variety of books to discuss with others. If you are interested in joining, please ask at Sawtry library or email us at: [Huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **Rhymetime - Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00am**

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhyme time sessions.  
Drop in. No booking needed.  
For children under 5



### **Lego Club - Saturdays 10.00am - 12.00pm**

Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning.  
Drop in anytime throughout the session.  
Suitable for children aged 4+  
50p donation appreciated.

### **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	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

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



Media Release  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Sawtry Junior Academy is celebrating a highly positive report following its recent Ofsted monitoring inspection on 19th and 20th November 2024.

The report highlights the school's continued commitment to providing a high-quality education for its pupils.

Inspectors provided very favourable feedback, highlighting that pupils really enjoy coming to school. Their enthusiasm and high attendance rates demonstrate the strong sense of community created at Sawtry Junior Academy.

The inspectors described the pupils as "friendly, polite, and considerate", and acknowledged the supportive environment where they feel safe and valued.

Located in the village of Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, Sawtry Junior Academy is part of Meridian Trust and looks after more than 270 pupils aged between 7 and 11 years old. The inspectors praised the school's ambitious curriculum, which effectively helps pupils develop a solid understanding across a broad range of subjects.

They highlighted that "staff benefit from the expertise of subject specialists within the Trust", ensuring teachers are well-prepared to deliver engaging lessons.

Sarah Flack, Headteacher of Sawtry Junior Academy, said: "We are thrilled with this report. It reflects the hard work of our whole school community, and the positive feedback from inspectors shows our commitment to providing a high-quality learning environment for every pupil."

The report also commended the school's "ambitious reading programme", noting how teachers actively engage pupils in developing their vocabulary and comprehension skills. Activities such as a recent trip to Bletchley Park have brought learning to life, making it enjoyable for pupils.

Additionally, the inspectors recognised the high expectations for academic achievement at Sawtry Junior Academy, motivating pupils to take pride in their work and strive for success. They also noted the school's commitment to supporting pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), ensuring all pupils receive the help they need.

Lesley Birch, Deputy CEO of Meridian Trust, added: "I am incredibly proud of the positive feedback from Ofsted. It's a testament to the teamwork and commitment within the Sawtry Junior Academy community. Congratulations to the whole school community."

As Sawtry Junior Academy builds on these positive findings within the supportive framework of Meridian Trust, it remains dedicated to providing an inclusive and high-quality educational experience that encourages every pupil to succeed.

Meridian Trust has a strong presence in the village of Sawtry, looking after Sawtry Village Academy where its head office is based. Meridian Trust is also the sponsor for the new primary free school that will be built in the village.

To find out more about Sawtry Junior Academy, visit: [www.sawtryjunior.org](http://www.sawtryjunior.org)

The inspection report can be found at: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50264794>

**Media Contact:** - Clare Burnell ([CBurnell@Meridiantrust.co.uk](mailto:CBurnell@Meridiantrust.co.uk))



*Headteacher, Sarah Flack, with pupils from Sawtry Junior Academy celebrating a successful Ofsted monitoring visit.  
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## CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

## CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

We have had a decline for painting in the CARESCO Centre and a further decline for window repairs and energy efficient lighting. We have, however, received two grants for Foodbank from The Green Hall Foundation and the Ann Docwra Charity. These will be used to buy back up food stocks and to print some recipes from our 2023 Cookbook to go out in the parcels over the next 12 months. We have also had a grant from the Barsby Foundation via Buckles Solicitors who are long-time supporters of CARESCO.

We reach the end of our financial year in March and have so far had 13 grants awarded ranging from £300 to £20,000 and 18 declines. It costs over £250,000 annually to run this charity which is entirely self-funded so the whole team constantly fundraise in one way or another to keep it going. We are very grateful for our community's support in Sawtry and the surrounding villages as well as to our 150 wonderful volunteers who help us keep our costs down.

My focus this year as always will be to find core cost grants that help cover our significant running costs, but there will be some events and projects needing to be funded too. In addition, our old modular building is now failing in many areas and will need more maintenance until a new building is in place.

You can follow CARESCO on Facebook for updates or see our website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

**Denise Pike**  
Grants Officer, CARESCO  
[grants@caresco.org.uk](mailto:grants@caresco.org.uk)

# SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

We are all looking forward to the Feast Supper this year. We have set the date for **Tuesday 3 June**.

If you attended last year, you'll be receiving an invitation towards the middle of April. If you didn't attend last year but would like to this year we would love to see some new faces, so get in contact with Maddy to register your interest.

Date for the diary we have an upcoming bingo Thursday 27 March 2025 at the Social Club. Eyes down at 19:30. All funds raised will go towards the Feast Supper in June.

If you would like to help in anyway on the night or leading up to the night, please let Maddy know.



**For any details regarding the Feast Supper please contact Maddy on 07368 210882 – please call after 5pm.**



As Huntingdonshire Ramblers steps into their 51st year, we have another full programme planned for the next few months, with a walk every weekend.

We try to vary the route and length of the walk, to offer something for all levels. We also have a comprehensive website and would suggest you check on the website before coming along to any walk as any last-minute changes will be notified there. Our website can be found at: <https://www.huntsramblers.org.uk>

## FEBRUARY

- Saturday 1st – Wansford and surrounds – 8 miles**
- Sunday 9th - Waresley Wood – 8 miles**
- Sunday 16th - Silsoe – 6 miles**
- Sunday 23rd - 3 Churches Walk, Moulton – 6.5 miles**

## MARCH

- Saturday 1st - Therfield Heath – 12 miles**
- Saturday 8th - Hatley St George - 7.5 miles**
- Saturday 15th - Catworth – 8.5 miles**
- Saturday 22nd - Barnack - 9.5 miles**
- Saturday 29th - Grafham Water - 9 miles**



## Situation Vacant MINIBUS DRIVER

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

**This position is for 8 hours per week  
on Mondays and Tuesdays.  
Cover maybe required for Wednesdays and Thursdays  
for holidays/sickness.**

**5.6 weeks paid holiday (pro rata)**

We are looking for a driver for our minibus who will collect our day club members from their homes and bring them into our Centre in the morning and take them home again mid- afternoon.

- Do you have a clean driving licence?
- Are you patient and reliable?
- Do you have good knowledge of health & safety and safeguarding?

**Come and be part of our team!**

For more information, call 07743 216746 or 01487 832105.

To apply email your CV to: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)

Or deliver your CV to the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.

**Closing date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**



The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX  
office@caresco.org.uk 01487 832105 www.caresco.org.uk  
Reg in England & Wales Charity No: 1140728 Company No: 7513432



## Volunteer Chaperones

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

We are looking for Chaperone's to accompany and assist our minibus drivers whilst they collect our day club members from their homes to bring them into our Centre in the mornings and to take them home again.

**Mondays to Thursdays  
08.45 to 10.00 and/or 13.30 to 15.00**

**Come and be part of our volunteer team**

For more information call Vicki on 07743 216746  
or email [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)

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The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service



# COFFEE SHOP

**CAN YOU HELP?**

*We are looking for some Volunteer bakers to help us with our increasingly popular Coffee Shop. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for us once every 4 weeks, sweet and savoury, please get in touch.*

*The expense of ingredients can be covered if required - Many Thanks*

Sharon Dougherty - 01487 208026  
sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



**CARESCO**  
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CARESCO is a unique charity providing a range of services to meet needs within our local community - visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) for more details.

# ENGAGED? THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

Did you know that you can get married in your local parish church - All Saints', Sawtry, St. Giles, Holme and St. Nicholas, Glatton.

We love 💍 a wedding and would love to discuss how we can play a part in your special day.

Please look at our website [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org), be in touch Reverend Canon Becky Dyball.

Email: [fenedgechurches@gmail.com](mailto:fenedgechurches@gmail.com)

Phone: 07444 574039 / 01487 506217

Fen Edge Churches



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET

Congratulations to our winner  
**Jeff**

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas quiz sheet

**All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO**



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# SAWTRY SHOW

**Saturday  
13 September**

**At Sawtry Village Academy**

Message us through our Facebook page 'The Sawtry Show' or email



[thesawtryshow@outlook.com](mailto:thesawtryshow@outlook.com) for more information.

Sawtry CARNIVAL



**'Sawtry on Safari'**  
**Saturday 14 June**  
**12noon - 5pm**



# SAWTRY FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who generously supports the Foodbank. We are extremely grateful for all the donations of food we are receiving during these difficult times.

The following is a list of items we particularly need currently to make up our food parcels:

## SHOPPING LIST

- Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Squash
- Custard
- Long-Life Milk
- Jam
- Rice Pudding
- Tea/Coffee

Extras..... We can also use donations of toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and pet food.

A few do's and dont's..... Donations need to be well in date please. We can't accept fresh, frozen, chilled or home-made items or any alcohol.

**Collection points :** CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Co-op Food Store, Local Churches, Sawtry Social Club, and Gt Gidding Store

For more information please call 07743 593863

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

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



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES



## Take Charge and Be Safe

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries over the last few years.

Many devices contain lithium-ion batteries. Mobile phones, laptops and games console controllers have these batteries, but so do cordless tools, garden machinery plus e-bikes and e-scooters. These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used correctly.

You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off
- Do not overload sockets
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes.

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

## How to dispose of batteries

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either <https://www.recyclenow.com> or <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to check where your closest location is.

## Help keep your home and family fire safe – complete our online home safety check

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

Visit [https://bit.ly/Home\\_Safety\\_Check](https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check) to find out more and start your online home safety check.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

## MEN UNITED IN SONG 2025, SUPPORTING PROSTATE CANCER UK

Looking for something new in 2025? We want men like YOU to be part of our fantastic pop-up singing project supporting charity partner Prostate Cancer UK.

Launching in March, the nine-week project will sign up around 40 local men - most of whom have never sung before - to perform live on stage in a fantastic charity concert at Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 10 May.

No previous singing experience is required to join, just a willingness to get stuck in and give it your best shot! Will Prideaux, director of the project says, "We're not looking for a Gary Barlow or an Alfie Boe, just bucketloads of enthusiasm".

Ollie took part in the project last year and says "I'm forever grateful for the laughs, the camaraderie and support from my *Men United in Song* comrades, who started as strangers and became great friends. This project is for anyone who is thinking they want something challenging in their life that welcomes you, as you. It's a great way to get back into or start singing, and a fantastic experience all round!"

The project kicks off with sign-up sessions on Thursday 27 February (6.30-10pm) and Friday 28 February (6.30-10pm). This is NOT an audition and there's no big red buzzer, just an opportunity to find out more and get involved – get in touch TODAY to book your time slot!

- For further information contact Jo on 01733 425194 or email: [menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk](mailto:menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk)
- Introduction sessions will be at Hampton Gardens School PE7 8HR on Thursday 27 February and Friday 28 February (6.30-10pm). **Please call or email first to register.**
- Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings, 7.45-9.45pm, at Hampton Gardens School, PE7 8HR, starting Thursday 6 March.
- The *Men United in Song* concert will be at Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 10 May.



## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Flu Vaccinations

We have a few vaccinations left. If you are in one of the eligible groups and have not yet had your flu vaccination, please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment. We would encourage all eligible patients to have a vaccination due to the high prevalence of flu currently being seen this year.



### GP Team

We are very pleased to be welcoming Dr Daniel Darko to our GP Team as of Monday 20 January 2025.

Our team of GPs will be available for consultations on the following days:

Dr Richard Smith –	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Dr Lino Pasco –	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday
Dr Daniel Darko –	Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
Dr Vanessa Pearson –	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Dr Alison Graham –	Monday/Thursday
Dr Tanya Roy –	Wednesday/Friday

### Patient Partner

Patient Partner is now up and running and allows patients to complete certain actions via an automated process as opposed to having to wait to speak to a member of the reception team. Patient Partner can be accessed via our main telephone system menu or, to save time, call direct on 01487 800270.

At this initial stage the service can be used to complete the following tasks:

- Check and/or cancel an appointment
- Book a blood test
- Book a physiotherapy appointment

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

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



Wildlife Trust for  
**Beds, Cambs  
& Northants**

## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### The Nature Friendly Farming Network

**Wednesday 12 February at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall**

We are pleased to welcome Martin Lines. Martin Lines is a farmer and contractor in South Cambridgeshire, growing mainly arable crops on his family farm and rented lands.

In addition to this Martin has a special interest in farm conservation management and he has Countryside stewardship schemes on the land he rents and manages. He also supports the delivery of stewardship schemes for a number of other farmers.

Martin is the Chief Executive Officer of the Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN) and hopes to see the network grow with like-minded farmers and land managers who will work together, share best practices and demonstrate what can be accomplished for nature and the environment, whilst still growing great produce.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £4.00, and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

**For more information please contact Tim - (07941 261346 or [timpfryer@googlemail.com](mailto:timpfryer@googlemail.com))**

### Wildlife of the River Great Ouse Valley

**Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall**

We are pleased to welcome back Pat Doody. As many of you will know, Pat was Chairman of the Local Group for several years and worked for the Nature Conservancy Council and its successor bodies for nearly 30 years, before working as a freelance coastal ecologist. Pat has written several books on coastal ecology and has also always had an interest in the Great Ouse valley.

This talk will explore the history and conservation of the Great Ouse valley, focusing on the meadows and their wildlife. Gravel extraction, housing and infrastructure have destroyed many sites, whilst agricultural intensification has caused significant losses in biodiversity. Today only a small number of unimproved meadows survive, most of which are either nature reserves or protected by government legislation.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £4.00, and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

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**ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY,  
ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON  
& ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON  
PARISH CHURCHES**



**BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

For the latest service information and online service links please visit [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org)

<b>Date</b>	<b>All Saints', Sawtry</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Glatton</b>	<b>St Giles, Holme</b>
Sunday 2 February	10.30am - Celtic Style Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - BCP Holy Communion
Saturday 8 February	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i>  4.30pm - BCP Evening Prayer in church
Sunday 9 February	10.30am - Service of the Word with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 16 February	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 23 February	10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 2 March	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - BCP Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 5 March</b>	6.00pm - Ash Wednesday Service	--	--
Saturday 8 March	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i>  4.30pm - BCP Evening Prayer in church
Sunday 9 March	10.30am - Service of the Word with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 16 March	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 23 March	10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Baptism	--
<b>Mothering Sunday</b> Sunday 30 March	10.30am - Holy Communion  2.00pm - <b>Mother's Day Runaway's Service</b>	9.00am - Holy Communion	--



*\*BCP A much loved traditional service using the 1662 prayer book*



## FIND YOUR VOICE THIS LENT

Lent is a time for reflection, growth, and drawing closer to God. This year, we are inviting everyone to embark on a journey through Lent with us, starting with an Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday 5 March at 6:00 PM at All Saints' Sawtry**. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with Christ for years, we would love to accompany you during this sacred season.

One of the highlights of our Lent offerings is a thought-provoking and inspiring study based on the acclaimed film *The King's Speech*. The course, *Finding a Voice*, delves into themes of overcoming fear, discovering our God-given vocation, the need for perseverance, and the power of encouragement. It's a perfect way to explore and deepen your faith and reflect on life's purpose.

This study course comes highly recommended by other groups who have found it to be deeply enriching. Through the lens of *The King's Speech*, we'll explore the bible and engage in informal, meaningful discussions that help us connect the film's themes with our spiritual journey. It's a unique opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with others.

### Course Details:

- Duration: 6 Weeks
- When & Where:
- Monday Nights: 7:00 PM at St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton.
- Tuesday Nights: 7:00 PM at Sawtry Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry.
- Special Start: We will kick off with a film night, watching *The King's Speech* together on Monday 3 March and Tuesday 4 March at 7:00 PM.
- What to Expect: Refreshments, a warm welcome, and an opportunity to engage with the Bible through guided discussions prompted by scenes from the film.

We begin with a film night to watch *The King's Speech* and will have the Popcorn and cinema treats ready. This journey through Lent is open to everyone, and we would love to walk alongside you. Whether you just fancy a film night, can attend every session or just a few, you will be warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like more information about the Lent study or just want to have a chat. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Every Blessing,

**Reverend Canon Becky Dyball**  
[revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com)



REMEMBRANCE

## REMEMBRANCE

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



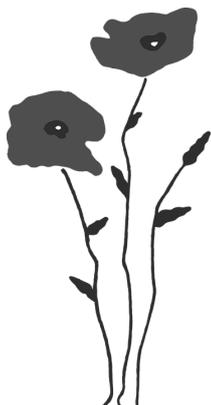
REMEMBRANCE

### 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



When you go home tell them of us and say  
 For your tomorrow we gave our today.



# SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



*All Are Welcome!*

## COFFEE MORNINGS

**Open Saturdays  
in the church hall  
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

**REST at Sawtry Social Club**  
Thursday 6 February at 7.30pm

**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 9 February at 10.30am

**REST at Sawtry Social Club**  
Thursday 6 March at 7.30pm

**Lent Courses**  
Tuesdays 4 March - 15 April at 7.00pm  
(details on pages 7 and 23)

**Board Games Club**  
First and third Fridays of the month at 7.30pm

**For details of other services, how to login  
via Zoom, and for other services  
please check our website, or call 01487 830345**

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

## SAWTRY MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

**Every Monday from 2.00 – 3.15pm in the Church Hall**

*This is an informal fellowship group, sharing experiences, memories and plenty of laughter!  
Quantities of coffee, tea and cake available (of course!!). All are welcome*

**Contact Margaret Wilson 07794 607985**



**For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857  
Email: [jjamesbamber@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesbamber@gmail.com), or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch**

## THE HOPE OF SPRING

If you had to choose your favourite flower, what would it be. I think mine would be snowdrops. They are incredible flowers, in my opinion, persevering through some of the hardest conditions to flower full of promise. Spring comes whispering hold on, new life is possible. It is a season of expectation – seeds are planted expectantly, bare branches give way to new leaves, and birdsong fills the air. God's handiwork is superbly on show as creation reflects His constant care and renewal echoing the write of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible who states, 'He has made everything beautiful in its time.' 'Everything' includes you and I - just as God is at work in creation so too God comes to us offering hope and transformation.

Imagine a spring morning and a young girl, Lucy, exploring her village. On her walk, she discovered an old, abandoned garden, overgrown with weeds and brambles. Yet, amidst the chaos, Lucy spotted a single daffodil blooming brightly. Inspired, she asked her grandmother, a keen gardener, to help bring the garden back to life. Together, they worked hard, clearing the weeds, planting seeds, and watering the soil. As the weeks passed, excitement grew as new shoots appeared, and the garden was transformed into a vibrant patchwork of colour. 'You see, Lucy,' her grandmother said, 'Life can seem messy and broken, but with care, patience, and God's help, beauty can always grow again.'

As we travel into this new season, may spring remind us of God's promise in Isaiah 43:19., 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' No matter what has gone before, God offers us renewal, a new beginning and hope, just as spring brings fresh life to the earth. May your spring be filled with the beauty and hope of His presence.

*James* (Minister, Sawtry Methodist Church)





## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED



CARESCO is looking to increase our team of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive with our Car Scheme and help local people

Successful candidates will:

- Be between 25+ - 75yrs – (for insurance)
- Be required to complete a clear DBS check
- Hold a clean driving licence
- Have use of a suitable car with valid MOT & insurance
- Have some weekday availability
- Be reliable and flexible
- Expenses will be reimbursed



If you would like to know more, please contact the Car Scheme Co-ordinator on 07810 476979 or email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

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The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX  
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## SAWTRY FOODBANK

Providing emergency food for local people in crisis



CARESCO  
meeting needs in our local community

## SAWTRY FOODBANK BASKET'S CHALLENGE

### Can You Have Our Foodbank's Shopping Basket For One Week?

You can take it into work, or take it to your favourite club. Encourage your friends and family to fill it up with items on our pick list.

We can arrange to drop the basket to you with a shopping list, then collect it again a few days later at your convenience.

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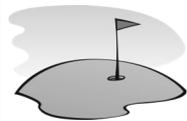
If you can help with this donation drive, then please get in touch for more information.

Email: [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk)  
Telephone: 07743 593863 or 01487 832105

## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Sadly, our last games of 2024 were cancelled due to storms, making conditions unplayable, with the games being rescheduled for early 2025.

As well as fitting these games in our next planned games are at Colmworth Golf Club in February, followed by a 3 Club Challenge in March and in April it's our Charity Day which we hold at Thorpe Wood followed up with the Grand National Sweepstake draw which we hold at the Sawtry Club.



**Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf, if you are interested, please contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby (07834 386632) our membership is £20 for the season which includes insurance.**

## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN



Welcome to 2025 and well done Sawtry for ending 2024 in some style with one of the biggest Santa Runs so far. We temporarily ran out of Children's suits due to the high number of families and children taking part which was amazing to see. With the proceeds of the event, we gave the Sawtry Foodbank £300 and the Green End Road Christmas lights charity £100. Not forgetting a huge thank you to



our long-term hosts and supporters Lisa and Jimmy at the Greystones. We were looked after wonderfully for seasonal hot drinks and snacks afterwards to warm up and share stories.

Amongst our regular run nights our member's ended 2024 with an indoor games and challenges night at Academy leisure and a few achy legs were mentioned the next day!!

As we settle into 2025, we have a 5K improvers program starting 23 January finishing on the 10 April with a Parkrun to conclude the program.

Advance notice of our annual free to partake None To Run program starts again on 6 May for 10 weeks. This culminates in a 5K Parkrun in Ferry Meadows Peterborough. We welcome new and lapsed members at any time looking to improve or share the miles with like-minded people. Feel free to contact us as no question is a silly question with regards to joining queries.

Despite the cool conditions we have continued to meet Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and if you want to join us to see if we're a good fit for you a free trial period is always there for new or returning members. Find out more at our website <https://sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/> or contact Fiona our membership secretary.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Club and our friends and partners for supporting me over the past 2+ years whilst I have been club chair. By the time this goes to print I will hand over to a new chair to continue to take the club from strength to strength in 2025 and beyond. I'm staying within the club committee and look forward to giving continued support to Sawtry Walk to Run :)

**David Bartle, Club Chair**

Call David on 07703 174937 or contact Fiona Hurst our membership secretary at [fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk) for details.

More info at [www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk) or our Facebook page: **Sawtry Walk to Run**



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

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

A Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully you all had a great festive period. We enjoyed our Christmas Eve Drinks night, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Thanks to those for coming.

We welcome the new members to our committee for the year 2025. The Committee is now busy planning for the coming season in which Kevin Bowers our secretary is President of the HCBF for 2025, we wish him well for his County Presidential year, we also wish Hadyn Bentley the most fabulous year as Club President for 2025.

We have quite a few extra games this year with the County Adams Side playing their home games at Sawtry together with Presidents Day so a fun packed year ahead.

We also aim to include our usual social events in 2025, starting with a 'London Night' on Saturday 22 February serving London's traditional East End working-class delicacy 'Pie n Mash' from a renowned supplier in London. Tickets are selling fast so looks to be a great evening for those that have already signed up.

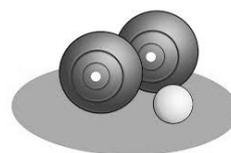
We are looking to hold our Easter Bingo on Saturday 12 April as well as a Quiz sometime in Spring. Details for these events and others later in the year, will be confirmed over the coming month or two, so please look out for emails or posts on Facebook. If people have any ideas for events they would like to see, or indeed run, please get in touch

**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 google 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**



## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

### Club News

Sawtry Table Tennis Club is now back open again after our festive break. Our club meets on Monday evenings (term times only).

Our club prides itself on having a fun and leisurely atmosphere, being friendly and open to anyone interested in participating in this great intergenerational sport, regardless of who they are.

Within the club, we have a range of different players, players who are just starting their table tennis journey, players who are wanting to play socially, players wanting to restart, to players who play for fun but have a hint of competitiveness within them.

So, if this has inspired you to come back or to give this great sport, then why not pop along on a Monday evening, to check out the club for yourself.

Our Club Night is split into sessions. With our Junior Development Session at 5:45pm, followed by our Open Play Adult Session from 6:30pm, with 3 to 4 tables setup, depending on league matches.

- Our Junior Development Sessions are for young players aged 7 to 18 years old. They are for juniors who are just about to start or have already started their table tennis journey – **Booking is Required.**
- Our Open Play Adult Sessions are for adult players of all abilities, where they can play some fun and leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis – **No Booking Needed.**

To keep up to date with what is happening at the club, look at our Facebook page or website (see below for details).

### League News

Just prior to the festive break, our league Teams had played half of the season, our 'Team A' was second at this point, but were knocked out of the first round of the Handicap Cup Competition, whereas the 'Team B' got through to the Quarter-Finals of the Handicap Cup Competition.

### General information on the club

The club is a not-for-profit community-based table tennis club, where members can play some leisurely or competitive table tennis. The club is open to anyone over the age of 7 and all abilities are welcome. The club is open on Monday evenings, during term time.

There are **No Membership Fees**, only Club Night fees: Adults - £3, Junior (under 18's) - £2 per session, per night. Fees are payable on the night and can be paid by Cash or Card.

**All Under 16's will need to be always accompanied by a responsible adult while at the club.**

**The club meets at the club's venue:** - Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

**Times of Session:** - Junior Development Session - 5:45pm, Open Play Adult Session - 6:30pm.

**To keep up to date with club news, or to get more information about the club:**

**E:** - [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)

**W:** - [www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)

**F:** - [@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)

**T:** - 01487 804040





# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

## Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072 or  
gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org

Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,  
Rangers & Y.L.) - torthilldistrict@gmail.com

Sawtry Woodcraft Folk - sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk

## Village Groups

Sawtry Camera Club - 07494 067666

Sawtry Chorale - 07870 248897

Sawtry History Society - 830715

Sawtry Motorcycle Club - 834190

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

## Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

Merton Kenpo Academy I MKA - 07753 228439

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740

Sawtry Colts - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk

Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Greenfields Fishing Lake - 07426 334079

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 804040

Sawtry Tang Soo Do - 07864 260338

Sawtry Walking Group - 830167

Sawtry Walk To Run - 07703 194937

## Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough -  
01733 230464

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

## Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School -  
833010 / 07483 942826

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

## Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline &  
Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies -  
0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

## Other Services

Alcoholic Anonymous - 01603 621128

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre -  
0345 045 5225

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon -  
0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740

Sawtry Social Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797

Sawtry WI Hall - 07887 624639

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

## CARESCO

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Community Support - 07873 187843

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

If you would like to add a new number  
to the list or you have spotted a  
wrong number then let the  
CARESCO team know on 832105

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