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# Sawtry Eye

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## STRICTLY DANCING



Friday 10 February

7.30 – 10.30pm

at Sawtry Village Academy

*Generously sponsored by Dave Wisker Disco*

For those who can remember how to do the Barn Dance, St. Bernard's Waltz, Gay Gordons, the odd Waltz and Quickstep, plus Jive to 60's hits

**Tickets £5.00**

*(bring your own refreshments)*

### Raffle

Proceeds to be shared between Sawtry Feast Supper Club and Sawtry Village Academy.

Tickets are available from Dick and Pam Tuplin, call 01487 830095; the Academy Reception; or the CARESCO Office



**Dementia Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

## Would you like to become a Dementia Friend?

Dementia Friends gives people an understanding of Dementia and the small things that you can do that make a difference - please join us for a free information session

### Book your place

Learn more about the symptoms of Dementia and help create a more dementia friendly community by turning understanding into action.

The next sessions will take place at the CARESCO Centre on the following dates:

Thursday 16 February, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Friday 3 March, 12 - 1pm

Wednesday 15 March, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Dementia Friends Sessions are just 60 minutes long

### Everyone is welcome

To book your place call 01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

## 2017 Carnival Court Selection & Crowning Evening

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

From 7pm

At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road

All are welcome

includes a **disco and raffle!**



Following another fun and successful year, it is time again to appoint our new Sawtry Carnival Court for 2017. We are looking to select a **Carnival Queen** who is ideally aged 14 years and upwards, **Princesses** aged between 9 and 13 years and a **Rosebud** aged between 5 and 8 years. The Court will once again lead the Carnival procession on **Saturday 10 June** in their own float. They will also get the opportunity to represent Sawtry at other Carnivals and events in our region including the Miss South Midlands competition!

For more information and an application form please contact [sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com) or call 07799 062276

Do come along with the kids and support your Carnival.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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



# Make A Date

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9 March	Feast Supper Committee	Prize Bingo	01487 832645	9
10 March	Friends of Sawtry Infants School Association	Quiz Night	01487 830678	12
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6 April	Royal British Legion, Sawtry	Bingo Night	01487 834338	8
16 April	Chairman's Challenge	Car Treasure Hunt	01487 831771	8
22 April	Vintage/Friendship Clubs	Quiz Supper	01487 832105	10
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6 June	Feast Supper Committee	Sawtry Feast Supper	07903 841708	19
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6 July	Royal British Legion, Sawtry	Bingo Night	01487 834338	8
7 - 13 August	Sawtry Churches Together	Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club	01487 830345	--
9 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831281	16
5 October	Royal British Legion, Sawtry	Bingo Night	01487 834338	8
7 October	Vintage/Friendship Clubs	Quiz Supper	01487 832105	--
30 November	Hill View Residential Home	Prize Bingo	01487 831709	9
2 December	SSBP & SYP	Frost Fayre (provisional)	07720 583340	--
2 December	Hill View Residential Home	Christmas Fayre	01487 831709	--
7 December	Royal British Legion, Sawtry	Bingo Night	01487 834338	8

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'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, please let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline.

If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours).

We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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Please check with the individual group concerned.





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# Welcome

Thank you to everyone who took the time to get in touch and let us know how much you loved our first ever colour front cover on the last issue. Constructive feedback is always welcome! Despite several early technical difficulties with our new printer, we are now able to offer our advertisers the option of upgrading their ad to either spot, or full colour and as you will see, some have already gone for this. Many thanks to all who have done so for your support in our new venture.

Please remember, the Sawtry Eye is dependent on our advertising revenue so, when you need a workman, try looking through our advertising section first. While we can't endorse any business in particular, we can at least give you a good starting point! Please remember to always mention the Sawtry Eye when contacting advertisers.

By the time you are reading this, Spring will be just around the corner. The daffs on their way and the days getting longer. That means it's time to get started on this year's Sawtry Show entries ready for September. Remember all readers are entitled to enter.

From the Sawtry Eye team, have a good one.

Liz - Co-Editor



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## March 2017

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### SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

#### Spring Term 2017

Half term, 13 to 17 February  
End of Term - 31 March

#### Summer Term 2017

Start of Term - 18 April  
Half term, 29 May to 2 June  
End of Term - 21 July

#### Autumn Term 2017

Start of Term - 4 September  
Half term: 23 to 27 October  
End of Term - 19 December

#### Spring Term 2018

Start of term - 3 January  
Half term: 12 to 16 February

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



### S A W T R Y W I

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS (Wheelchair Access)

Charity Number 229016

#### 2 February

"A man paid to talk to himself" - *Chris Bylett*  
Competition - An unusual object beginning with the letter A

#### 2 March

#### Social Evening

Competition - An unusual object beginning with the letter W

#### 6 April

"History of Magic" - *Paul Vickers*

Competition - An unusual object beginning with the letter T

Visitors and new Members always receive a warm welcome  
If you haven't tried the WI before, come along and meet us

Regular features include:  
Bring & Buy, Books, Raffle and Refreshments

President      Roz Rowland      01487 831793

Correspondence Secretary  
Rosemary Jubb      01487 830243



Don't forget - during weeks containing a bank holiday, collection days will change from the usual

### HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

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

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

13 & 27 February

March dates not available in time

### GARDEN WASTE & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

6 & 20 February

March dates not available in time

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at:  
<http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>

### SAWTRY WINEMAKERS



Come along to any of our meetings which take place on the third Wednesday in the month at The Old School Hall, Green End Rd, Sawtry PE28 5UY

#### Calendar of Events

**Saturday 11 February**

Dinner Dance  
(Details on page 9)

**Wednesday 15 February**

Talk on Mead

**Wednesday 15 March**

Warboys Vineyard

**Wednesday 19 April**

Dessert Wine Tasting

Our aim is to promote the making and enjoyment of homemade wines and beers, to share the results of our efforts and encourage new wine and beer makers

For more information  
call Eileen 01487 830020

**For Issue No: 127**  
**April - May 17**

*Advertisements by*  
 12 Noon on 10 March  
*News Items by*  
 12 Noon on 17 March

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 6 Issues - £110  
 Monthly SO - £11

For more information and prices  
 for colour, call in or phone  
 9.00am - 12 Noon  
 Monday - Friday

**0 1 4 8 7 8 3 2 1 0 5**  
 sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk

**The CARESCO  
 Pens  
 are back!  
 £1.00 each**

**\*\* Popular chunky style \*\***  
**\*\* Black ink \*\***

**Available from  
 the CARESCO  
 Centre**



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

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



**MYDONATE**



CARESCO is registered with MyDonate which enables us to receive donations via the link on our homepage at

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

Our account also allows you to set up a fundraising page to help us to provide vital care services for our local community.

Thank you to everyone who has already done this.



**ARE YOU UP FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?  
 TWO TRUSTEE VACANCIES AVAILABLE**

Would you like to become more involved in your local community by helping to shape the work we do at CARESCO? Do you want to make a difference?

We are seeking two new members to our board of trustees. We are looking for individuals who are willing to give their time voluntarily to help progress the work we do.

The board meet seven times a year usually on an evening. Most members are also on a sub-committee that specialises in an area of work that we do or an aspect of management.

We currently have ten trustees who are a mix of employed and retired local people with a wide range of different skills, experience and perspectives.

CARESCO covers the area of Sawtry and the surrounding villages providing two day centres for the elderly, a friendly lunch club, charity shop, community printshop, weekly coffee shop, social music group, carers support sessions, Christmas Day party and supports the Sawtry car scheme and food bank. We are also currently expanding the support we can offer to family carers.

**Please contact Miranda on 07751 798287  
 or 01487 832105, or email [volunteer@caresco.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caresco.org.uk)  
 to apply or find out more.**

**CARESCO CHARITY SHOP**

Did you know that you can also support our charity shop through eBay?  
 Free local collection, so no postage costs! Look for us by searching for:

***caresco\_charity\_shop***



Below are details of some of the activities run by CARESCO, the Sawtry-based charity behind the this magazine.



For more details about our services, please visit our website or contact the CARESCO Centre  
[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

## What is CARESCO?

We are a small Sawtry-based charity working to meet needs within our local community. We run a range of different activities, some of which are detailed here, with the help of a large number of volunteers. You can find us at:

The CARESCO Centre  
 (Behind the Old School Hall)  
 Off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX  
 Tel 01487 832105  
 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

## Vintage Club

*because life gets better with age*

Wednesdays & Thursdays  
 9.30am - 2.30pm

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

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

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

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 1.30pm to 3pm  
 At the CARESCO Centre



Refreshments included

**Forthcoming dates:**  
 10 & 24 February  
 10 & 24 March

There is a charge of £2.00 to help cover costs

## SAWTRY CAR SCHEME

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

Journeys cost 45p per mile (£2.00 min charge)

Trips can be for shopping, to hospital,  
 or for some social occasions

For more information  
 contact the co-ordinator on 07810 476979



Is open every Friday

9.00 - 11.30am

(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

Come and meet friends for  
 a warm welcome  
 tea/coffee, homemade cake and a chat

## CARESCO PRINTSHOP

Mondays to Fridays  
 9am - 12 noon

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

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

Could we also meet the printing requirements of your group?  
 Contact us with your requirements and ask for a quote.

## CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry 01487 208026

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

Find yourselves a bargain while supporting our services.

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

All proceeds support CARESCO activities

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS  
 10.30AM - 1.30PM

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

Couples are welcome

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

Cost: £4.20 per session plus transport if required.

## Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

### HUNTINGDON

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

10 & 24 February

10 & 24 March

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

**For more information call 01480 388388  
or visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets)**

### PETERBOROUGH

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Thursdays** from 9am to 2pm  
in Long Causeway

Organised by Peterborough City Council.  
**For more information call 01733 452217  
or visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)**

### OUNDLE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Market Street

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

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there must be from the local area and sold by the people who grow or produce it.

Bought-in produce is not allowed.

Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can tell you how it was grown or made.

## SAWTRY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLUB

**Term time:**

Meet Wednesday Evenings  
Sawtry Village Academy  
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

**Beginners Class**

7 - 8pm ~ £3.50 per class

**Improvers / Intermediates**

8 - 9.30pm ~ £4.50 per class

Learn to line dance, no partner required and all ages welcome. We are a friendly class that dances to all types of modern and traditional music.

**Contact Julie:**  
[jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com)  
07939 070406

[www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk](http://www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk)



Line Dancing

## TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday  
(term time only)

9.30 – 11.00am

£1.50 per family, First visit FREE

Free tea and coffee for adults

**Come along and make new friends**

**New members welcome**

**For more information  
call:**

**Miranda 07704 643196**

**or Amie 07824 163656**



**Saturdays**

**18 February**

**18 March**

**All Saints' Church  
Church Causeway, Sawtry**

**Crafts for all ages**

**Celebrate with  
bible story and songs**

**Share a meal together**

**For more information see  
[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)  
or contact the Rectory**

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

**At Winwick Church**

**Saturday 11 February**

**Saturday 11 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

In Aid of the WI Hall, Gidding Rd, PE28 5TS

### BINGO

10 & 24 February

10 & 24 March

7 & 21 April



Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm  
Contact for events

Rosemary Jubb 01487 830243  
Charity Number 229016

## CLARMA'S CHALLENGE

### Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 16 April

Starting from the Old School Hall car park,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

Max 4 per car (3+driver) £10 - per team

**Staggered start - not a race**

**Prizes awarded**

Check in at 12 noon for instructions and route  
(approx. 40 miles / 2.5 hours)

Book via the Parish Council office,  
37 Green End Road,  
call 01487 831771

or email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)  
*Raising funds for the community  
by the community*



## Craft Buddies

*Do you love to knit or crochet or sew? Or would you like to learn?*

*We're a small friendly group of people who love to welcome new members.*

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

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

**7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday**  
**At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry**

**Just turn up or for more info contact**  
**Carolyn on 01487 832682**  
**or email [carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk)**

## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

Come along and see if you would like to join us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Sawtry Club on Gidding Road at 7:30pm.



We are affiliated with the RHS which gives us access to free garden advice and a group visit every year to one of their gardens. Join the Sawtry Gardening Club for £5.00 a year.

For more information contact either

**Caz Vanslyck on 01487 831592**  
**Email [cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk)**  
**or**

**Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146**  
**Email [susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk)**

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Club, Gidding Road

### Prize Bingo

6 April - 6 July - 5 October - 7 December

Eyes down 7.30pm

All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch

For more information, call 01487 834338



## WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



**We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**  
**7.30 until 9.30pm**

**At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road**

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

**For more information please contact**  
**01487 832602**

## Plant a Tree

Join **Sawtry Parish Council**  
as they plant trees around the village  
donated by  
Huntingdon District Council

### On Saturday 18 February

Starting at 10am  
at St Andrews Cemetery,  
moving on to All Saints Churchyard  
and finishing at St Judith's Field.

**Please bring  
a spade!**

**For more details  
please contact the  
Parish Office  
On 01487 831771**





## Chatterbox Drop-In Sessions For Family Carers

Do you care for a family member or friend?  
Are you looking for support or someone to talk to?

Come along to our friendly drop-in  
to meet other family carers.  
Find out about Carers Assessments  
& Carers Prescriptions.  
No cost - refreshments will be provided.

**Monday 13 February**

**Monday 13 March**

**Monday 10 April**

**Between 2pm – 4pm**

at The CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Contact Miranda on  
07751 798287 or 01487 832105

Email: [carers@caresco.org.uk](mailto:carers@caresco.org.uk)

Do you need help getting to the drop-in  
sessions? Sawtry Car Scheme offer an  
affordable service for those with  
transport needs.



Caring for your community

## CLARMA'S CHALLENGE

### Indoor Table Top

### + Car Boot

**Saturday 18 March**

**9am – 1pm**

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

*Refreshments available*

**Pre book only - £5 per table**

via the Parish Council,  
37 Green End Road, 01487 831771  
or email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)

*Raising funds for the community  
by the community*

## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER PRIZE BINGO



**At Sawtry Club On Thursday 9 March**

Eyes down at 7.30pm

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

Everyone very welcome - Great prizes

For details contact 01487 832645

## SAWTRY WINEMAKERS' DINNER DANCE



To be held at The Old School Hall, Sawtry

**Saturday 11 February**

7.00 until 11.00pm

*Disco*

3 Course Meal supplied by "Lucy's Kitchen"

*Bring your own drinks and glasses*

**£25.00 per person**

For more information and menu  
Contact Eileen on 01487 830020



## GLATTON WI

We meet on  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Glatton

We start the evening with WI business  
followed by an activity or talk  
then refreshments

**Thursday 9 February**

Speaker: Ian Meiklejohn

Talk on *The Arctic*

Competition: Snow or Ice Picture

**Thursday 9 March**

At the Village Hall

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

For more information see:

the **Huntingdon & Peterborough**  
**WI website**

[www.hpfwi.com](http://www.hpfwi.com) or

Glatton Village Website  
[www.glatton.org.uk](http://www.glatton.org.uk)

## Bingo

in Aid of

Hill View Residential Home Social Fund

Thursday 6 April

Thursday 30 November

7.30pm start

At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road,  
Sawtry

For more information, contact  
01487 831709



**Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older**

- 9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- 8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- 7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- 6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- 5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- 4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- 3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- 2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- 1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.



**The Friendship & Vintage Clubs**

Invite you to join them for a

**Quiz Supper**

**On Saturday 22 April**

**From 7.30pm**

**In the Old School Hall**

On Green End Road,  
Sawtry PE28 5UX



**Tickets £8.00**

(To include a hot supper)

**Bring your own drink and glasses**

*There will be a raffle on the night*

Tickets available from  
the CARESCO Office  
or please call 01487 832105

**All proceeds to  
CARESCO's Friendship Club  
and Vintage Club**



*Letters ...*



*Trevor Fowler*

Dorothy and Allan Fowler, Michelle and Gail, would like to thank their friends and acquaintances for their cards, kind words and support, following the loss of their son and brother, Trevor. He was a good man and will be sadly missed by many.

Our family will 'get by with a little help from our friends'.

Thank you, everyone

**SSBP FAYRE 2016**

The Sawtry Small Business Partnership would like to thank all those who made the Sawtry Christmas Fayre 2016 a great success. In particular we would like to thank the Sawtry Youth Project and CARESCO for all their work providing a fabulous Grotto, delicious refreshments and colourful advertisements in the Sawtry Eye. Additionally, we couldn't have done it without Sawtry Village Academy kindly allowing us to use their premises for the day for which we thank them wholeheartedly.

For 2017 we plan to hold a Frost Fayre and the provisional date for your diaries is Saturday 2 December.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Steph Taylor**

**Remembering a Very Special Dad & Grandad**

**Stanley Reginald Redhead**

**who passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

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

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

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## IN MEMORY OF JACK SMART (28 DECEMBER 1921 - 22 DECEMBER 2016)

Jack was born in 1921 in Chesterfield, Derbyshire and christened as Patrick John, but was always known as Jack. The family moved to East Yorkshire, in 1923 where he went to school, leaving at 14 years to join the army as a boy apprentice, eventually transferring into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical engineers where he served for 36 years, retiring with the rank of Major. He served 4 years with the East Africans, fighting with them in Burma. Jack settled down in Sawtry in 1972 where he lived the rest of his life. His wife, Frankie, died there in 1987 after 42 years of married life. In 1993 he married Ruby whom he met when both of them served as volunteers for the Huntingdon Society for the Blind and whom he whisked off to wed in Gretna Green! Ruby died in 2002 after 9 very happy years together during which they shared and supported each other in much voluntary work. Jack served the community of Sawtry in many ways. In 1976 he became a District Councillor and was also a Parish Councillor for the next 20 years, working hard for Sawtry and achieving many things for the village. He was chairman of Sawtry Village College Governors in the 1980s. Jack was awarded an MBE in the 1995 New Year's Honours List which was presented to him by the Queen herself. His last achievement was, as chairman, to oversee the building of the new CARESCO Centre in 2001 along with the CARESCO Organiser, Kathy Jones. Jack remained an active member of the Peterborough Burma Star Association. He also belonged to Ramsey PROBUS Club and helped where he could with the Huntingdon Society for the Blind. Jack was only days short of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday when he died and he will be so very much missed, not least for his generous and loving heart, his cheeky sense of humour and the twinkle in his eye.

***Taken from the tribute given at Jack's funeral on 13 January 2017 by Rev Pam Siddall***

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY AT CARESCO (1)***

A very big Thank You to you all. We had a wonderful day. A lovely warm welcome, excellent company, lots of laughs and fun and some marvellous food. This made our Christmas and we are truly grateful. As an extra bonus you kindly gave us enough food to have our Boxing Day meal too.

Where else but Sawtry would we all find such a caring community.

Thanks once again

***Ann and Tony Martin, Sawtry***

### ***CARESCO DONATIONS***

Thank you to everyone who support our RAF Wyton band concert in December, and especially to Maggi for organising the event. It was a wonderful evening and we raised over £1500 for CARESCO funds.

Our lovely friends in SSBP, particularly Steph Taylor, organised a very successful Christmas Fayre in early December, and generously donated £297, being part of the proceeds to CARESCO, along with £94 raised at their Christmas Social. Our thanks to all involved.

We have been very touched by the number, and size, of the personal donations that have been made by individuals over the Christmas period, some through our MyDonate account via our website. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has been so encouraging to everyone. We have also received some specific donations to support our Christmas Day Party, and a particular thanks to Lisa Baxter for the lovely table centres on the day.

Our thanks also to Diane who made and delivered a beautiful Christmas cake for our day care Club members to enjoy.

***Liz Coates, CARESCO General Manager***

***For more details please visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or contact the office.***

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY AT CARESCO (2)***

How did your Christmas Day go? Very well I hope. Me, what did I do? Well, along with several other local residents, we gathered together to celebrate "CARESCO Day": which started with us arriving at the CARESCO Centre during the late morning to be greeted with a cheery "Merry Christmas", and offered drinks and nibbles. Later, after we had got to know one another, we sat down to the most wonderful meal anyone could have imagined accompanied by some very nice wine.

After we had eaten our fill, we all joined in to sing carols which everyone enjoyed. This was then followed by The Queen's Speech and our toast to her Majesty.

Carrying on with our festivities, we then played a game of "Play Your Cards Right". Most of the time the cards were not very kind, but we still had fun.

I must not forget to mention about the visit from Santa Claus, who had gifts for everyone, and as our day finally came to an end, we were each given a bag with a chunk of Christmas cake in it, along with a card and a personal photo in a frame.

In retrospect, when one looked around the tables and saw all the happy smiling faces, I couldn't help thinking how different things would have been if it had not been for the band of volunteers who were prepared to share their Christmas with us. In my case I know that I would not have spoken to a living soul all day.

Well done all who helped, I shall support your charity shop whenever I can.

***Derrick Morgan, Sawtry***

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## SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT



During December we held our Christmas Fayre in partnership with Sawtry Small Business Partnership and CARESCO. It was good to see so many of you in attendance all well and truly in the Christmas spirit. Thank you all for making the day such a great success. The total amount raised on the day was a massive £1,707.57.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Sawtry Small Business partnership for your on-going support.

As the nights start to draw out and the snowdrops begin to break through, both the senior and junior committees continue to work hard to achieve our goals. During the next quarter we hope to have some firm designs for an all-wheeled facility in place and look forward to sharing the designs with you.

**Thank you for your ongoing support. If you would like any further information regarding Sawtry Youth Project please visit [www.sawtry-youth-project.org](http://www.sawtry-youth-project.org)**

Sawtry Youth Project Committee

### SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a brilliant start to 2017 and it looks like it's set to be a great year. The children have come back after Christmas eager to learn and we are already immersed in our topics for this term. Reception have started the New Year with "Ice is Nice", they have had fun exploring how it feels and experimenting it and finding out what it can be used for. They have even made their own fruit ice pops to eat. The topic in Year 1 is Fairy Tales; they have been hearing and learning about some of the more traditional tales and finding out how many different variations there are. They have also been studying Peter and the Wolf which shows that you can tell a story through medium of music. The Great Fire of London is the 'hot' topic in Year 2, they have been investigating the cause of the fire and re-enacting the scenes after the fire broke out. Lots of questions have been asked and it has certainly ignited their enquiring minds. The children have also looked at modern London and are designing their own London Bus in Design Technology.



Our school fundraising team FOSISA have been busy organising some fun after school events for this term too; these include a campfire night, a bedtime story time which is linked to World Book Day and some film nights. We will also be hosting another Quiz Night at the Sawtry Club on 10 March for the local community to come and have some fun! Everyone is welcome.

Our school clubs are up and running, they include gymnastics, gardening club, baking club, mini movers, football, hockey and country dancing, so the children are experiencing a host of extra-curricular activities and experiences.

We hope that 2017 proves to be peaceful and prosperous for you all. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Email: [office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01487 830678

### SAWTRY CHORALE

It was good to be back in Sawtry on 2 December for our Christmas concert. We performed in All Saints Church where we sang to an absolutely packed audience who also enjoyed refreshments including mince pies during the interval.



The first half of the concert was devoted to a performance of 'The Infancy of Christ - a Christmas Cantata' composed by Douglas Coombes and we were honoured and delighted that Mr Coombes had agreed to be our narrator. A former music producer with the BBC, he is now a freelance musician who devotes his time to composing, conducting and offering practical help to teachers and pupils. He founded The New English Concert Orchestra and has conducted many of the UK's leading orchestras. He is on the Council of the Association of British Choral Directors and the School Music Association of Great Britain, and is an honorary life member of the Schools Music Association of Great Britain in recognition of his services to Music Education in the UK.

The second half of the concert included well-known popular songs such as 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas', 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town', 'White Christmas', and 'Jingle Bells' as well as traditional carols arranged by John Rutter and David Willcocks. The audience had the opportunity to join in and sing some carols which they did with great enthusiasm. A good start to the festive season.

The concert was a great success and sincere thanks go to Reverend Donald McFadyen and his team at All Saints Church for making us so welcome. And for their support we are also grateful to Rumbles Fish Bar of Green End Road, Sawtry; Thomas Morris, Estate Agents, Greenways, Sawtry; and the Central England Co-operative Society.

We have now started rehearsals for our summer concert. New members – sopranos, altos, tenors and bass/baritones - are always welcome so if you think you might enjoy singing with us please ring 07745 618364 for more information or come along to the Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road at 7.45pm on a Wednesday evening.

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

Hazel Rea, 07745 618364

Sawtry Eye Feb - March 17

## AN EYE ON NATURE



We marvel at a cathedral built nearly a thousand years ago, but how much attention does a tree attract that was a seedling at the time the first stones were being cut to build that cathedral?

Great Britain has the honour of giving a home to the largest proportion of ancient trees in N Europe. Many of these natural wonders are topping a millennium and older. Our long bows were fashioned out of Yew wood typical of churchyards and dirty deeds were plotted under mighty Oaks. Even Robin Hood has his favourite Oak.

Very old trees are part of our social history: they marked out Parish boundaries, were pivotal way markers on routes and stood proud in park landscapes.

Many were put to good use too. Old Elm pollards (a method of cutting the timber above deer browsing height) were cut as forage for farm animals, while Willow was cut for weaving fencing and baskets. Oak pollards were used for building and tanning leather, whilst Ash was put to use for cartwheels and furniture.

Today these great trees, dotted throughout our landscape need friends like never before.

A first look at an ancient Oak gives the impression of instability, falling apart, a hazard to be cleared away. But let us look at the facts as this tree was beautifully designed to slowly reduce in size over its long life. Friendly fungi rot out the heart wood (as only 30% of an old tree is actually living). The hollow trunk is thus made incredibly strong. Limbs gradually die back to lighten the burden, so the final shape and size can cope with the twilight years and what a long twilight it can be ... 400 years of being old, how fantastic!

The great storm of 1987 cut through the South of Britain felling milliard of trees in one night, but left many "old timers" standing. Reduced in size and strong by being hollow was their saving grace.

I learned only this year that Sheffield City Council want to fell over 200 of its wonderful trees to replace them with saplings. The reason: a few roots pushing up a bit of pavement or road surface. Surely there is a better way of managing wayward roots and the benefits far outweigh the inconvenience of levelling the road surface.

A ray of hope for me came when I learned that the mighty Oak near Brampton is to be saved. The plans are to put the new A1M and A14 either side of one of our iconic trees.

Please take time to look at our natural wonders growing outside of our manmade ones.

**Martin Baker**

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

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

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



## ACADEMY NEWS

Well done to all of our students who took part in the Christmas show, singers, dancers, actors, musicians, back stage, sound, lighting, front of house... the list goes on! Huge thanks to the staff who encouraged the students to perform at their best. We hope the local community enjoyed our sell-out show!



Sawtry Village  
Academy

Our students have settled well after the Christmas break and continue to work very hard. We award "Grit" and "Zest" points for determination and enthusiasm in learning and these lead to bronze, silver, gold and platinum credit awards. Credit awards are already being given out and we are very proud of our students for their attitude to learning.

The main focus for this term is preparing students in years 8 and 9 for their guided choices for GCSE, with a full careers event and option evening on 9 February. The careers event is open to all students in years 8 and above, start time is 6pm.

The spring term has seen our community leisure learning restart, details of which can be found on our website. Our current offer is small and selective, but we are eager to expand our current programme so if you are keen to run an activity or book our facilities please do get in touch.

We believe that supporting charities and good causes is fundamental to producing responsible and caring citizens and as such we are proud to be a named voucher holder for the Sawtry Food Bank. In addition, last term we raised money to support local charities and volunteered time to raise awareness of a range of issues. This work will continue this term, so please visit our Facebook page or website [www.sawtryva.org](http://www.sawtryva.org) to find more detailed information. You can also follow us on Twitter @Sawtryva.

**Sarah Wilson, Principal**

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

**T: 01487 830701; F: 01487 831679 or email [enquiries@sawtrycc.org](mailto:enquiries@sawtrycc.org) or visit  
[www.sawtryva.org](http://www.sawtryva.org)**

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

### Rhymetime on Wednesdays

Bring your youngster along for half an hour of rhymes and fun at Sawtry Library – It's free! Every Wednesday from 10.15 – 10.45am aimed at children aged 18 months to 5 years old.

### Sawtry History Society

Come along and view the local Archives within Sawtry Library. Members of the History Society will be on hand on Saturday mornings to answer any questions.

### Events in Huntingdon: Generation Game

In collaboration with EnGAGE and Making Space for Teens, all are warmly invited to have a friendly game on our Play Station 4's and Wii's! Come alone; challenge a friend, your children (or your grandchildren)! This will be happening on Saturday 18 February from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Members of our teenage social club will be on hand to assist and encourage.

### New Opening Hours for Sawtry Library

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	3pm - 7pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	3pm - 5pm
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am - 12.30pm



To renew or request books: [www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Library](http://www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Library)

Enquiries: 0345 045 5225

For further details about any of our events listed here please see a member of staff.

**Shelley Hale**

## FOOD BANK NEWS

### *Feeding local people in crisis*

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for our Christmas hampers. In the week before Christmas, we were able to create 8 hampers to share with local families who are going through a time of crisis.



Please contact us if you would like to get involved in helping us to provide this valuable service. Our team is in need of some new members to help fill our rota, so if you are interested in getting involved, give us a ring on the number below, or call in and have a chat with us during session times - see below.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported us with donations of food or money over the past year, without your generosity, we could not provide our service.

There are many reasons why people need food banks, it could be any of us, depending on circumstances. We do not judge those who need a helping hand. There is always a warm welcome and cuppa on offer for anyone who calls in.

**Sawtry Food Bank relies on the support of our local community to help stop UK hunger**  
**We are open 3.30 - 5.30pm Tuesdays & Fridays in the CARESCO Centre**

You can contact us via  
**the CARESCO office during office hours,**  
**or by email address [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk)**  
**or phone on 07743 593863 during session times**



Sawtry Food Bank working through Godmanchester

For foodbanks in general, please visit  
**the Trussell Trust website at [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)**

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH



Sawtry Junior School raised an incredible £454.11 for the 2016 Poppy Appeal, which was more than all the other schools put together. They were congratulated at an assembly in December & presented with a framed Branch Certificate & a Trophy.



## SAWTRY JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS



Following Academy conversion in November, Sawtry Junior Academy has been busy transforming itself. You may have noticed the new logo, external door repairs and signage. Already the Academy has worked hard on improving provision for pupils. Teachers have undertaken training on maths "mastery" and are due to embark on some English writing training. We are continuing to benefit from the expertise and support from specialists across Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust.

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in a National Lottery funded bid for additional sports provision. This will benefit the whole community. Throughout 2017 we will be running different sports clubs, classes and additional lessons. The children will be the main beneficiaries and the first classes and after school clubs have already started. From January we have been running a "Jump to Fitness" class from 2 - 2.50pm. This is open to any Sawtry adults who wish to improve their fitness levels and is absolutely free. Anybody who is interested should contact the school office for more details. Throughout the year we will be announcing new sporting opportunities.

Lower School's production of "Primary School Christmas Musical" was a great success with some budding performers showing us their talents.

Following on from performing at the village Christmas Carol service in December at Sawtry Village Academy, our Key Stage 2 choir is now busy rehearsing for their next event. They will be singing at the "Young Voices" concert held at the O2 Arena. We wish them luck. We are sure they will have a fantastic time and benefit greatly from the experience.

In December, we were presented with a special award from the Poppy appeal as the Academy raised over £500 this year, which was the most money donated by any organisation in the local area. We would like to thank our pupils and families for their generosity. Our Head Boy and Girl were pleased to accept the award on the Academy's behalf.

**Sarah Flack, Acting Principal**

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**Telephone: 01480 830204**



### THE VINTAGE CLUB

At the Vintage Club we are looking forward to an enjoyable 2017. We started the year with quite a few new members and it's nice to see the Club so lively. We still have room for more, so come along to see how we operate and talk to the team and our members. We are a very friendly group and always welcome visitors through our door.

To enhance our members' enjoyment, we fundraise throughout the year to help towards our trips and entertainment. We also get some financial help from central CARESCO funds and also from donations for which we are most grateful. We have two quiz suppers planned one on 22 April (see details on page 11), the other on 7 October. Tickets will be on sale for the April quiz at the end of March. We also plan to do a number of bingo sessions so look out for the dates later in the Sawtry Eye.

In order to hold these events we need prizes, so I am appealing to anyone who may have any small items that they would be able to donate to think about us. You can drop any donations into the CARESCO office and let the office staff know they are for the Vintage Club, or pop them into the Club on a Wednesday or Thursday and come and have a cuppa with us!

We often book speakers at our Club and people who do demonstrations from the wider community. Last year we concentrated on Charity organisations. This year we would like to try to keep it local. If there is anyone within our area who can give a talk or a demonstration we would love to hear from you.

**Vicki and Gill, Vintage Club Managers**

**You can find the Vintage Club at the CARESCO Centre, off Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 2.30pm, email us at [vintageclub@caresco.org.uk](mailto:vintageclub@caresco.org.uk) or call the office on 01487 832105**

## SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2017 - SATURDAY 10 JUNE

Although summer still seems so far away, Sawtry Carnival Committee are already busy organising and making plans for this year's Carnival. Following the huge successful and fabulous turnout last year we can't wait for this year and hope to make it bigger and better than ever!

This year's theme is '**Bright and Jazzy**' as chosen by Sawtry Junior Academy. We would like to invite local groups/schools/clubs to join our parade and/or to perform in our arena. We are also looking for local businesses and charities who wish to have a stall on the day.

We will be appointing the 2017 Sawtry Carnival Court to lead our parade at the Selection & Crowning Evening on Friday 24 March at Sawtry Club (see front cover for more details).

So please add it to your diaries - Saturday 10 June - It's going to be great!

**For all enquiries and further information; please contact us via:  
[sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycommittee@gmail.com) / [sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com)  
Or call 07799 062276**

**Julia, Chairman, Sawtry Carnival Committee**



## FROM CLLR BYWATER

I am delighted to say that the decision to "turn off" the street lights between 0200 - 0600hrs has been reverted. I was aware of local concerns and made strong representation at full council, specifically highlighting my concerns regarding potential increase in crime, and safety of shift workers. The County Council also decided to cancel the decision to reduce highway gritting in the county this year and the CC will be reverting back to last year's program. This is great news but will obviously increase pressure on where we can find savings for next year.

Cambridgeshire County Council recently voted in favour of historic devolution deal which could unlock £600 million for infrastructure improvements, £100 million for housing, and a further £70 million for affordable housing, specifically within Cambridge. This would see a new combined authority set up, under an elected mayor. The elections for the Mayor will take place in May 2017.

May 2017 will also see County Council elections and I am delighted to announce I will be standing for re-election.

I have recently been informed of several incidents of traffic speeding on Middlefield Road. Given this is near the school, I would ask all residents to drive within the village speed limits and have consideration for other road users. I have liaised with Sergeant Becky Jones, and Pc Paul Sykes will now be monitoring this situation.

**Sawtry Fire Station** - Please be aware of where and how you park. Inappropriate parking might prevent firefighters or the Fire appliance from responding, and thus potentially risking lives. Please do not block the access points even for a minute.

Finally, I would like to express many thanks to all who helped at the Christmas Day Party at CARESCO, everyone enjoyed a hearty lunch and had a very enjoyable afternoon.

**Cllr Simon Bywater, 07984 637553, [Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

**Sawtry and Ellington Division, Cambridgeshire Count Council**

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The November meeting celebrated 40 years of the History Society. Our Secretary Marilyn Gautreaux ably delivered the presentation, her first for the Society. The evening also included a display of memorabilia, archaeological finds & photographs followed by tea & cakes.

The idea for the Society came from the discovery of some pottery by Mr Woods on his farm in Sawtry Fen. A dig was organised in 1974 and some cremation urns were discovered, some of which are at the Norris Museum, others are still in the Village Lockup. Marilyn has some photographs of the dig but some of the people involved are unknown, can anyone cast any light on who they may be?

The Society was originally called Sawtry & District Archaeological Society, but after another dig in Archers Wood it became Sawtry & District Local History & Archaeological Society, a bit of a mouthful, until 2008 when the AGM was cancelled due to bad weather & Sawtry History Society was born!

The remainder of the presentation included many old photographs of Sawtry showing shops that used to be, the infamous Harry Milford & our old fire engine. Other items included Street names, Village Fair, Churchyard surveys, tours and open days. The final section bringing us up to date with the survey of the Sawtry Abbey Site.

The subject of the next meeting on 16 February is "What The Romans Did For Us" presented by Mark Martin followed on 16 March by "A Slide Show Of Sawtry Brass Band" presented by Neil Mitchell.

**The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in The WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry at 7:30. Visitors always welcome, entrance is £1.50. For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**

## SAWTRY SHOW 2017



Christmas and New Year celebrations are now long forgotten and the first meeting of the Sawtry Show Committee for 2017 will be held in February. If you have any new ideas for categories or displays for the Show and would like to help with the organisation, please come along. It is not very time consuming but is very rewarding.

As it is still winter and there is not that much to do in the garden, why not try your hand at some crafts. If you don't know where to start and need some help why not contact Craft Buddies, they have an advert in the Eye, as do the Winemakers if you fancy making your own tittle. The Camera Club could help you get that special photograph and the Gardening Club could tell you the secrets to growing prize winning vegetables. If you look around you will find Sawtry has clubs covering almost every hobby you could think of. Sawtry is a great community to be in but you have to be involved to make the most of it.

In the next Eye issue, we will publish the list of categories for the 2017 Show which will be held at the Sawtry Academy on **Saturday 9 September**. Put the date in your diary now so you don't forget. Even if you don't enter, remember to come along on the day and see what your neighbours get up to!

So, if you want to be involved in the Show, come along on Thursday 16 February at 7.30pm to the Old School Hall. Although most of us still have our own teeth, we don't bite.

**For further information contact Barry Dupée, Sawtry Show Chairman on 01487 831281**



## GOING GREEN



Don't know about you, but we're driving around in an old banger which has definitely seen better days. We went for diesel because it was supposed to be more environmentally friendly, a decision which has been challenged in recent times. When we finally get around to changing the car, we're seriously thinking of going for an electric one. The technology has moved on so much, electric is now a viable proposition.

The one good thing to come from the horrifying air pollution problems in China recently is that it is forcing their government to push through environmental policies to clean up the problem. These include using both incentives in the form of subsidies for electric vehicles and alongside them penalties for fossil fuelled cars.

The speed at which the changeover is happening is rapidly increasing and will directly affect the cars we will be buying in the UK over the coming years. The American car industry are already moving towards developing electric powered alternatives (though with the new President's choice of staff, this may slow down somewhat with their public scepticism about global warming), but the Chinese government are taking drastic measures as their people are living daily with the consequences of decisions made in the past of not going for renewables sooner.

With these two huge economies backing electrification, and most of Europe also on board, the investment in new research will quickly make the technology more efficient and reliable while hopefully also bringing down the cost and increasing availability. The support services will also grow in parallel as drivers need their new cars maintained and repaired. The argument seems to be more about timing these days, than about whether to go for it or not. However we feel about electric cars, they are going to be the norm very soon.

Let's face it, if a 5p charge on a carrier bag can make so much difference to our behaviour in such a short space of time, what could similar policies do for our willingness to go electric?!



### Eco Apprentice

#### FALLS PREVENTION SERVICE IN SAWTRY

Everyone Health currently deliver the ChangePoint Lifestyle services commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council. Our Falls Awareness team have been operating in the Sawtry area since August. We offer free 1:1 appointments for individuals that are 65+ who may have a fear of falling, have previously had a fall or just would like to increase their physical activity level. Our mission is to provide an accessible service that helps to reduce the risk of falls, trips and slips in the community. Our team can help you to identify and address any risks before they become a problem, so that you can continue to enjoy life as you would like to.



We also run a free group strength and balance class at the Old School Hall in Sawtry every Tuesday morning 10:30 – 11:30. This class is designed to help those who have had a fall or those who have a fear of falling and would like to improve their balance. We are looking to PREVENT falls in the future so anyone who is over 65 can benefit from the exercises. The classes will safely and effectively improve your physical function to reduce the risk of a fall. These social classes have a wide range of benefits such as improved health and well-being, associated with regular exercise.

We work closely with other services in Cambridgeshire to improve access to Falls Prevention Services for all people in later life who are at risk of falling. We are currently offering appointments for initial screenings at The Wellside Surgery in Sawtry. You must book an Initial Screening before accessing the strength and balance class.



Cambridgeshire County Council If you feel you could benefit and would like an appointment please contact Change Point on 0333 005 0093.



#### SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

As we head in to our 7<sup>th</sup> year the SSBP has grown in strength to over 50 members. All sorts of trades and services are represented from Sawtry and surrounding areas. This year all our members will be highlighted in a colour supplement in every issue of the Sawtry Eye.

The partnership aims to allow members to network and help each other by recommending and referring. This allows the local customers to feel that so called 'cowboy traders' are eliminated from any enquiries and that SSBP members are customer caring.

If you own / run your own business why not contact the SSBP to see what membership might be able to offer you. As a non for profit group the cost of joining is only £60.00 for the year, and all funds are spent on marketing the members' services. Our website [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net) is run for the community and all SSBP members are featured there.

For further information email [ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org](mailto:ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org) or call 01487 832683.

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



### GP Team

Dr Williams has now retired and we have welcomed Dr Krystyna Jarosz to the practice team. GP availability throughout the week is as follows:

Monday	Drs Smith, Uszycka, Morrison and Jarosz
Tuesday	Drs Archer, Smith and Richardson
Wednesday	Drs Smith, Morrison and Jarosz
Thursday	Drs Uszycka, Morrison and Jarosz
Friday	Drs Archer, Smith and Richardson

### Flu Vaccinations

Patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination. If you've not had yours yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses:

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

### Wasted Appointments

We continue to experience a significant number of wasted appointments each month. During October our clinical team saw 3661 patients, but we could have seen even more if people had cancelled appointments which were not attended.

We strive to provide our patients with good access to appointments and services, but wasted clinician time means longer waiting times for other patients. Please do let us know if you have booked an appointment but subsequently find, for whatever reason, that you are unable to attend as your appointment can then be offered to another patient in need of our care.

### Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

We are now live with the national EPS system. This service gives you the option to 'nominate' the place you choose to get your medication or appliance from so that they can receive your prescriptions electronically.

For more information please ask a member of the practice team, speak to your local pharmacy or visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/pharmacists/Pages/eps.aspx>

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

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

## NSPCC SCHOOLS SERVICE SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE - APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for something different and rewarding to do? Can you spare a few mornings or afternoons each month? Why not join the NSPCC Schools Service and help deliver 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assemblies?

The scheme aims to ensure that all children aged from four to eleven understand the different forms of abuse and know how to protect themselves and get help if they need it. The goal is to visit every school in the PE postcode area every two years, but to achieve this more volunteers are needed.

I'm a new volunteer, still doing my training, but I've already seen how worthwhile this scheme is. I hadn't heard of it until I visited the NSPCC website to see what volunteer opportunities they had. 'Speak Out Stay Safe' is delivered in separate 20 minute assemblies for KS1 & KS2 year groups, followed up a week later by an hour long KS2 workshop. Each one is made by two volunteers. They engage and involve the children and although they have a serious message, they are fun and children really do enjoy them.

Volunteers are given training and support and are allowed to progress at their own speed becoming more involved as their confidence builds. I've found everyone very encouraging. Volunteers choose which school visits they wish to attend from an online calendar, so their commitment is very flexible and self-regulated. Travelling costs are reimbursed and both women and men are welcome.

Please do consider volunteering for the Schools Service – your time can make a big difference to children.

**Pamela Pepper**

For more information please contact: **Michelle Newton, NSPCC Schools Service, Area Coordinator for Peterborough & North Cambridgeshire**

**Tel: (mobile) 0797 060 8843 (office) 01780 783 553,**

**Email: [michelle.newton@nspcc.org](mailto:michelle.newton@nspcc.org)**



## SAWTRY HISTORY THEN & NOW

Our ongoing series on the stories behind old buildings  
which can still be seen around the area today

### SAWTRY LOCK-UP



*Sawtry Lock-up and its key*

Policing in Victorian times was certainly different from the present day. Each village would have their own Lock up. In 1891 Samuel Warrington aged 28 was the local constable. Samuel was born in Glatton and lived at Burtons Jetty in Sawtry, was married to Lucy and had a total of 6 children. The Lock up was built between 1830 - 1840 and is sited on the East side of The Green behind the old Fire Station, there

are two cells, one each side of a passage. The studded cell doors are iron clad and well secured with Iron bolts and each had a small barred window. The busiest time of the week for Samuel was by far at the weekend when mostly locals, who were enthusiastic drinkers, often ended up in the cells to sober up and then let out in the mornings. Prisoners were also kept there overnight when being transported to either Norman Cross or Huntingdon by a secure horse drawn waggon.

A famous occupant was a man called 'Five Fingered Jack', the nickname probably born out of the fact that he had a deformed thumb. He was not worried by the bars on the doors or the heavy bolts, he decided his escape was to be via the roof. He made a hole in the ceiling and managed to push the roof tiles to one side and make his escape. However, he was soon captured and taken to Norman Cross goal near Stilton. But this did not deter Jack, being a fit man he jumped over a high hedge in the prison yard while the warder had his back turned. He went deep into the fens where that night he caught a train and was lost in the sinister underworld in London and was never seen again.

The Lock up was returned to the Parish Council in February 1901 from the Police Authorities and remains in their possession. The Policeman at the time was James Evernden who lived in the High Street. Various traders used it to store tools etc., and it presently houses artefacts from Archaeology digs by the Sawtry History Society.

**Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell**

*For more information and pictures, please visit the Sawtry Community Archive website at <http://sawtry.ccan.co.uk/>*



**2017 Carnival Court  
Selection & Crowning Evening**  
Friday 24th March - From 7pm  
At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road



### SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

This year's Supper will be held on Tuesday 6 June and is open to everyone who is actively retired and living in Sawtry. We are expecting to be at capacity once again. If you have not attended in the past and would like to attend this year please contact me and I will put you on the waiting list.

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

In December we held a fundraising Bingo and would like to thank Marlene and Hill View Care Home for the cakes and everyone for their generous donations of raffle and Bingo prizes..

We have been very fortunate to receive a cheque this week from Huntingdon Rotary for £200 towards the Feast Supper from monies collected within Sawtry Village on the Christmas Float, we thank everyone for their support.

Our next Bingo is booked for Thursday 9 March (details on page 9).

The support we receive from our community is wonderful and really does assist us in continuing with the annual Supper. We look forward to seeing you in June.

**Karen Leader**

**Secretary, Sawtry Feast Supper Club**  
**[karenleader@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karenleader@yahoo.co.uk) / 01487 832645 or 07903 841708**

**ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH**

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

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

February		
5	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship
12	10.30am	Holy Communion
18	4.30pm	Messy Church
19	10.30am	Morning Prayer
26	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	'Holy Space'

March		
1	7.00pm	<i>Shared service of Ashing with St Nicholas held at All Saints Church</i>
5	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship
12	10.30am	Holy Communion
18	4.30pm	Messy Church
19	10.30am	Morning Prayer
26	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	'Holy Space'

**Every Monday - 'Morning Prayer'**

A simple but rich service of about half an hour, which gets the week off to a good start. An opportunity to draw near to God, pray for our community, our friends and family, and ourselves. Please come and join us if you can. All are welcome every **Monday at 9:30am** at the church.

**'Holy Space'**

An informal contemporary service of worship, prayer and reflection, with time for laying on of hands and anointing. *Every last Sunday of the month at 6:00pm at the church.*

**Messy Church**

Messy Church will meet on Saturday 18 February & 18 March, 4.30-6.30pm in church – but-not-as-you-know-it- for families of all sizes, shapes and ages. Come and enjoy being messy, with activities, celebration and a meal.



**Discoverers & Seekers Clubs**

**Discoverers** (years 3-6) will meet on Fridays 24 February and 17 March, 6.30 - 7.30pm in church. **Seekers** will meet on Tuesdays 21 February and 21 March 7.45 – 9.00pm in church. For more info on either of these groups, contact Ali Scott on 07506 411507 or 01487 832478.

**'Ashing'**

A special service for Ash Wednesday, where ashes from palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday are used to mark a cross on the foreheads of worshippers. The symbol is a sign of repentance. *Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00pm at the Church.*

**Saturday Opening**

All Saints Church is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00pm, for an opportunity to enjoy a moment of peace and quiet, to pray, or share a cup of tea and a chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

**Please contact either Priest-in-Charge Donald McFadyen, 01487 830215, [donald.mcfadyen@me.com](mailto:donald.mcfadyen@me.com), or Curate Imogen Falvey, 07903 098982, [falvey12@btinternet.com](mailto:falvey12@btinternet.com), with any general enquiries or enquiries about baptisms or weddings, if you would like a visit, you have any questions about the Christian faith, or would like to have prayers said for anyone.**

The Churchwardens Mark Fellowes and Cheryl Elmer can be contacted at [churchwarden@allsaintssawtry.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@allsaintssawtry.org.uk).

**Rector's Reflections**

In a recent documentary, 'Meet the Trumps: From Immigrant to President', Donald Trump appeared as a canny, driven and ruthless businessman to his fingertips: following closely his father and grandfather. Remembering where he's come from and what he's done, no one should be surprised if he acts in the same way now and in the future. Whatever else Donald Trump may be, he's not inconsistent.

Looking at someone's origins, always illuminates their present and future. Christmas reminds us of the humble origins of Jesus. What we are told in the Bible helps us to understand where He's from – rather like a documentary. We learn about imposed travel and a manger, about various visitors bearing gifts. These point to someone whose origins are humble and unpretentious. And so it is that, in humility, mixing with people from all parts of society, He brings about Heaven on earth: what He calls 'the Kingdom of God'. Thus Jesus' origins, humble though they be, determine his life, with consistency.

With the beginning of a new era in the U.S. we are reminded of the era that came about that first Christmas; an era where Heaven became accessible to us all. That's where real power resides. In the case of Jesus, 'to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God'. Dare we receive and believe - swear allegiance to - this man?

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH**  
CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

February		
5	9am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12	9am	Holy Communion
19	9am	Common Worship
26	9am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Prayer Ministry Service (Joint Service with All Saints)

March		
1	7pm	Ashing Service (Joint Service at All Saints)
5	9am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12	9am	Holy Communion
19	9am	Common Worship
26	9am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Prayer Ministry Service (Joint Service with All Saints)

**Quiz Night**

A Quiz Night will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 11 March at 6.30 for a 7pm start. Tickets are £10, which includes supper, and can be obtained from PCC members. There will be a bar and raffle.

**Tea and Cake**

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on Wednesday 15 February & 15 March in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

**Communication should be to the church warden 01487 832401,  
Revd Dr Donald McFadyen 01487 830215 or Revd Imogen Falvey 07903 098982  
See Glatton website for more information: [www.glatton.org.uk](http://www.glatton.org.uk)**

**SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH**

*Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX*

**Minister: Rev Alan Taylor - Tel 01487 209457**  
[alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:alan@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

**Weekly Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am**

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Holy Communion**  
12 February – 10.30am  
Led by Rev Alan Taylor

**Holy Communion**  
12 March – 10.30am  
Led by Rev Alan Taylor

**Mothering Sunday**  
26 March – 10.30am  
Led by Don Moorman

*Come and join us, all are welcome*

**MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP**

Monthly on Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all.  
**27 February & 27 March**  
Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

9.30 – 11am  
All Welcome. Proceeds aid of Building Project Phase 2.

**Plant a Tree**

Saturday 18 February - Starting 10am at St Andrews Cemetery  
**For more details please contact the Parish Office 01487 831771**

**\*\*See page 8 for more details\*\***





## ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

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

In 1981 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry was formed. Mass is celebrated at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday Morning at 9.15am.

After Mass you are invited to stay to meet everyone and enjoy refreshments.

There is also a weekly Prayer Group and details of House Masses will be announced at the beginning of Sunday Mass.

### Everyone is Welcome

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

St Benedict's also works closely with the other Church communities in Sawtry. If you wish to know more

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

For details of all services at St Benedict's and St. Luke's Peterborough check website

<http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk>

Find us on:



### REMEMBRANCE

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

#### FEBRUARY

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

#### MARCH

Private Victor John FURNELL	7 March 1916	Wood Walton
Private George Edward SAVAGE	15 March 1916	Glatton
Private William ROWELL	17 March 1917	Sawtry
Private William BARRETT	18 March 1918	Sawtry
Private George Frederick DEWBERRY	20 March 1918	Wood Walton
CQMS Henry James NICKERSON	23 March 1918	Sawtry
John Thomas COLBERT	25 March 1918	Sawtry
Private William Percival GLOVER	27 March 1918	Great Gidding
Sergeant Norman George Wood BOYCE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Sergeant Robert Charles DOBIE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Donald Cole LINDSEY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Robert Joseph O'LEARY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Private John Edward ANDREWS	23 March 1943	Sawtry

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

## PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2017, 27 FEBRUARY – 12 MARCH



The Fairtrade Foundation are calling everyone to *put Fairtrade in their break* and support Fairtrade to drive much-needed change for farmers in developing countries during this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

Having the perfect cuppa or a snack is an important part of our daily routine, yet millions of farmers who produce the treats we enjoy during our breaks are struggling to make a living. However hard they work to provide the products we depend on, they still aren't paid what they deserve.

In Kenya's coffee and tea-growing regions one in three people live in poverty, while tea pickers in Malawi earn less than £1.46 a day. This is not enough to provide decent food, education or healthcare for their families or invest in better farming. The food on our tables, the tea and coffee in our mugs, all come from farmers who work hard but are not paid what they deserve. Whether in the UK or in Malawi, no one deserves to be short-changed for a hard day's work. When we reach for the cheapest products, we may be unconsciously feeding exploitation. We become part of the problem, but we can make a conscious choice to be part of the solution and support trade that is fair.

Fairtrade is making a massive difference around the world. Yet, not enough people are buying it and not enough farmers are benefiting from it. The Fairtrade Foundation are asking everyone in the community to get behind farmers and their families this Fortnight.

Fairtrade has paved the way for better, more sustainable ways of trading. By buying products bearing the FAIRTRADE Mark consumers can help farmers earn a viable income and an extra premium they can invest in vital community, business and environmental projects.

**For more information about the campaign and how to get involved in Fairtrade Fortnight, visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight).**

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

***For more information visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)  
or call the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7402 5942***

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

*Changing attitudes by education*

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

#### **Am I too old to drive?**

That is a question that we are often asked at CADAR. Age is just a number and it can be argued that it has no relevance in deciding whether a person should cease driving (or riding) and surrender their licence.

More relevant is a person's eyesight and general state of physical and/or mental health. An older driver who has good eyesight and is in good mental health and reasonable physical condition is less likely to have a collision or accident than a newly qualified driver with less than one year's driving or riding experience. Why? - Because the older driver (let's say over 70 when the driving licence has to be renewed) has probably been driving for decades and has built up a wealth of driving experience. The newly qualified driver under the age of 25 generally has little driving experience and considers themselves invulnerable. They may have passed the basic DVLA Test but then they have to learn how to survive in various traffic and weather conditions.

A large number of CADAR advanced drivers are over 70 and take a RoSPA Advanced Driving Test every three years when their driving skills and knowledge of the Highway Code is tested by a serving or retired Class 1 Police Driver/Examiner. How many of the people reading this article could pass a test on the Highway Code let alone have their driving skills scrutinised?

CADAR will coach drivers, or riders, of any age from 18 onwards. For an annual membership fee of £10.00 you can be coached in advanced driving (or riding) techniques.

CADAR's mission is to promote safer driving and riding.

**Contact us by email at [info@cadar.org.uk](mailto:info@cadar.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.cadar.org.uk](http://www.cadar.org.uk) for further details.**

#### **This issue's top tips:**

- Have regular eyesight tests;
- Leave a gap of at least 2 seconds between you and the vehicle in front and much greater in poor weather and / or road conditions.



## Volunteers take up the Gauntlet in Ramsey

A team of eight unemployed Ramsey volunteers have improved their prospects whilst creating an area for everyone to enjoy at the Gauntlet Auto project in Ramsey.

The volunteers came together for Green Skills, an employment training course run by community charity Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, made possible by the funding Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust received from Tesco Bags of Help.

For the past five weeks, the group has been learning practical skills and putting them to use at the Gauntlet project – a project that promotes and provides a safe area for young people to ride motorbikes and mopeds – and where the team started work by creating a decked viewing area with a wheelchair access ramp to provide an accessible entrance for supporters.

The volunteers also worked hard to install raised planters, an innovative tyre bench and tyre planters to provide an aesthetically pleasing area for the motorbike enthusiasts. The team added a final touch by building an area to attract the local wildlife including bird boxes and a bumble bee B&B.

On top of this practical experience, the volunteers have boosted their job prospects through a City & Guilds Award in Employability Skills and training for the CSCS test – the health and safety qualification that's crucial for work in the construction industry.

Project partners and the volunteers gathered to celebrate the completion of the project in early December and the volunteers were presented with their certificates by Mayor Adela Costello.



## Protecting Older Or More Vulnerable Residents In Sawtry

Do you know that Sawtry has two No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) located in St Judith's Lane and Hill Close?

These zones were set up to discourage cold callers and to give residents the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited sales people – helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Whilst the zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, it is recognised that community-led action is much more effective in protecting local people from unscrupulous tradespeople.

Indeed, the best prevention and support for residents comes from within their own community.

We can offer a range of materials for your residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls. We invite a local coordinator to disseminate this information and look after a NCCZ on behalf of its residents. This would preferably be someone living within the zone but could also be someone residing close by. Could that be you?

If you feel you can help, even if your time and ability is limited, we would love to hear from you. A NCCZ can really be reinvigorated with a little community action; just a good neighbour keeping an eye out makes all the difference.

**For more information please contact Elaine Mountfort, Community Protection Officer at [elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or on 01954 286006 or 07810 153604.**



## Health & Welfare LPAs

Mrs Jones had been living with dementia for a number of years, and had reached the stage where she was unable to make any medical or care decisions for herself. This was not an issue whilst Mrs Jones was living at home with her husband Mr Jones, who was caring for her, but it did give rise to a problem when Mrs Jones went to hospital.

At the point of being discharged from hospital, the NHS team involved with Mrs Jones wanted to discharge her to a care home. However, this went completely against the wishes of Mr Jones who wanted to continue to care for his wife at home. Given that Mrs Jones did not have the mental capacity to decide where she would live after her stay in hospital, there were only two options: first, the NHS team would decide after "consulting" with Mr Jones; or, second, a Health & Welfare Attorney would decide on Mrs Jones' behalf.

On this occasion, the NHS team had consulted with Mr Jones but did not agree with his views, and so said that Mrs Jones would be moving to a care home. As it happened, Mr and Mrs Jones had each appointed the other and their son as their Attorneys in a Health & Welfare LPA, and so this took the power away from the NHS team, and Mrs Jones was able to return home.

This situation illustrates the importance of a Health & Welfare LPA for day-to-day decisions as well as for decisions which might relate to life-sustaining treatment.

**For more information, please contact Rebekkah Cooper on 01733 888881 or Paul Belliere-Wilson on 01780 484531 or alternatively visit [www.buckles-law.co.uk](http://www.buckles-law.co.uk).**





## CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

On-call firefighters are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service, providing an efficient, effective service that gives emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK. In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce.

An on-call firefighter is not based at a fire station but carries a pager and responds to emergency incidents as and when they happen. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

On-call firefighters are men and women who may have other jobs and are able to provide evening, daytime or weekend cover. When they are on-call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company or out in their local community (staying within a five-minute travel time of the fire station) and are generally located in rural communities, small towns and villages.

If you would like to become an on-call firefighter, or find out more, then please go to our website at [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) and search for on-call firefighter under the careers section.

**For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.**

## HOW TO BE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BUSINESS

Local people and businesses in Cambridgeshire are coming together across all sectors of business, retail, education, voluntary and statutory with one aim: to change attitudes towards dementia.

People with dementia may still want to visit cafes, bars, the cinema or the hairdressers – so all these businesses have a responsibility to be dementia friendly; for the sake of their customers but also any staff who are living with dementia or caring for someone who is.

Here are three, basic, entry-level ideas your business could do to be more dementia friendly:

- **Join your local Dementia Action Alliance.** A DAA is a group of businesses in a who work to raise awareness of dementia in their local area. Get in touch and see how your business could be involved.
- **Roll out Dementia Friends in your organisation.** Dementia Friends is a free, one hour, interactive session giving more information about dementia. This is now part of staff inductions in many organisations across the UK.
- **Nominate a Dementia Champion.** This person can learn to deliver Dementia Friends session themselves be the main contact with your local DAA, and drive the action.

There are a whole host of other actions you could do to be more dementia friendly. As an individual you could simply aim to be more patient in supermarket queues, if someone ahead of you is struggling with change.

If you have a reception area or public venue, you could commit to making that area a dementia friendly environment when it is next due for refurbishment.

There are also several sector-specific guides and other resources available which you could read through to find further actions suitable for your business. For example:

- Becoming a dementia friendly arts venue
- Creating a dementia friendly workplace
- Dementia friendly financial services charter
- Dementia friendly technology charter
- How to help people with dementia: A guide for customer facing staff



**If you would like to find out more about your local Dementia Action Alliance, Dementia Friends sessions, or sector guides, please contact Hilary Shepherd, DAA Coordinator for Cambridgeshire, on [Hilary.shepherd@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:Hilary.shepherd@alzheimers.org.uk) or 07484 078680.**



Your chance to bag up to £5,000 for local community projects  
TESCO is inviting local community groups, green space projects and other organisations to apply for their share of a £12MILLION carrier bag charge fund.

The supermarket has teamed up with the charity Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which sees the money raised from the 5p bag levy being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

Tesco customers will decide on a monthly basis which groups get grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 in regions up and down the country.

It's expected the new monthly format will see more than 100 projects receive vital funding across Cambridgeshire every year. Funding will be awarded to projects that use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. We've already seen local groups, schools and charities benefit and look forward to seeing many more exciting projects come out of this initiative.

Find out more about how to bag your share or nominate a good cause at [www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco)



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**Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group**

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

**Alpine Flora and Fauna**

Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm

Alice Hunter is a local wildlife photographer with a keen interest in Alpine Flora and Fauna. Alice will tell us about the rich biodiversity of the Alps, linking the beautiful and varied habitat to the many species found there. Alice will share her passion for photography by illustrating these species with her wonderful photographs.

**What Nature Does For Britain**

Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm

Tony Juniper is a well-known Environmentalist and has been President of the Wildlife Trusts since December 2015. For more than 25 years Tony has worked for change towards a more sustainable environment at local, national and international levels. Tony will tell us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce our food.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. We meet at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

**Registered Charity No: 1000412**



**Rotary CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH ORTONS**

Everyone at Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club would like to wish you a belated Happy and Prosperous New Year, a time to pause for a moment to look back and also to look at what we hope to achieve in the next six months.

We were able to enjoy two events at Stephenson Court almshouses, a summer barbecue and a Christmas dinner; our members have continued to be involved with Sailability at Ferry Meadows; crocus café for those living with dementia; and foodbank for people in crisis. We've helped with providing a hoist for Little Miracles. We've helped The David School in Sierra Leone, with aid; we've bought a Shelterbox for disaster relief. We've been able to provide opportunities for local young people to visit other parts of the world on exchange visits, and contributed to the worldwide charity Rotary Foundation.

Do we have plans? We hope to set up local young people for 2017's Youth Exchange programme, and our practical help for Little Miracles will, we hope, continue. We will set up mock interviews for pupils, and work with others in running competitions such as Young Chef. We'll also work with Kids Out to make sure local Special Needs children have a day out and we hope to pay for a disabled local young adult to spend a week at Calvert trust in the Lake District. This isn't an exhaustive list!

We've also been busy raising charity funds for a variety of local and international good causes. Bear in mind we are a small club: all this has been/will be successfully achieved by just 20 members. We would be delighted to have some of you – local people – to join in, by being part of the club or just by lending a hand. You could say hello by coming to our Quiz on 10<sup>th</sup> March at Nene Park Academy – contact Dave Pennell on [davepennell23@gmail.com](mailto:davepennell23@gmail.com).

**For more information contact us at [ortons.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ortons.rotary@gmail.com).**

**QUESTIONS FOR THE GARDENER**

**How do I keep my Houseplant cyclamens in good condition over the winter as they all seem to last only for a short time?**

Houseplant cyclamens ie C, persicum, C. africanum etc and the miniatures can be a bit tricky to get right. Remember that these cyclamens are far too tender to be grown outside over winter. It is best to keep them in a cool bright room and keeping the plants well away from cold drafts or heating appliances. A bright but cool windowsill will do nicely. Keep the plants at a temperature. c 10/13c 50/55f, they will last much longer this way.

House plant cyclamens just hate being grown too warm, dark, or in over wet compost at any time because their lives will be very short if they are! When watering, try to use fresh clean soft or tap water, its best to water the plants from below. So fill up the saucer in which the pots are standing with tepid not cold water allowing the plant to soak it up for the reason that this method of watering will keep the corns from getting over wet as they can rot off quickly if watered incorrectly from above. Only feed once the plants are in full flower. Keep an eye out for vine weevils, as these pests just love anything grown in a pot!

**Good Gardening  
The Gardener**

## SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Sawtry FC are running two teams this season, both teams playing in the Peterborough and District Football League. They are **Sawtry First Team**, sponsored by APPS UK Ltd., and playing in the Premier Division and **Sawtry Reserves**, sponsored by The Bell PH, and playing in Division 3. Both teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry, kick off at 2pm for league games and 1:30pm for cup games on Saturdays. Please come down and show your support.

### Recent Results

November 19	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	3 - 1	AFC Stanground Sports
	League Division 3	Farcet Utd	6 - 4	Sawtry Res
26	Scott Gatty Cup	Sawtry FC	1 - 3	Bluntisham Rangers
December 3	PFA Senior Cup	Wittering Harriers FC	4 - 1	Sawtry FC
	Hunts Junior Cup	Eaton Socon Res	8 - 0	Sawtry Res
10	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	2 - 2	Wisbech Town Res
17	League Premier Division	Stamford Lions FC	2 - 0	Sawtry FC
	PFA Junior Cup	Sawtry FC	2 - 7	Oundle Town Res
January 7	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	3 - 1	Crowland Town FC
	Intermediate Shield	Brotherhoods Sports FC	2 - 3	Sawtry Res
14	League Premier Division	Uppingham Town FC	0 - 5	Sawtry FC
	League Division 3	Sawtry Res	2 - 1	Oundle Town Res

### Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

January 21	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	v	Deeping Rangers Res
February 4	League Premier Division	Sawtry FC	v	Stamford Lions FC

*H - W = Home walkover*

Sawtry FC would like to thank the following sponsors for their support, Kubic Installations, D & V Maintenance, SRD Spirotech, Bradgate Groundcare and ABK Engineering.

**If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07939258032**

## DRAGON YOGA & MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

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Yoga, Chi Kung, Feng Shui, Meditation, Karate, Kickboxing, Weapons, Self-defence

### Events and local seminars:-

- February - Self-defence Seminar
- March - Healing Workshop – Sawtry
- April - Chi Kung Workshop – Sawtry
- May - Gathering of the World Masters – Bridlington

### Classes:

Sundays 2pm - Martial Arts  
Saturdays 5pm - Martial Arts  
Sundays 4pm - Yoga

**Recent promotions:** J. De-vry - 7th Dan; J. Keere - 7th Dan

**Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington,**

**Facebook under "Sawtry Martial Arts" & "Sawtry Yoga"**



## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Despite no bowls there are still lots going on in the Club. In December, we held our Christmas bingo. We also held our annual Christmas lunch and prize draw, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Again, my thanks to all those involved on the day (or the weekend) for their help. A real team effort.

By the time you read this we will hopefully have had an equally successful Burns Night when we pay our own homage to Robbie Burns. With haggis and whiskey a plenty we will have the delights of people doing their best Scottish accents to entertain us with a story, poem or even a song!

Do you fancy having a game? We are always looking for new members, of any age and ability. We have a thriving junior section as well as the more mature members in the club. If you fancy playing, please feel free to get in contact. More details about when the season starts in late April, will be in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

**Any Queries contact Club Secretary Kevin Bowers  
Tel No 01487 832854**

**You can also find us on our Facebook Page (just search Sawtry and District Bowling Club), and our Website -  
<https://www.hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us> (or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club').**



## SAWTRY BADMINTON CLUB

Are looking for players to join them

On Wednesday evenings - At Sawtry One Leisure

From 8.00pm to 10.00pm



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Web Page: <http://sawtrybadminton.clubbuzz.co.uk>



## SAWTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB



The last couple of months have been a relatively quiet period for the Motorcycle Club, the short days and freezing cold/wet weather don't entice many people to hop on their bikes! Unless, of course, you use your bike for commuting (as I do, on everyone's favourite car park, the A14).

But although we lacked the ride-outs, we made up for it with social events! In December we had our traditional Christmas outing. This year we decided on a meal at Spice Land (which was excellent) and returned to the village in time to see the superb AC/DC tribute band playing at The Bell. Everyone had a great night, even if we were a little deaf afterwards!

Having survived the festive season and successfully made it into 2017, the Motorcycle Club decided to have another social evening in January (effectively tagged on to our short & sweet AGM). This was held at the Sawtry Working Men's Club and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone – a great way to start the New Year (and I think we might be doing it again next year!).

Thoughts now turn to the coming year - what to do and where to go. Ideas are already coming in and if you're interested then please check out our Facebook page (search for "SMCC What's On") for more details.

Well, that's all for now, except to remind you that we still meet in The Greystones every Tuesday evening from 8.30pm – all motorbike enthusiasts welcome!

**Pete**

**Tel: 01487 832478 - Email: [smcc@scottfamily.plus.com](mailto:smcc@scottfamily.plus.com)**



## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



C.C.

2017 has only just began and the Sawtry Cricket Club committee have already had our first meeting of the year and we are looking to achieve a number of goals this year to continue improving the Club following a successful 2016.

We have a number of social events planned for this year with more details to follow in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

C.C.

We have some new faces to our coaching team and look forward to net practice and getting our teams together for the new season. Net practice this year will be Monday evenings for indoor nets then revert back to Fridays when conditions allow us to play outside. Indoor nets are held at Sawtry One Leisure on the following dates: -

**20 & 27 March**

**3 & 10 April.**

Under 13's start 6pm until 7pm and cost is £3.00 for the hour. Over 13's and adult 7pm-8pm again £3.00 / hour. Anyone wishing to play will be most welcome and this opportunity is for everyone from novice to expert!!

We would like wish all Sawtry sports clubs a successful New Year and look forward to the new season.

**If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07719 641431**

### SAWTRY COLTS



It's been a relatively dry winter so far so thankfully Greenfield has been playable most of the time. Here's a quick recap of how the Colts teams have got on at the end of last year and how they have continued in 2017.

Our youngest team the Under 8s (U8s) ended 2016 with an excellent performance against a strong St Ives team going down to the only goal and had a good win against local rivals Stilton. The U9s found life more difficult in the second half of the year after moving up a league with one win, one draw and three defeats. Victory in the cup against Bluntisham sets up a 2nd round game against Godmanchester which should be a good match if their earlier league games are anything to go by.

The U12 Blues ended 2016 with a 5-3 loss to Stukeley Meadows and began 2017 with a 4-3 loss at home to Brampton. They currently lie 8th in the 9 team league. The U12 Yellows are another team who are finding this season a tough one after a good year last year. They have yet to get that elusive first league win going down in close matches 4-2 to Priory, 5-3 to Ramsey and 3-2 to Somersham. Easier matches lie ahead for them to hopefully gain that "W" and climb the league table.

The U13s are the team to watch of late if you want to see goals. A 7-5 loss to Malborne pre-Xmas was followed by another home loss, this time 5-3 to Yaxley. They are currently mid-table but could do with getting a few more victories to feel safe.

The U14s had a good win in the cup defeating Priory 5-1 but followed this up in their last match of 2016 with a 5-0 home loss to FC United Hammers. The first game of the new year was a good 3-3 draw against Godmanchester. They are another side who are mid-table, a good second half of the year could seem them move up the table.

The U16 Blues ended 2016 with a 2-0 cup game against St Neots and a 5-1 league defeat against Little Paxton. The New Year brought 3-2 and 5-1 defeats against Whittlesey and top of the table St Ives respectively. The U16 Yellows went out of the cup in December losing 5-1 to Somersham. They ended the year with a 3-1 defeat against St Neots and have continued in that vein in 2017 with losses to Caldecote and league leaders Gamlingay. The U16 Girls defeated Bourne at the end of the year but have since followed that up with 4 consecutive losses. They currently lie 7th in the eight team league.

So no Sawtry teams setting the league table on fire this season. Hopefully those teams still in the cup can have a good run and maybe even reach a final or two to give us an exciting end to the season.

Just a reminder that the Development Centre continues apace over the winter period - indoors at the Sport Centre thankfully - 10am on Sundays if anyone in Reception and Year one classes is interested in taking that first foray into learning some new football skills.

**Brian Craig** **[www.sawtrycolts.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycolts.co.uk)**