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Thank You - Thank You - Thank You

Volunteers' Week

1st - 7th June

As part of our celebration of Volunteers' Week, CARESCO would like to publicly thank all our volunteers who give their time and effort so generously.



Carers - Waitresses - Collators - Drivers - Trustees - And many more

There are too many to name, but you know who you are!

We always need more volunteers, why not get in touch and find out more

01487 832105 - office@caresco.org.uk - www.caresco.org.uk

Saturday 22nd June 11.45am - 4pm



Behind the Old School Hall & College grounds

Bigger and better than last year !!

Carnival parade leaves the College at 11.45am

Come and line the New and improved parade route

From the front of the College, past Greystones, down Green End Road, up Beaumaris Road then Moyne Road and back to the front of the College on Fen Lane !!

Fancy dress competition—Join the parade!!

Walk in the parade at your own risk, children must be supervised

- *Fancy Dress Theme -1960's*
- *Loads of free entertainment and attractions for all*
- *Children's Entertainer *Creams Teas *BBQ *Bar and Hog Roast
- *Cakes *Canoe Run *Drive Thomas the Tank Engine with the Wyton Railway Club in the Old School Hall *Petting Zoo
- *Reptiles and lots lots more
- *Live music /acts in the arena*
- *Variety of stalls to suit everyone*
- ***Meet Our New Carnival Court of 2013 & Visiting Courts***
- Grand draw tickets available from local pubs and shops
£1 each
- Grand Draw in the arena at 3pm
- Action packed Fun day for all ages
- Come along and have a great family day out.
- The fun continues at 7pm @ Sawtry Club into the evening
with disco and live band High Rollers
- Open to non-members

Sawtry Junior School Association invites you to their

Summer Fete

on

Friday 5th July

3.15 - 5.15 p.m.

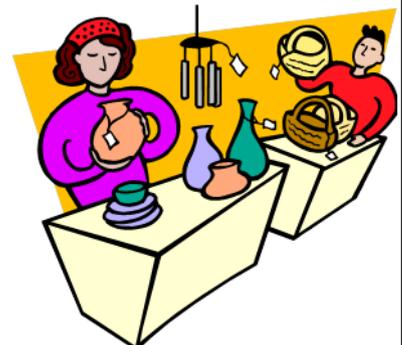
Raffle/Bouncy Castle/White Elephant/Books/Tombola/Cakes/Refreshments/Various Stalls and much more.....

The School Choir will be opening the Fete.

All proceeds to contribute towards new playground equipment.

For more information, or to book a stall (stalls need to be booked before 24th June - £10 per stall)

Please telephone the school office on **01487 830204.**



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

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

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

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Welcome

Despite the weather recently, summer is almost here and the Sawtry Carnival will be with us before we know it! It's going to be a brilliant day, with a 60s theme, so come along and join in the fun. Before that, Sawtry will be celebrating our traditional Feast Week starting with the service and including the annual Supper during the week. A huge thank you to all those who give their time and energy so willingly to make these events happen.

In July, the Scarecrows will once again be visiting Sawtry so start planning yours and don't forget to pick up the guide so that you can follow the route around Sawtry to meet all the others. It's time to start planning your entries for the Sawtry Show in September, if you live or work in the village, whether you are a gardener, baker, photographer or enjoy craft work. There'll be a class for you.

Have a good one.

Liz - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Summer Term 2013

Half Term, 27 May – 31 May

End of Term 23 July

Autumn Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 3 September

Start of Term - 4 September

Half Term, 28 October - 1 November

End of Term - 20 December

Spring Term 2014

Start of Term - 7 January

Half Term, 17 - 21 February

End of Term - 4 April

Summer Term 2014

Start of Term - 22 April

Half term, 26 May to 30 May

End of Term - 23 July

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



Don't forget - during all weeks containing a bank holiday, collections will take place **ONE DAY LATE**

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry and the surrounding villages have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

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

GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

10th & 24th June

8th & 22nd July

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

3rd & 17th June

1st, 15th & 29th July

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk> and look for the **Refuse & Recycling** link on the left hand side of the page.



Sawtry WI

Sawtry WI meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)
Charity Number 229016

6th June

Sean Brady - Porcelain Jewellery

Come and hear about how Sean got into jewellery making

Competition for June - something beginning with 'D'

4th July

Members Evening – this is always great fun

Come and see for yourself how versatile our members are.

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

Regular features include:
Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

President: Margaret Geary 01487 832925



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Saturdays

9.30 am - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church
Green End Road, Sawtry

Where there are also cakes & refreshments on sale during the regular Coffee Morning

A range of Fairtrade food & paper available for sale on the day, or order from the catalogue.

No obligation, drop in any time to browse

**Contact - Liz Coates
01487 830345**

Or Visit

www.traidcraftshop.co.uk



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12 Noon on 12 July
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12 Noon on 19 July**

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Monday - Friday

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sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk



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**CARESCO Printshop
Volunteers Needed**

Do you have some spare time mornings, weekdays?
We are looking for new volunteers to join the Printshop team.

Volunteers are asked to come in when needed weekdays between 10 & 12 noon to collate, fold or staple work. This is an opportunity to get involved in CARESCO, to meet people and to do something useful by helping complete printed jobs.

You do not need to commit to any particular day, but will be called, usually the day before needed, to see if you are available.

If you would like to know more, please give Marina a call on 01487 832105 or call into the CARESCO office between 9 & 12 noon weekdays.

GIFT AID



CARESCO is now registered for Gift Aid, so if you are thinking about making a donation and are a UK tax payer, please ask for a declaration form so that

CARESCO can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give.

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"I wish I'd come earlier!"

How often have we heard that said at our Lunch Club?

We are a self-help group for active mobile people (couples welcome) who would like a good meal with company

**We meet every Monday and Tuesday
10.30am to 1.30pm**

At the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

We prepare freshly cooked two-course meals each day

Come in for a drink and a chat, you will get a warm welcome

You can make new friends and you may know some of the people who already attend the club

For more information about Lunch Club and its activities

Call Lyn at CARESCO on 01487 832105



Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

14th & 28th June
12th & 26th July

5th Saturday Special – 29th June

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.
For more information call 01480 450250 or email FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk

PETERBOROUGH

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

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

OUNDLE

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

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council - Tel: 01832 272055,
email: otc@lineone.net

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there must be from the local area and sold by the people who grow or produce it. Bought-in produce is not allowed. Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can tell you how it was grown or made.



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

15th June 2013

Each year on 15th June, throughout the UK, people come together to send out a clear message: the abuse of older people will not be tolerated.

We want an end to the assault, neglect, abuse and intimidation of our older generations.

Across the world, people are speaking with the same voice, elder abuse must end.

www.elderabuse.org.uk

enquiries@elderabuse.org.uk

Freephone Helpline 0808 808 8141



PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

Not in June
5th July

Starts 7.30pm
In the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Contact Pat Ayres
01487 832503

OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2013



Alconbury - cum - Weston

12 Noon - 6pm

Adults £4 (accompanied children FREE)

Lots of different gardens with plenty of inspiration of all abilities, plus a raffle, children's trial and plants and refreshments for sale

Start at Alconbury Church
PE28 4DX

Or Alconbury Weston Green
PE28 4JR

Organised by: The Friends of Alconbury Church



CARESCO
Charity Shop



Now Open

Monday - Thursday 9 - 4.30pm

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 9 - 12.30pm

Sunday CLOSED

7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR
01487 208026 shop@caresco.co.uk



TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group
Every Tuesday term time 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.
Toys for all ages 0 to 4 years
Activities/Crafts/Songs

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE
Refreshments 10p

**Come along and make new friends
New members welcome**

**For more information call
Louise 01487 832257**



Sawtry WI In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

14th & 28th June
12th & 26th July
9th & 23rd August

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

STRAWBERRY AFTERNOON TEA 13th June

2.30 – 4.00pm
Sandwiches, Strawberries & Cream, Cakes
Tickets £5 each from Margaret Geary
(832925)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

COFFEE MORNING 18th July

10.30 - 12 noon
£1.00 on the door

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

**Contact for events Ann Watson
01487 834035**

Charity Number 229016



WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



*We meet on the second Thursday of
each month*

7.30pm until 9.30pm

At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road

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

*For more information please
contact 01487 830186*

Ramsey 1940s Weekend

17th & 18th August

10am – 5pm

Living History Displays ~ Period Re-enactors ~ Dance Demonstrations

Battle of Britain Memorial flights ~ Musical Entertainment

Trade Stands ~ Vintage Vehicle Displays ~ Fun Fair

Tank Rides ~ Licensed Bar

**All subject to availability

Tickets

Day Tickets: Adults - £8.00; Concessions - £5.00;

Weekend Passes (pre-booked):

Adults £12.50;

Concessions - £7.50;



The Camp, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 2XB

Email: ramsey1940s@gmail.com

Phone: 07881 730047

www.ramsey1940sweekend.info

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

The Astronomy Society meets at Greenfields Sports Building, Sawtry Fen 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Everyone is welcome.

28th June
'Auroral Astronomy'
Brendan Goodbody

July
Summer Break
No Meeting

If the sky is clear you can look through telescopes at the moon, planets, stars and other objects, even see the nearest galaxy to us.

For more information please contact: -

Bernard Dean 01487 832251
Dave Woodhams 01487 831921



THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY

**THE SCARECROWS ARE
COMING TO TOWN!!!!**



*** 5th JULY TO 14th JULY ***

Our favourite guests will be in Sawtry soon so let's give them a warm welcome again this year. They are with us from 5th to 14th JULY and full details can be got at the Council Office. The SCARECROW TRAIL plan will be available early July, application forms NOW available and closing date end of June.

COME ON EVERYBODY let's have some fun.
SEE you on the TRAIL

For full details and forms contact the Sawtry Parish Council Office on 01487 831771

OR just call in and pick your form up

Delia Riddle
Councillor

SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB



Learn to line dance at your local class, no partner required

Everyone is welcome, come along and make new fiends, enjoy yourself and keep fit at the same time.

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

**Held at Sawtry Community College,
Fen Lane, Sawtry**

Wednesday evenings (term time only)
Summer term ends 17th July

7 - 7.30pm - Beginners' Class

7.30 - 9.30pm - Improvers

£3.50 per session

Contacts:

Keith Geary – 01487 832925
email: wilfred@keithgeary.plus.com

Angela Foster - 01780 763864
email: angela.72foster@btinternet.com



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

Monday 5th to Sunday 11th August

at the Methodist Church, Green End Road.

For children in School Years 1 and above

Advance registration recommended. Come to the Methodist Church coffee morning between 9.30 and 11am on Saturdays 13th July, 20th July, 27th July or 3rd August.



For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345

MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS

Saturday 20th July

3.30pm and 7.30pm



Voyager Academy, Mountsteven Avenue, Peterborough PE4 6HX

Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choirs team up with a live band and special guest soloists in a wonderful concert of show tunes for all the family including classics from South Pacific, Oliver!, Les Miserables, Sweet Charity, Beauty and the Beast, Oklahoma and, of course, The Sound of Music. Not to be missed!

Tickets £12 - £14.50 (10% off concession price for groups of 10+) available from Peterborough Visitor Information Centre 01733 452336 or online at www.peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1139688

Triathlon Man

Size 48 to 38

Update: My training is going well and is on target (fingers crossed). I would like to thank everyone who has sponsored me so far and for the great support I have received. You can still help by contacting CARESCO or robert.suter@hotmail.co.uk phone 07850279917 or the Sawtry Feast Supper committee, or through 5 Star Taxi.

My race is the VIRGIN EXCEL SUPER SPRINT TRIATHLON on 27th July in London.

Thank you so much

Robert Suter



SAWTRY "SPIRIT OF THE BLITZ" FORTIES NIGHT

Saturday 23 November. 19.30pm.

Sawtry Air Raid Shelter

(community college).

In aid of CARESCO

Dance to a live big band

Easy guided group dances such as

St. Bernard's waltz, gay Gordon's and" strolls".

Games.

A 40s singsong

Bring your own food for an air raid shelter picnic...go for austerity with spam sandwiches or black market style with lobster! Table seating - get together with friends and reserve your own table for ten. Otherwise free seating on the night.

Period dress strongly encouraged (if uniform, allied uniforms only.) Prize for best costumes. Themed Raffle.

Tickets £14. On sale in late August...

reservations being taken now...

Call CARESCO on 01487 832105 or

Maggi Stewart on 01832 293759

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH UK'S BIG WALK 2013

Sunday 9 June 2013

Start time: 10am

Start and finish point:

Comberton Sports & Arts, Comberton Village College,

West Street, Comberton, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7DU

Alzheimer's Research UK's Big Walk is back for 2013. The Big Walk follows a beautiful nine mile circular route through the South Cambridgeshire's peaceful countryside. This year, there is something for everyone, as we have introduced a shorter two mile route which is more accessible. Alzheimer's Research UK is the UK's leading dementia research charity specialising in finding preventions, treatments and a cure for dementia. You can help defeat dementia. Join in our walk and your support will make a real difference. We are aiming to register 300 walkers and raise £30,000 to fund our world class scientists in finding preventions, treatments and one day a cure for dementia.

Price: Adults £15, Children £7.50, under 5s FREE

Contact telephone number: 0300 111 5 777

Email: bigwalk@alzheimersresearchuk.org

Website:

<http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/big-walk/>

Letters ...



DAVIDSONS HOMES - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SAWTRY

I went to a meeting on the 16th May 2013 where Davidsons Homes were showing a proposed development near the motorway side of Sawtry on greenbelt land. Having had no warning of this proposal from either parish or local council I feel that, as residents, we need to have more access to information and it be more transparent.

To this end I am starting a website at www.sawtrylandwatch.co.uk where any details of proposed developments can be sited. It will also give details of web addresses where information can be found. Contact details for people responsible for nominating Sawtry land for development and generally giving us all a chance to voice our opinions.

I moved to Sawtry twenty years ago after service in the RAF. I chose to live in a village because I enjoy village life. I don't want people on a council committee deciding that Sawtry would be a good place to offload more housing just getting away with it. How many people on that housing committee are nominating their own village for extra housing developments?

We live in a democratic country and I hope that this means our voices will be listened to.

The website is www.sawtrylandwatch.co.uk and will be your portal for information and feedback. Of course if you think the development is a good thing then your views will be published as well, we do live in a democracy after all.

Simon Sutton - (Webmanager www.sawtrylandwatch.co.uk)

Letters ...

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR JOHN NICHOLLS

22 October 1944 – 18 March 2013

John was born in Alconbury on 22nd October 1944. He was the youngest of two children, his sister Margaret passed away eight years ago. John's parents were Francis John and Lily May Nicholls. He inherited his name from his grandfather and at school age attended Alconbury Village School.

Sometime later he moved to Stradbroke in Norfolk where he had a job at Corn & Coke Merchants. He also worked on a turkey farm. John was a Standard Bearer for the British Legion in Stradbroke for many years.

John was a man of many strengths, he liked people, he was very friendly and loved a laugh and a joke. He was a fair and honest man. He liked jazz and country music, enjoyed Radio Cambridgeshire and television, especially Dad's Army, You've Been Framed and Last of the Summer Wine. John also enjoyed dancing and holidays.

John had only known Alicia a week when he first asked her to marry him. She thought that he was a 'bit keen' and said 'No' to give herself more time. Eventually they got engaged in a pub called The Crown in Goldsithney near Penzance, Cornwall. Romantically done by candlelight and witnessed by a friend Marlene, who told him he would have to propose again, this time doing it properly on one knee. Then Alicia said 'Yes', but he still had to wait. They were finally married on 30th June 2001.

There are many things that can be shared about John. He helped with the Carnivals and gardening at the Methodist Chapel. He also took an active role in the Sawtry Branch of the British Legion and was a Poppy seller. He has been well known in Sawtry by so many people.

On 16th March family photos were taken which were the last photos before John passed away on 18th March. John will be remembered with much love and affection. He will be missed very much by his wife Alicia and his stepchildren Mary, Julie, Sandra, Donna and Mark.

Alicia would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Thanks Giving Service on 5th April. She would also wish to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy, she has been overwhelmed with offers of help in this difficult time. Thanks to Papworth Hospital for their care and to the local GPs, to Rev Katy Dunn for her invaluable support throughout this sad time and to Anglia Co-op funerals for all their help and counselling, especially to Elaine & Brandon who helped to bring everything together for John's funeral. A final thank you to everyone who gave donations to the charities chosen in his memory.

Alicia Nicholls & Family

CARESCO SHOP NOW OPEN

Sawtry-based charity CARESCO is pleased to announce the official grand opening of it's Charity Shop on Saturday 27th April.

CARESCO is a unique charity which focuses on providing daytime activities for the elderly, housebound and socially isolated through lunch clubs and day centres with the help of numerous volunteers. Following the recent opening of the charity shop, the organisation hopes to achieve a wider range of support and meet different needs in the local community.

From 11am on the Saturday morning, Cllr Barbara Boddington, head of Huntingdon District Council announced CARESCO to be 'a great lifeline to so many people' whilst also donating a signed bunting from the London 2012 Olympics. Cllr Boddington and newly crowned Sawtry Carnival Queen, Libby participated in a joint cutting of the ribbon, marking the official opening of the charity shop.

The new Sawtry Carnival Court was in attendance, fresh from their selection event the night before the opening. A big congratulations is in order for; Senior Queen Libby, Senior Princess Millie, Junior Queen Jessica, Junior Princess Mia and Rosebud Morgan. The girls will be in post for the full year and hope to represent Sawtry at other Carnivals around the area as well as at their own.

Also in attendance was Rob Suter, who after losing 12 stone in weight; is about to embark on a sponsored Triathlon in the upcoming months of June and July this year. Rob said that he was inspired by the reality TV show 'Biggest Loser USA' which motivated him in wanting to participate in the Triathlon and wanted to push himself as much as he could to see what he could achieve. All the sponsorship money raised will be split between the Sawtry Feast Supper and CARESCO.

After the initial opening, CARESCO opportunely introduced 'The Huntingdon Caledonian Dancers' who performed four of their best dances which each have a special meaning, those dances included; Anniversary Reel, Scott Meikle, Belle of Bon Accord and James Gray, following Good hearted Glasgow of which the princesses and public joined in.

Many thanks to Liz Coates, CARESCO's General Manager and Linda Dupée, Chairman of CARESCO, including all the volunteers for their help, without their exceptional input, the day would not have been a complete success. The ceremony was a pleasant, successful day that will be commemorated for a long period of time.

For more information please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or drop by the shop during 9:00am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday or Saturday 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Luisa Luparia

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

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SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

The Sawtry Feast Supper Club would like to thank the Sawtry Motorcycle Club for their generous donation.

We would also like to wish Robert Suter all the very best with the forthcoming Virgin Excel Super Sprint Triathlon on 27th July. To sponsor Robert please contact any of our Committee Members.

Not long now until this year's supper. We hope all that attend have an enjoyable evening.

Jo Chapman (Secretary)

COUNTY ELECTIONS

As the newly elected County Councillor I just wanted to express my great thanks and appreciation to your readership, who took the time and effort to either vote in person or by post at the recent council Elections.

As a local man I hope to be able to represent the local people of Sawtry, and surrounding villages at the county council to the best of my abilities.

Residents of the ward are more than welcome to contact me if I can help with any local issues.

Kind Regards

**Simon Bywater,
County Councillor, Sawtry and Ellington Ward**



Diamond Wedding Anniversary



**Many thanks to friends and family who
joined Daphne & Terry Hipwell in
celebrating their Diamond Anniversary.
£195 was raised for St Andrew's Church,
Woodwalton.**

Also many thanks to David & John.

FOOD COLLECTION

My name is Clair Sanderson and I am the Community Champion at Tesco Extra in Hampton. I would like to say a big thank you to all the customers, volunteers and staff who supported our recent collection for Peterborough Foodbank. This took place at the Tesco Extra at Serpentine Green Shopping Centre on Friday 26th April. We collected a fantastic 1.180 tonne of food, which gets distributed to people in crisis in the Peterborough area via approved referral agencies.

Due to the overwhelming success of this, the next national collection dates are Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July throughout Tesco. The Hampton store will again be supporting this worthwhile cause. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer at the event visit peterborough.foodbank.org.uk

LETTER FROM CLLR DARREN TYSOE, HDC

The District Council is faced with a historical situation where it is spending more money than it receives. This is mainly due to reduced central government grants but also because the Council charges one of the lowest council taxes in the country. The District Council collects Council tax on behalf of the County Council, Police, Fire Authority, Parish Councils and the its own share, which is only around 8.5% of the total. Excluding the Parish Council share, Huntingdonshire levies £133 out of £1475 for a Band D household.

In past years, the District Council has relied on cash reserves to bridge the shortfall, but obviously there reaches a point when we must retain a prudent level of reserves. Over the past two years, the new Executive Councillors, including myself have been focused on retaining high quality services and looking at ways to reduce costs. The effort has been on back-end costs that are invisible to the public, but enable us to do things differently and more efficiently. I'm pleased to say that this has already resulted in major savings.

For the past year, I have been the Executive Councillor responsible for the Environment. In that time, I have liaised with all the other Cambridgeshire Councils, including Peterborough to look at ways that we can run a cross-county waste collection and disposal service that would be cheaper to run, and offer enhanced services to our residents. We've already made savings on procurement by joining together when we buy waste collection vehicles. Re-organising the refuse rounds has meant that we can balance out the rounds which means less pressure for additional staff and vehicles when new areas are built, including large housing estates in the southern part of the District.

One issue that has been raised is the perception that the Leisure Centre is not doing enough to raise its profile – indeed, I was speaking with some long term residents who were unaware of its existence. I will be meeting with the Centre Manager later this month to discuss ways in which they can promote themselves as it's an excellent local facility.

Sawtry is great at pulling together as a community – as it did when we all tried our best to stop the Adult Shop being built; but on this occasion the law was on the side of the applicants.

I'm looking forward to attending the Carnival in June, where I expect many of you will turn out to support this great event.

You can contact me on 01480 388310 or darren.tysoe@huntingdonshire.gov.uk. You can also follow me on twitter: @darrentysoe

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ELLIE'S FUND

On behalf of Loopy Lou's Childcare (www.loopylouschildcaresawtry.co.uk), we are collecting empty baby wipe packets to raise money for Ellie's Fund, a charity raising money for research for children who have brain tumours (for more information please visit their website www.elliesfund.com)

For every baby wipe packet that is recycled, Ellie's Fund gets given 2p. So far they have raised over £13,000 and we are hoping to raise as much as we can to add to this.

If you would like any more information or to arrange a drop off, please either call or email:

Kirsty: 07769359468 - kirstypope91@gmail.com

Leanne: 07876395255 - leannepage23@gmail.com

THANK YOU FROM CARESCO

What an amazing time we have been having at CARESCO! A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way towards the opening of our new charity shop especially our 40 plus volunteers who help to man the shop. There are far too many to mention everyone, but you know who you are.

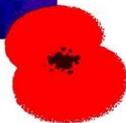
In particular we would like to thank Warren Duff, Fire Assist, M&D Flooring, Ablewood, Claire Holbrook, Ralph Maloney and all at SSBP, Sarah Dean, Blade Window Cleaners, Carl Gilbert, Sarah Neale, Co-op Funerals, Luminus, Dulux, Bryan Houghton, Gareth James, Kelly's Cakes, Chris Lloyd, Carolyn Harvey and Dick & Pam Tuplin. Our apologies for anyone not listed, but you know we have greatly appreciated your contribution.

Special thanks to our own trustees who have put in so many hours behind the screens, to Linda for the vision and leadership, to Tim & Barry for all the shelving & general DIY jobs and to those who have guided us through the setting up period. Finally thank you to everyone who has already popped into the shop to encourage, advice and support us in this new endeavour.

A huge thank you must also go to the members of the Sawtry Small Business Partnership for all their hard work organising the race night at the end of March when they raised a magnificent £2750, which has been split between the Sawtry First Responders and ourselves. It was a brilliant evening with some very unique footage for the races, culminating in the very entertaining Apprentice Challenge.

Our thanks also to everyone who supported our own quiz night at the end of April when we raised over £300 for CARESCO funds. Thanks especially to Pat, Lyn & Gill for providing the supper and Gaynor & Terry our wonderful quiz masters.

Liz Coates, General Manager



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SAWTRY BRANCH

The Branch Social evening on 10th May was a great success. The wives of members and lady committee members very kindly provided a substantial and enjoyable Finger Buffet. We had Disco entertainment, kindly provided by Dave Whisker, which every one seemed to enjoy as they danced on until gone 11pm and awards were presented to Poppy Appeal Collectors, appropriate to the length of time that they had been active in that roll and also a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr John Garner, retiring from his many years of acting as Treasurer for the Branch.

We had a coach trip to the Houses of Parliament on 23rd May, which I will report on in the next addition but at the time of submitting this item we had filled our allocation of forty places for the visit to the House and also had seven other people who just wanted to go to visit London.

We have a trip planned and are currently taking bookings for another trip to the Arboretum in Staffordshire, on 29th June. This day is also the Armed Forces Day and as such there will be a number of ceremonies taking place. Further details of exactly what will be happening can be seen by visiting the Arboretum website. All monies after expenses will go to the 2012 Poppy Appeal and our charge for a seat will be £15. One thing in particular to see will be the new Memorial to the Bevin Boys, i.e., those conscripted to go down the coal mines as apposed to going into the Armed Forces.

We are currently working with the Parish Council, thinking about how we, in a combined effort are going to commemorate the commencement of World War 1 which started in August of 1914. Any thoughts/ ideas from you the Parishioners will be welcome and seriously considered.

We as a Branch are always looking to recruit new members and in particular people who would like to get involved with the running of the Branch and participating in the fund raising events that we arrange through the year. We would like to recruit more of the younger generation and get some fresh ideas. I would also like to recruit new Poppy Appeal Collectors and thereby spread the load. A good opportunity to come and talk to us will be on 22nd June at the Carnival where we will have a couple of stalls, one for recruiting and one for fund raising. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contacts:- Allan Fowler 830806 / Tony Nickerson 831316 /

Stewart Wylie 831458 (01487 code)

SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

If you experience difficulties with getting out and about, getting to appointments or visiting friends and family, the Sawtry Community Car Scheme may be able to help

The Sawtry Community Car Scheme is a volunteer-run scheme for people who have difficulties getting to or using public transport. Those who do not have access to a car or any other means of transport can also use the scheme.

The scheme can be used for attending appointments, for example medical appointments with the GP, chiropodist, opticians; attending hospital appointments including Doddington, Peterborough, Wisbech, Hinchingsbrooke and Addenbrooke's hospitals; and visiting friends and family in the area. Journeys to personal appointments and meetings, plus accessing public services, could be undertaken. They also offer assistance with collecting and delivering prescriptions.

A number of scheme users have commented on how useful and valuable the scheme is to them. There is a charge for this service to help the volunteers cover the cost of fuel and motoring costs.

To find out more, contact the scheme co-ordinator on 07810 476979.



CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

Thanks to a huge amount of work from a wide range of local people and companies, the new CARESCO Charity Shop finally opened its doors for business on Wednesday 10th April 2013. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received both in the setting up stage and during our first month of trading. Thank you for bearing with us as we have ironed out a few teething issues, but we are very proud of what has been achieved in so little time and for such minimum expense.

Before opening the doors we already had over 40 volunteers in place to help to man the shop alongside our two managers, Hannah & Isabelle. They have all been wonderful, working long hours to get everything ready for opening.

The main issues so far has been if anything, people's over generosity and coping with the continuous flow of donations has been a huge challenge for the managers and volunteers as our storage space is very limited. Could we please ask that if you have a significant quantity of donations that you contact the shop in advance to ensure that there is space to accommodate them, or alternatively only bring them in as small quantities over a period of time. It would also be helpful if donations were suitable for the current season so that we are not having to store large amounts of winter items during the summer.

Of course the best cure for these issues is for us to sell the excess stock! So please come in and visit the shop and find yourselves some treasure. Stock is constantly changing so schedule yourself in a regular visit to be sure that you don't miss anything.

7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR
01487 208026 shop@caresco.org.uk



NEARLY NEW

Please don't forget about us now that the wonderful Charity Shop has opened! And we are still accepting small bags of donations to sell on a Friday morning.

We are open during term time on a Friday morning from 9am - 11.30 in the CARESCO Centre.

Nearly New is a place where you can buy and sell your women's and children's clothes, household items and toys.

If you have anything you wish to sell but don't have the time or don't want to do the work, then please contact us. We are currently accepting 5 or 6 items per week and you will receive 60% of the sale price. Unsold items can either be returned to you or passed onto our Charity Shop. For more information please send us an e-mail to nearlynew@caresco.org.uk

For all of our current Nearly New customers who DO NOT have their items returned, these will now be passed onto our own Charity Shop. If you are a tax payer and haven't already done so, could you complete a Gift Aid form so that we can claim if the items sell in the Charity Shop.

Please pop in and see us as we have a great selection of items for sale. The coffee shop will also be open for a cuppa and homemade cake!

Nicole, Clair, Gill & Doreen





TREE WARDEN

By the time this reaches you, there should be a new tree on the Green, a Jubilee oak, originated in a Royal Park, as a fitting finale to Jubilee year. It is small but should establish better for it. The substantial guard was specially made for HDC to give to parishes and incorporates the number 60.

Janet Spencer 01487 208676



www.sawtry.net

www.ssbpartnership.org

The SSBP on Friday 22nd March achieved their best ever fund raising amount of £2700.00 from their Super Hero Race Night. The evening was held at the college where over 140 people attended the event. This was also linked to the Sawtry Apprentice which had been filmed over the previous six months along with the races for the evening. The final amount was donated to two local charities CARESCO and the Sawtry First Responders. Both were handed 50% of the total raised. A big thanks goes to all sponsors, prize donations, the work of the people behind the scenes and above all, all those who helped in making the evening a wonderful success.

There are already plans for the event in 2014. Watch the this space !

Sawtry Carnival on Saturday 22nd June will be the next event at which the SSBP will be raising funds. Come along and meet the members on the day and find out more about how the SSBP and Sawtry.net are part of your local community and what you might be able to be part of. This applies especially to the business folk who might find joining the group extremely rewarding. The connections and referral side of being a member is worth much more that the annual joining fee of only £50.00.

The group is not for profit and with that supports the community where it can.

For any further information on joining email ralph@ssbpartnership.org or call 014487 832683.

www.sawtry.net for all local links to your community groups and SSBP members.



SAWTRY DAY CENTRE NEWS

Welcome readers to this edition of our village magazine, all is well at the Day Centre where we have a few new members but with room still for anyone else in the village who wants to join us. Since the last edition we have had our outing to the Eaton

Oak and Alan our local historian has visited us and shown us the film of William and Kate's wedding.

We have a programme of entertainment which is on going for the rest of the year. Our next outing is a visit to a local garden centre, probably in July, when we will have lunch and afterwards there will be time for our members to look around and who knows, by that time we might have some good weather which gives the opportunity to go outside and enjoy the sun (let us hope so).

Since my last report we have had new flooring fitted in the Club Room at the CARESCO Centre and very nice it is too and a lot easier to keep clean. We are also having some new comfortable armchairs which are in the process of being funded, so all in all a big uplift to our Club Room all for the benefit of our members and other users of this facility.

As usual more volunteers are always needed, the time involved is whatever you can give us, even if it's only once a month for a couple of hours we would be very grateful, so why not come along on a Wednesday or Thursday for a chat or ring the office.

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

So until the next time enjoy the upcoming good weather (we live in hope).

Gill Robinson, Deputy Manager, Sawtry Day Centre

SAWTRY IN BLOOM

- is going solo this year, without Anglia in Bloom. This means a small financial saving, no portfolio or judges, and allows us to concentrate on the flowers. A new large planter will replace the seat on the Green, for a much better display.

If there are any green fingered people with a little time to spare, or a few spare bedding plants, who would like to help the In Bloom team maintain the various planters and flower beds, do please contact the chairman **Mick Rayson 830720**.



THE SAWTRY SHOW - 14TH SEPTEMBER

Time to plan your vegetable growing, practice for the culinary classes, and work on those arts and crafts. The list of classes was in the last Eye, and the full schedule will be out in June.

Janet Spencer 01487 208676



SAWTRY CHORALE www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

The Chorale is now well into its 2013 'Summer Season'. Our first concert took place on Friday 31st May at the Methodist Church in Sawtry. This event has become something of a tradition and it is a pleasure to perform at a 'home' venue.

On 1st June the choir will perform at the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin and St Botolph, Thorney, near Peterborough. Proceeds will go to the repair fund of this ancient and historic Abbey.

We then have one concert remaining. On Friday 28th June at St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton we will be singing in aid of Great Staughton Surgery Patient Participation Group.

So rehearsals are over and all the hard work is paying off. The choir has enjoyed the challenge of learning new pieces and putting them together to make a performance. They have had the pleasure of entertaining enthusiastic and knowledgeable audiences. They also have the satisfaction of knowing they have helped raise much needed funds for local good causes.

Our thanks go, as ever, to our wonderful Musical Director, Shirley Allen, who encourages us, inspires us and, with endless patience and forbearance, gets us ready to perform for our audiences.

The choir will be taking a summer break after our final concert. We will come back refreshed and eager to start work on our winter programme.

If you think you might like to join Sawtry Chorale please look at our website for more information or contact any member of the choir. We are particularly looking to expand the tenor and bass sections.

Hazel Rea

Sawtry Chorale, Tel: 01487 830149

Going Green

When we moved into our house there was already a well established pear tree growing in the back garden which has over the years proved to be very fruitful. It's one of those clever ones which produces two different types of pear, thereby extending the season for us to enjoy. There's really nothing like wondering across the lawn and picking a fruit off the tree and the eating it on the way back into the house. Our hens & ducks have also been able to binge on the fallen fruit as well as the insects that they inevitably attract in the summer.

After we'd been here for a few years, we decided to extend our fruit harvest and planted an apple tree near the original pear. Now this one is even more impressive and produces three varieties of apple, all of which are delicious. Even though we have only had it a few years, the tree is already proving to produce relatively heavy crops considering its size and age. I've always loved apple blossom, there's nothing like watching those deep pink buds opening into pale pink flowers on a sunny spring day. Alongside the pear tree, the two have made a beautiful display even during the cold season we've just had.

Now I'm delighted to say that our 'orchard' has extended even further with the addition of a plum tree last autumn. This is actually a second attempt as the first one, planted a couple of years ago remained resolutely a stick throughout last summer, no matter how much I pleaded with it to produce some leaves/flowers/fruit. Eventually giving up, I dug it up and tried again, choosing a Jubilee plum in honour of the Queen's Golden last year.

So we have been waiting with bated breath this year, watching as first the pear and then the apple trees came out in leaf, yet the second plum 'twig' stayed bare. Just as I was going to give up hope again, while taking a turn around the garden I noticed that the small bumps on the 'twig' somehow looked like they might mean business and then within a few days buds began to appear until eventually green leaves burst forth.

As I write, the blossom has gone from the pear, while the apple is still beautiful in its shades of pink and the plum is covered in greenery – no sign of blossom yet. But then after last year's failure, I'm happy to settle for just leaves at least for now and our hens are not the only ones looking forward to enjoying the harvest, straight off the tree!

Eco Apprentice

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

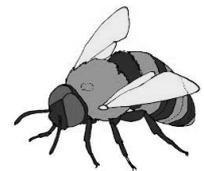
Thursday 18th April saw Chairman Alan Bottell give a very interesting slide show on the meaning of Street names. Who would have thought that we have Streets and Roads named after local Celebrities, Kings, Horses and Roman walkways. **Bill Hall Way**, named after the Headmaster of Sawtry School from 1952 to 1974, a pillar in the community. **Ermine Way**, the Roman Road from London to York, a total of 193 miles. **Papyrus Way** was named after a horse who was the winner of the Derby in 1923 owned by Ben Irish who lived in the Manor House on Sawtry Green. **Canonmore Close** was the family name of Malcolm 111 King of Scotland followed by **St Davids Way**, David being the son of Malcolm. **Louthe Way** was named after Sir Edmund Louthe of Sawtry, he disliked the Monks and Priests of the Abbey, he was attacked by Mr. Skelton and his son and later died who were tenants of the Abbey. Mr. Skelton was hanged and his son drowned. The full story can be found in the Sawtry History Archive kept in the Library. The new Development in Gidding Road is a good example of local history as some of the roads are going to be named after locals taken from the War Memorial, a fitting tribute to those fallen in the 2 World Wars. I will certainly look at Street signs in a new light and wonder how they got their names.

On 16th May, Peter Hall gave a talk on Holmewood Hall and the Carpetbaggers, a very secret operation during World War II, when the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) occupied the Hall, packing equipment for Agents in and behind enemy lines. It was also a training facility for agents, called Joeys. One such operation carried out was the destruction by Norwegian agents of the Heavy Water factory run by the Germans for the making of the Atomic Bomb. Packages were transported to either Tempsford or Harrington by civilian Lorries. Europe relied on the packing stations and they played a huge part in the War effort. One of the men in charge at Holmewood Hall was Col. Stroud, and it was not until his death that his son was allowed to open a locked drawer in his home, he was also instructed to inform the CIA. Mystified, he called in the CIA who, because 50 years had passed, was not interested in the contents, but after some investigation and a subsequent visit to the Hall he was able to tell the story of what went on at the Hall. The end result the OSS was the birth of the now CIA in America. A book called 'The Bedford Triangle' tells the story of the activities at Holmewood Hall.

Our next meeting will be on 20th June, the talk by Richard Jones on The Black Death and the effects on Local Villages.

Why did the wasp cross the road? It needed to go to the waspital!

Allan Bamford (01487 834173), Alan Bottell (01487 832996)
(SHS Registered Charity 294789)



Support CARESCO by recycling your old unwanted computer/laptop Zip Computers in association with CARESCO

Recycling has become a part of our everyday life. Zip Computers in association with CARESCO are now able to offer a recycling program to help support and raise funds for CARESCO, the Sawtry based local charity.

If you have an old, broken or simply unwanted computer, laptop or computer equipment, then recycling through Zip Computers will raise funds for CARESCO. You will also have the added knowledge that your unwanted equipment will not end up misappropriated - there have been a number of nationally documented incidents where old data and personal information have been recovered from computers that have come via local recycling plants.

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

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

Zip Computers successfully operated a similar scheme from the London shop to help support the ever number of growing locally based charities.

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

Zip Computers 01487 832253 or 07885 280446
CARESCO 01487 832105

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Library at Home Service

Have you got a few hours to spare each month?

We are always looking for friendly booklovers who can help us deliver this vital service to readers who have particular problems in visiting their local library. If you are interested in becoming a Library at Home volunteer please

Call us on: 0345 045 5225, email: library.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or contact your local library

Please contact us if you are having difficulty visiting the library due to disability, mental health or are caring for somebody full-time. We can arrange for a volunteer to visit you at home and deliver books (in large print if needed) and audio books on cassette and CD.

E-Books

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

Magazine Donations

Do you have any spare good quality magazines? We are happy to receive them in the library. We will be distributing them to care homes and housebound readers across the county.

Sawtry History Society

On Saturday's come and view their collection of photographs, documents and much more from 10am – 12am if you wish to know more about the history of your village.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year it is being called The Creepy House you can register to take part from Tuesday 16th July.

OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

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



To renew Books: 0345 045 5225.

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

Pam Goodwin

FAIRTRADE STATUS

It has been a number of years since Sawtry achieved Fairtrade Village Status. Sadly, the steering group has been unable to maintain the momentum mainly due to the fact that there were only a few very busy members. The renewal is now overdue and the original group is in great need of additional support to enable them to keep going.

Since July 2012, the renewal process has changed to a more flexible, and participative process which gives a lot of freedom in deciding how to take Fairtrade campaigning further. Therefore after achieving Fairtrade status the emphasis of any renewal is on the aspirations and targets set by the steering group for taking their campaign forward, rather than gathering paperwork and reporting back on past activities. This takes the form of an action plan which will help to map out what to achieve next, and map out how to get there.

Becoming a Fairtrade Town is an incredible achievement and represents a big milestone on Sawtry's Fairtrade journey, but is only the beginning! Despite the growth in Fairtrade product sales over the past two decades, we still have a long way to go before all trade is fair. It is important that the campaign continues to gain momentum, obtain commitments from new organisations and increase understanding across the community.

Are you passionate about Fairtrade? Would you be willing to get involved in the local campaign? If you are interested in getting involved in Sawtry's Fairtrade campaign, please contact Sally on 01487 821771 or Liz on 01487 830345



AN EYE ON NATURE

As the garden birds in Sawtry retire for the night, another winged resident begins to stir. The chances are you may have caught a glimpse of one of Britain's bat species, the pipistrelle.

By day they spend their time sleeping, hidden away in loft spaces or behind the bark of trees and holes in buildings. During the hours of darkness, in warmer months, bats emerge to feed on a large variety of insects.

The little bat flitting from garden to garden as the BBQ embers cool may catch and eat 3000 insects during the night. This figure can add up to half its body weight. That equates to a lot fewer mosquitoes biting us next day.

There are 18 species living in the British Isles and our area is frequented by 12 of them. Pipistrelles are the smallest with a wingspan of 19 – 25cm and Noctules the biggest at 45cm. They live for an amazingly long time for such a small mammal, up to 25 years. Compare this with a mouse which only lives 1 – 2 years.

The insects that bats rely on become scarce as the cool weather approaches, so bats hibernate to save energy and their heart rate can drop from 400 beats to just 20. It is not that uncommon however to see a bat flying around in winter. They do not always stay in one roost site during hibernation and may move to a more favourable location during a warmer spell.

Our bats have been the subject of all sorts of myths over the centuries, like getting caught up in people's hair. They are very skilful at night, flying and echo-locating around their patch to catch prey and avoid colliding with anything including us whilst we watch them at dusk. It is rare for a bat to find its way into our houses, but if they do contact the Wildlife Trust for advice.

In an ever changing environment, bats are struggling and need help from us. They are a valuable addition to our British fauna and need friends. To be a bat friend, here are a few tips:

- Before major work on a loft, check if bats are present and insist on bat-friendly wood preserver on timbers.
- Make the garden more bat-friendly by planting flowering trees and shrubs or strongly scented nectar-bearing flowers, such as honeysuckle, evening primrose, wall flowers and marigolds.
- Another idea is to put up a bat box in a large tree or on a house wall.
- Finally dig a pond to attract insects and enjoy watching your bats feeding on the insects on warm summer evenings.

For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust – phone 01954 713543 or visit www.wildlifebcn.org

Martin Baker

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE'S CHARLIE SECTION MOVES TO SAWTRY!



If you think that Search & Rescue is confined to the sea or mountainous inhospitable areas then you are mistaken. Every year hundreds of people are reported missing in Cambridgeshire, as they are in all counties throughout the UK. In the majority of cases they turn up safe and well but sometimes they don't. That's when the county's volunteer SAR team, CamSAR, go into action. The team are on stand-by 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue responds at any time day or night to calls from the Police to assist in the search for vulnerable missing persons. It could be a child, an elderly person suffering from dementia or a potential suicide. In each case a fast response is vital.

CamSAR also provides category two response in support of the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The team's HQ is based at March Fire Station with Sections based at Littleport, Burwell, Papworth and more recently Sawtry. The team's Charlie Section has based itself at Sawtry Fire Station and is looking to recruit new members. Do you have what it takes?

How the team operates....

Funding - The team costs in excess of £30,000 a year to maintain. As a registered charity we rely entirely on donations from the public and local businesses. We receive no Government funding and our members are not paid. All money donated goes solely to the running of the team.

Volunteers - All team members give their time and expertise free of charge not only for training and callouts, but for many other tasks such as base and vehicle maintenance and routine equipment checks. Many team members bring day to day skills and services such as radio repairs, computer technology, medical training, to name but a few, which benefits the team.

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Cont'd... **Training** - All team members are required to maintain a high level of preparedness through training. Techniques are practised regularly and members must keep up to date with new equipment and techniques. Exercises are held monthly, sometimes at night and these are supplemented by regular fortnightly evening training sessions.

Callouts - The team responds positively to all callouts to all parts of the county, occasionally providing back-up support to teams in the neighbouring counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Bedfordshire.

Vehicles & Equipment - The team have one ICU (Incident Command Unit), used as a search control centre. Along with this CamSAR have one Land Rover 130 Ambulance, two Nissan Navara 4x4 Support Vehicles and one Incident Support Unit.

Volunteer?

Are you interested in volunteering to train as a Search Technician* or perhaps to work with the Incident Support Team in a support role, the Inland Water Team, the Bike Search Team, fund raising or administration?

If so, please get in touch by emailing info@camsar.org or by calling 01223 968850.

* Note all volunteers who apply will be Police checked. After Initial Training new Search Team members are accepted on a 12 month probationary basis

Can you help?

Are you a business or organisation willing to offer sponsorship or an individual who would like to fund raise to raise money to help the work of Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue? If you would like to get involved with the work of the charity, please get in touch.

01223 968850 / info@camsar.org

HACT

HUNTINGDONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

5 Martin Avenue, March, Cambridgeshire, PE15 0AY
 Telephone: 01480 411114 - Fax: 01354 661235 - Email: contact@fact.gb.com
 Website: www.hact-cambs.co.uk

Launch of HACT

(Huntingdon Association for Community Transport)

HACT has taken over the provision of the Ring and Ride service in the Huntingdonshire area from the former service, Nene & Ouse Community Transport.

This change took place in April 2013.

All new members wanting to join the service should please call our office telephone number on 01480 411114 or send in a cheque for £15 made payable to HACT and sent to our office address at 5 Martin Avenue, March, Cambs PE15 0AY.

We are extremely pleased to be taking over this service and hope that residents in the Sawtry area will join HACT and reap the benefits of this new transport service.

Our website will be launched soon, www.hact-cambs.co.uk, where you will be able to find details of all trips and services available to HACT members.

At the moment we are running the following service for Sawtry residents;

- A daily service, Monday-Friday, into Peterborough with drop offs at Serpentine Green, Morrisons in Brotherhood Retail Park, Queensgate and Asda.
- Every Friday to Morrisons, Cambourne
- 1st Monday of the month to St Ives
- 2nd Tuesday of the month to Bar Hill
- 1st Wednesday of the month to Huntingdon
- 2nd Thursday of the month to St Neots
- 4th Friday of the month to Stamford

Please ring into our office for any more information you may need, as well as any suggestions you may have for other trips.

We have introduced pub lunches and other trips out during the year so please stay in touch with us for more information.



1950s quiz
Raffle

All Saints Church, Sawtry

Dance / Disco

Friday 7th June, 7.30 – 11pm at Sawtry Community College

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets £5, Family ticket £15 (2 adults + children 8-16)

From: Isolde Whitmore 831260 & Sue Simmons 831055



Dave Whiskey
Disco music
for all ages



SAWTRY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP

Public Sited Defibrillators

Fantastic news. The first public defibrillator is on order and the site has been confirmed. A massive thank you to the Sawtry Fire Station for allowing us to house it on the outside of the station, with easy access to the public. They are working closely with the first responders to have the anti vandal storage case installed. The unit should be up and running within the next few weeks.

Once the unit is installed we shall be offering an awareness event, where anyone can come along learn about the defib and learn how to use it. We will advertise these sessions around the village.

A massive and warm thank you to every person who has donated, sponsored or supported the responders to make this live saving piece of equipment available. It has been a long time planning and coordinating to get the go ahead, but we are there!

SSBP Race Night

A great, great night. Thank you goes out to all the SSBP members for their fun evening. They raised a brilliant amount of money which is going towards the second defib and training.

We appreciate the on going support you all give the responders.

NEW RECRUITS

We are looking for new members to join the Sawtry Responder Group. **If you would like more details please contact Jane on 07885422257 or drop us an email @ sawtrycfr@hotmail.co.uk**

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Forthcoming Changes to our Computer System

Later in the year we will be moving to a new computer system within the surgery as our current supplier is withdrawing from the market. This is going to be a period of significant change for the practice but we will work hard to manage this difficult process and ensure that any impact on patients is minimised.



Travel Vaccinations

As the holiday season rapidly approaches please remember to give early consideration to whether or not you will require any travel vaccinations. Some vaccinations require a course of injections which can take several weeks to complete. If you are in need of travel advice please collect a travel form from reception and make an appointment to see a member of our nursing team.

MMR Vaccinations

A national MMR "catch up" programme is now underway in response to the fact that outbreaks of measles within the country are significantly increasing.

As part of this programme we will be identifying patients born between 01.01.97 and 31.12.03 and inviting them to attend for vaccination if their records indicate that they have not already received 2 MMR vaccinations. If your child has previously had single vaccines it is still recommended to have 2 full MMRs for full protection against measles.

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

Best Regards,

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340

Helping older people in your community

There are lots of good groups, services, and support available in Sawtry but not everyone knows what is out there or how to access it. The new Community Navigator programme will ensure that all older people in Cambridgeshire have someone in their community who they can turn to for information.

If you would like to meet a Community Navigator for a chat or know anyone who would benefit from some information about the support and services available for older residents please contact us.

Care Network Cambridgeshire working together with CARESCO and are looking to find Community Navigators in Sawtry. We will provide free training and on-going support to help you build up the skills, knowledge, and confidence to help older people avoid isolation and loneliness and remain active and independent for longer. Being a Community Navigator only takes a few hours a month, and complements any involvement you may already have in your community.

For more information contact the Huntingdonshire Community Navigator Co-ordinator on 01480 423065/07436 809265 email hunts.navigators@care-network.org.uk to learn more about this exciting and valuable new volunteering opportunity.



SAWTRY FEAST PARADE & SERVICE

On Sunday 2nd June

Starting at 4.30pm – Feast Service at 5pm

There will be a parade (led by a piper) from the Post Office in Green End Road at 4.30pm to the Old School. Once at the Old School there will be a short service at 5.00pm and traditional songs to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's Coronation.

The singing will be accompanied by Somersham Town Band

You are all welcome to join in the parade and/or to take part in the singing

Please bring a chair with you

For more information contact the Parish Office on 01487 831771

Come and join us!



SAWTRY'S CARNIVAL COURT

Congratulations to the five girls chosen during the selection evening on 26th April at the Sawtry Club to be part of the Carnival Court for the coming year. They are: Senior Queen Libby, Senior Princess Millie, Junior Queen Jessica, Junior Princess Mia and Rosebud Morgan. A number of other Courts were also

in attendance and a good evening was had by all.

The girls have been appointed for 2013/14 and will be representing Sawtry at other Carnivals around the area over the coming months. Come and see them at the Sawtry Carnival on 22nd June.

Thanks too to Bev Wickham for organising such a successful evening and for co-ordinating the Court over the past year. For photos, visit the Sawtry Carnival page on Facebook.

SAWTY LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE: 30 MILES FOR 7 DAYS

The challenge I set myself was to eat only local food for a week – and in May I completed it! I found far more local food available than I had imagined, and did not have to entirely live on potatoes – though I did find lots of different ways to enjoy them!

The 'rules' I used, similar to those used by others who've done local food challenges, were that all vegetables, fruit and meat had to be grown or produced in a 30 mile radius, other foods had to come from within the 'region', and I could have up to five non-local items. My non-local items were tea, coffee, bananas – and milk, much to my disappointment, as I couldn't find a source of local milk, though I feel sure there must be one.

Highlight meal of the week was Venison casserole (Burghley venison bought at Moor Farm shop), plus onions from near Wisbech (Huntingdon farmer's market) and redcurrant jelly (home made with own redcurrants), served with Parsnip and Potato Champ (potatoes from Little Common Farm, Sawtry, and parsnips from a Sawtry garden), plus leeks (from Chatteris). Pud was honeyed rhubarb: fresh rhubarb (my garden) with local honey (at least 3 sources: Sawtry, Rutland and Bedford).

Space does not permit me to make a complete list, but other highlights included: bread from the Kingscliffe bakery (sold at John Green's newsagents) pork pie and scotch eggs from Manor Farm, Glatton (sold at the same newsagent's), eggs from several local farms, preserves and cordial from Little Common Farm, two kinds of local apple juice, Wodehill Blue cheese from near Bedford, chicken and beef from two other farm shops, and Brown's gourmet sausages from Wollaston – yum!

What were the challenges? Doing the research on my own meant I may have missed some things. There was a shortage of fruit at this time of the year, so I was fortunate to have fresh rhubarb (and frozen gooseberries). I found no butter (but I had Munn's rapeseed oil). Did it cost more? It's hard to tell, as some foods like meat, cheese and muesli cost a little more, but potatoes and other veg from farmer's markets or local gardens cost less. Leek and Potato soup, and Spanish Tortilla, were very cheap meals. Did I have any cravings? I could not eat chocolate, or anything with sugar, but honey was fine. I found crisps produced near Ely, plenty of locally-produced cake, and if I wanted a snack, it was bread and jam – but that was no hardship, when both were really tasty. It would be great to see even more local food more readily available in the village, and I'm certainly going to try to include more local food in my regular shopping.

Rosie Ward

ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

June	2 nd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	9 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	16 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	20 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion(BCP)
	23 rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	30 th	9.00 am	Songs of Praise
July	7 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	14 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	18 th	10 00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	21 st	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	28 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion

Summer Fete on 8th June at 2pm.

St Nicholas Summer Fete will be on the front lawn of St George's in Glatton. There will be a raffle, bottle tombola, grocery stall, plants, produce, toys, lots of games and a bouncy castle culminating by a parachuting teddy from the church roof.. All proceeds will go to the Chancel roof replacement fund.

Auction of Promises on 13th July at 7pm.

St Nicholas will be holding an Auction of Promises in the Village Hall, Glatton at 7pm. Come and enjoy the fun of the auction over a glass of wine. All proceeds to the Chancel Roof replacement.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

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

Glatton website for more information.

glattonparish.wordpress.com

St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry

Sunday Mass: 9.15am
Women's Institute Hall
Gidding Road, Sawtry.

There is a House Mass on the last Wednesday of each month and a weekly Prayer Group.

For further details of these and for any other enquiries, please contact
Ann Morris, 01487 832143

We are served by the Roman Catholic Parish of St Luke's 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne,
Peterborough, PE2 5XS Parish Priest: Fr John Minh 01733 370877

Email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk
Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH Church Causeway, Sawtry

SERVICES

June	2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	9 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	16 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	23 rd	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	30 th	10.30 am	Songs of Praise
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Church Meeting of All Saints' Sawtry was held on Sunday 14th April, after the morning service. Part of the meeting was to elect churchwardens and PCC members.

Pete Ayres and Mark Fellowes were nominated and have agreed to serve as church wardens. The following were elected to serve on the PCC; Cheryl Elmer, Helen Reece, Elizabeth Pearce, Michael Pearce, Alison Scott, Joyce Day and Gwynneth Fellowes.

SUMMER DANCE/DISCO

The Summer Dance/Disco will be held on 7th June, 7.30pm to 11.00pm at the Sawtry Community College bring your own drinks and nibbles and enjoy an evening of fun and dancing with a quiz during the interval. Tickets are available from Isolde Whitmore 831260 and Sue Simmons 831055.

SUNDAY CLUB AND ADVENTURERS CLUB

The Sunday Club will meet at 10.15am on the 9th and 23rd June and the 14th July at the home of Alison Scott (48 Newton Road). After school Adventurers Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 18th June and Tuesday 16th July 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

SATURDAY OPENING

The Church is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Do come along and see your Church and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat - a warm welcome awaits you.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR

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

ALL SAINTS' IS HERE FOR YOU!

All Saints' Church, in Church Causeway, meets for worship in a much loved building on a site where Christians have worshipped for more than 700 years.

The Church of All Saints' is a symbol of the presence of God in this place. Everyone is welcome to All Saints' because God invites us. And so the church is there for all the residents of the village – for celebrations, such as special services, baptisms and weddings, and for sad times, such as times of bereavement.

Websites: www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk
www.achurchnearyou.co.uk

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry

** Please note that Rev Katy will be on Sabbatical from 1st June to 31st August **
 If you need to contact a minister during that time,
 please call Rev David King on 01480 453857

Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am
 Sunday School at 10.30am

Special Services

All Age Worship
 16th June – 10.30am
 Led by Leonore Charlton

Chapel Anniversary
 14th July – 11am

Come and join us

Monday United Fellowship

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm
 Open to all
 3rd & 17th June, 1st, 15th & 29th July



Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30 – 11 am
 including Cake Stall
 All proceeds towards the building fund
Traidcraft goods also on sale



REMEMBRANCE

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

JUNE

Private Arthur J. CLARKE	7 June 1917	Sawtry
Private Arnold INGLESBY	7 June 1917	Glatton
Private Thomas PARROTT	8 June 1917	Sawtry
Sapper Joseph Edwin GINNS	17 June 1940	Sawtry
Private Frederick ROWELL	19 June 1943	Wood Walton
Corporal Sidney WOOLLARD	7 June 1944	Sawtry

JULY

Lieutenant Millin John SELBY	7 July 1916	Holme
2 nd Lieutenant Arthur William Spring COWIE	8 July 1916	Hamerton
Private Robert George BAKER	22 July 1916	Holme
Private Edward SPRING	10 July 1917	Winwick
Private John F. PADDISON	31 July 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles Stanley NIGHTINGALE	27 July 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.

Come to this year's Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club



Monday 5th to Sunday 11th August

at the Methodist Church, Green End Road.



For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345



East Anglian
Air Ambulance

TIME TO SPARE?

When you think of donating to a charity you probably think of giving money but have you ever thought about giving your time?

The East Anglian Air Ambulance is a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes, we can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions and we rely on volunteers throughout the region to help us continue this vital work.

Volunteer Programme Development Manager, Victoria Pank explains: "Volunteers are a valuable resource for our charity. We receive no Government funding and, quite simply, without the dedication and support of so many fabulous people, we couldn't work in the way that we do."

James Edgehill, a retired carpenter and retained fire fighter from Cromer in Norfolk, has been a volunteer since 2006: "Working as a fire fighter made me realise just how important the air ambulance is, especially when we attended road traffic collisions in which injured people were trapped in their cars. I wanted to help the EAAA when I retired and I've got more and more involved. In a typical week I might be selling merchandise at an event one day; representing the charity at a couple of fundraising functions locally the next and collecting collection boxes the day after. I enjoy the variety of work and being 'the face of the charity' in my area."

So if you have some spare time, either regularly or occasionally, come and join our team and help the East Anglian Air Ambulance continue to save lives in your area. There are many opportunities available, working behind the scenes in one of our offices or as a public speaker or event supporter, the choice is yours! We will make sure that you are offered a position which best suits your skills, interests and availability.

Visit our website at www.eaaa.org.uk/support-us/volunteer to find out more or ring Victoria on 01603 489406 (victoria.pank@eaaa.org.uk).

FLAT RATE STATE PENSION: WINNERS AND LOSERS

The Government recently announced that it would be introducing a new flat rate state pension for those retiring after April 2016. Although the changes will make the state pensions simpler, there will be both winners and losers under the new rules. It's worth remembering, however, that existing pensioners won't be entitled to receive the new flat rate.

The main winners will be those who don't have significant State Second Pension (SSP) entitlements (or are likely not to have them in the future). These will include the Self-Employed, low earners and those with interrupted National Insurance (NI) contribution records – typically the working Mum who has taken time out and/or part-time employment whilst her children are young.

The downside for these winners is that they will need to accumulate 35 qualifying years (which include years spent claiming benefits, including child benefit) to gain entitlement to the full flat rate. Those with less than 35 years will see their pension rate trimmed accordingly, and those with less than 10 qualifying years of NI will not be entitled to a state pension.

The losers will include high earners who will retire after April 2016 and who are currently building up significant SSP entitlements through their NI contributions. Under the current regime, they would receive a proportionately higher SSP element on retirement, but under the new scheme, they would receive the same as everyone else. They will keep the additional entitlement they've accumulated so far, but no further entitlement will be gained after 2016.

Jane Armstrong is a Chartered Financial Planner at Almary Green Investments Ltd. To discuss any of the above or for help with your financial planning, call Jane on 01603 706740 or email jane.armstrong@almargreen.com



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

BONFIRE SAFETY: If you are going to have a bonfire, ensure you take care when doing so:

- Before lighting, check children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Never leave unattended and dampen down with water if you have to leave it
- Do not light in unsuitable weather – especially on windy days and take care that the smoke is not a nuisance to others, or obstructing traffic
- Never burn flammable liquids or burn aerosols, paint, foam furniture or tyres
- Build clear of buildings, including garden sheds and hedges.

A huge thank you to residents who attended **car washes** held at many of our community fire stations in March (2013). Firefighters spent many cold hours soaping up cars and raised more than £1,500 for The Fire Fighters Charity.

The last of the Service's six new **rescue pumps** were rolled out across Cambridgeshire in May, providing more life-saving equipment for fire crews who are first to arrive at the scene of incidents.

The service has also welcomed 13 **new on-call firefighters** into its ranks at various stations across the county during March. If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, get in touch by calling 01480 444500.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

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

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You



Volunteers' Week

1st – 7th June

British Hedgehog Preservation Society

A SMALL NATIONAL CHARITY DEDICATED TO SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG

Garden Dangers to Hedgehogs

- Ponds and Pools - Provide a ramp or half submerged stones and keep water levels topped up
- Always bin rubbish and make sure the lid is firmly on
- Keep shed, garage and greenhouse doors closed and poisons out of reach
- Cover drains and holes and provide a ramp out of cattle grids
- Bonfires - Always check before you light, ideally build on the day or re-site before lighting
- Look before you cut your lawns
- Take care when taking compost from the heap always check first
- Keep netting a foot above the ground, plants will grow up to it



info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Tel: 01584 890801

Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3PL



KIDS is a national charity which has been around for over 40 years.

KIDS Direct Short Breaks Cambridgeshire provides breaks for Disabled children and young people, where they can enjoy and experience new activities they are interested in with the support of a skilled Short Break Worker (Personal Assistant). It means parents or carers can take a break - confident that their child is benefitting from KIDS' passion for inclusion and fun!

Taking the family on a trip out when you have a Disabled child isn't always easy, and even simple daily tasks like the weekly food shopping can become difficult. But that's where KIDS aims to help. The KIDS Direct Short Breaks Service is a flexible service designed to help care for a disabled child or young person aged up to 25 by providing exactly what it says: a short break.

KIDS is always looking for new staff across Cambridgeshire. We offer flexible working hours, pay at £8.39 per hour and 40p per mile for petrol.

Go to www.directshortbreaks.org.uk to find out more and our easy online application.

KIDS Registered Charity Number 275936



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

We would like to thank you and residents throughout Cambridgeshire for recycling 54% of your waste. This puts us well above the national average of 39% and on track to meeting our target of 60% by 2020.

You may have heard recent news of problems at the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant in Waterbeach. This machine was built to separate and process 'black bag' waste in Cambridgeshire. When working, the plant pulls out items which can be processed to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill by half, whilst also capturing greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, part of the turning equipment for this machine suffered serious mechanical failure in September 2012.

Work is underway to manufacture the new parts required to rebuild the machinery and to prepare the plant for installation, which is due to be completed before the end of 2013. In the meantime we'd like to remind you that the breakdown at the MBT only affects how 'black bag' waste is dealt with. Therefore we urge you to continue to recycle as much as possible through your normal household recycling service, which is collected and processed in the usual way. Recycling as much as possible reduces both the amount of waste going to landfill and demand on natural resources.

We would like to reassure you that the PFI contract the County Council has in place with the MBT contractor means the authority, and therefore council tax payers are protected from any additional costs incurred because of the breakdown.

You can find out more about the Journey of Waste at the annual Recycling Open Day on Saturday 13 July from 10am to 4pm at AmeyCespa's Waterbeach site, just off the A10 between Cambridge and Ely. At the event you can take a guided coach tour of the site; join a walking tour of the new Materials Recycling Facility; enjoy plant and vehicle displays; find out how to reuse and recycle more of your waste and take part in activities for all the family. Entry is free.

For more information about the Recycling Open Day phone 01223 861010 or visit www.recap.co.uk



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Hope Farm, Knapwell, Cambridgeshire

Sunday 16th June

Hope Farm was bought by the RSPB in 2000 with a key aim of improving biodiversity whilst maintaining a profitable, arable farm. The walk today will be led by Ian Dillon who is the Farm Manager. Ian will show us examples of the small scale pilot trials set up by the RSPB at Hope Farm in order to halt the decline of farmland birds.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at 10.00am at Hope Farm, grid ref TL334 625. Please note that numbers are limited for this walk and booking is essential via Phil on 01487 822835. Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please contact Phil.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the website for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk or Phil Clark on 01487 822835

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and

GENERAL INFORMATION

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at <http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>.

Spot Scams! Stop Scams!

Scams are schemes to con you out of money. You may get a scam from a phone call, letter, email, text or through a knock at the door that comes out of the blue.

How can I spot a scam?

It's likely to be a scam if:

- the call, letter, email or text has come out of the blue
- you've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about
- you didn't buy a ticket – so you can't win it!
- they are asking you to send money in advance
- they are saying you have to respond quickly, so you don't get time to think about it or ask family and friends before you decide
- they are telling you to keep it a secret
- they seem to be offering you something for nothing.

If it seems too good to be true – it probably is!

How can I protect myself better?

These are some things you can do:

- never give out contact details like your name, phone number or address to strangers or to people who should have this information already
- never give financial information or details of your identity, bank accounts or credit card to strangers or to the businesses that should already hold your details
- shred anything with your personal or bank details on – don't just throw it away
- if in doubt, don't reply - bin it, delete it or hang up
- say 'no thank you' politely and put the phone down if they persist
- take your time – resist pressure to make a decision straight away
- never send money to someone you don't know
- walk away from job adverts that ask for money in advance
- ask friends, neighbours or family if an offer is likely to be a scam.

Fight back – take action to stop scams - Three things you can do to help tackle scams:

Report it - If you have been scammed or think someone has tried to scam you, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us. If you paid by debit or credit card, online banking or check, contact your bank or credit card company first.

Get advice - Phone the Citizens Advice Consumer Service 08454 04 05 06. You can get advice and they can pass details of rogue traders to Trading Standards.

Tell someone - Tip off a friend, neighbour or relative about any scams you become aware of.

For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens Advice Bureau on 0844 245 1292

SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

1st Team, sponsored by The Greystones P. H.

By the time you read this we will know if the 1st team won their last match, against Thorney. If they did they will have finished second in the 1st division and been promoted to the Premier division of the Peterborough and District Football League. Fingers crossed.

Reserve Team, sponsored by The Bell P.H.

The Reserves have completed their season and have finished in 3rd place in division 4 which will hopefully be enough for them to be promoted to division 3 for next season.

Thank you to our sponsors, SRD Engineering, The Greystones and The Bell

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Russ and Dave from SRD Engineering, Dave Noble and team at The Greystones and Vince Gosling and his team at The Bell for all their support of the club throughout the season.

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Cont'd... **Thank you Jenny Pawsey**

We would like to thank our club treasurer of 10 years, Jenny Pawsey, for all the hard work she has put into looking after the club finances. It hasn't been an easy 10 years, but without people like Jenny who give their time to help the football club there wouldn't be a football club. So thank you Jenny for all you have done on behalf of all the players, team management and the club committee. Enjoy your retirement!

Treasurer required

After the sad news of Jenny standing down, we now have a vacancy and requirement for a new club treasurer. If you would like to be involved with, play a part in and give a couple of hours a week to support a village organisation then we would be happy to hear from you. If you think the position would be of interest, then please contact Richard Patchett, Chairman, on 07939 258032.

Linesman required

We are looking for somebody who could be interested in becoming the first team's official linesman for the coming season. We are looking for someone who would be willing to give their time on a Saturday afternoon for both home and away games and to become a part of the first team set up.

Pre-season training

Our pre-season training starts on Tuesday 25th June at 18:30, at Greenfield. We would welcome anybody who is interested in playing Saturday afternoon football, especially any of the lads from the Colts Under 16's and above. Come down and give it a try, you have nothing to lose.

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



SAWTRY COLTS

By the time you read this the longest football season in living memory will finally have come to an end. Read on to see which teams "at the end of the day" will be as "sick as a parrot" and which will be "over the moon".

The season has definitely been "a game of two halves" with some teams only having a few matches played up to mid-January due to the weather and then a mad rush in the last two months with most teams having to play midweek matches as well.

The Under 9s ended 3rd in their league, finishing with 5 wins and 5 defeats whilst the Under 10s ended the season 2nd bottom of their league, gaining their first win late in the season, as well as being far more competitive in their last two matches. The U11s backlog of fixtures caught up with them as 6 matches in 21 days ended with 5 defeats amongst that lot as they finished just below mid-table.

The U12 Blues competed well all season and ended mid-table whereas the U12 Yellows finished "propping up the league". The U12 Girls placed 3rd in their league after a good start to the season had promised better. The U13s unfortunately also ended bottom of their league but did manage to get that first, much deserved, win in their penultimate match. The U14s won 4 out of their last 6 matches and finished 4th in their division losing only 4 league matches out of 18; they also lost in the cup final going down valiantly to a Bourne side after a poor start "early doors". The U15 Blues failed to win any of their last 4 matches and ended up "slipping down the table" to 5th place.

Congratulations are due to the table-topping U15 Yellows who, needing a win in their last match to secure the title, duly did so with a resounding 7-0 victory, and finished with 13 wins out of 16 games, well played boys. Their proud team manager was quoted (or was that misquoted!) as saying "It hasn't sunk in yet but, to be fair, at the end of the day the boys did well. We played some great football week in week, out and defended like beavers when under the cosh. To be honest, we didn't have many bad days at the office, our midfielders showed what great engines they have and we pinged it about well allowing the big lad up front to bag himself a hatful, obviously, you know".

The U15 Girls have always given "110%" and have continually improved as the season has gone on and, with a few matches left to play, look set for a respectable finish, for a much changed team, of 9th in their league of 12.

The U16s ended their season on a high with 4 wins, including a 4-2 victory against the league winners and finished runners-up in their division; the U16 Girls, after a mid-season break, are playing catch-up but look set for a respectable mid-table finish. The U18s lost only 1 of their last 4 matches and finished mid-table.

Football doesn't finish with the league season as a "world-class" field will assemble on 8/9 June over at Greenfield as the George Ruff Sawtry Fives and The Roy Green Sawtry Sixes returns after a 2 year break – get over there if you want to see some good football, let's hope the weather is kind for that weekend.

A big thanks to all the Colts teams' sponsors, many of whom are local Sawtry businesses, your support is much appreciated.

As ever teams are always on the lookout for new players so if anyone is interested in getting involved in Colts football have a look at the website @ www.sawtrycolts.co.uk where all the manager's contact details can be found.

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

The weather for opening day on Saturday 20th April was unbelievably beautiful, so it was good to see so many members attending. The Kelvin Cooper trophy was won by Mr Ken Bowers. We are delighted to welcome all our new members and we hope they are enjoying their new sport, I'm sure all the Club will help them to settle in with help on and off the green.

County, League and over 60's matches have all commenced so let's hope we have a good season. Mr Deller's church service and afternoon tea was an opportunity to meet up with friends from around the County so was very enjoyable. Mrs Deller, Mrs Minnett and Mrs Greening represented Sawtry at E.B.F's President's day at Hemingford. Mr Deller had his County President's day on Sunday 12th May at Sawtry, it was a chilly but dry afternoon and the game of mixed rinks was won by Mr Rayson.

Your Club President would like to thank you all for the kind gifts, cards, flowers and food parcels sent during my recent incapacity, I'm sure they have speeded my recovery and I will be back on the green shortly.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 14 th June	Family Beetle Drive	6.30pm.
Sunday 30 th June	President's Day	2.00pm
Sunday 21 st July	Family Fun Day	2.00pm



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Sawtry MotorCycle Club

As I write this the sun is shining but who knows for how long. We have managed to get a few club members away to "Sunny Hunny" for a Sunday ride out but managed to swap the sun for wind and rain. Eight of us huddled together for protection against the cutting wind on the seafront eating ice creams must have looked odd. Never mind, it was a day out and we were rewarded with the club funding a very tasty fish and chip lunch. For some strange reason Mr Ives (who actually managed to do the club ride out the same weekend as everyone else this year) wanted chicken pie and chips.... and they'd run out of chicken pies. We all felt so sorry for him and didn't laugh too loudly at all, honest. The return journey in the rain was a bit on the slow side so I felt compelled to leave the group and return on my own at a slightly quicker pace. I did have a valid reason for this as I had only bought a six month road tax licence and was worried it might run out before we all got home.

We have plans for a Saturday night camp over at The Anchor at Friskney. I know it's 57 miles past the Bell and not everyone has sat-nav but they have excellent bands every Saturday with free tea and coffee plus free camping every weekend. With a £4 big breakfast it's a real no brainer really. In fact anyone that wants to make use of the place feel free. I'll report back on the event in the next issue.

This year is the first year in a long time where we have no solid plans for a summer long weekend get-away. A sign of the times I fear although there are a few people saving away for the Isle of Man TT next year. Always an expensive few days but days that will stay with you forever. If you've ever been a biker, or want to be, then it's the one place you should always do at least once. From the moment you get on the ferry it's live, breath, ride bikes. And did I mention they serve a good drop of ale on the island as well? So if you've ever wanted to go then get on down to the Stones on any Tuesday and talk to us.

We'll be there at the Sawtry Carnival as well so have a chat to us then. Always welcoming new members. We're always there with advice about bikes if you're thinking of buying one. Nothing worse than buying a bike, getting it home and finding it's not quite what you thought you'd bought. Isn't that right "Swinton John"?

That's about all for now apart from wishing the best to our two club racers Christian Holt and Chris Clarke (www.chrisclarkeracing.co.uk) and hope they do well and stay upright for the rest of the season. Of course if any of you very rich local business owners fancy sponsoring a bit of racing (Chris Clarke, last year's DucatiDue Class B Champion) then you know where to come and have a chat on a Tuesday night. Might even buy you a pint.

That's it for now..... see you at the Carnival..... **Simon**