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LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET & COFFEE SHOP

Thursday 2nd April

8 am - 2 pm

Old School Hall, Green End Rd,
SAWTRY

For more information please call Diane or Sally
in the Parish Office on 01487 831771

Jumble Sale

In aid of *Help for Heroes*

Saturday 30th May

2 - 4 pm

At Sawtry Junior School
Middlefield Road, Sawtry

Admission 20p

For more information ring
01487 834096 or 07914815809



FAMILY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Friday 3rd April

7.30pm at the Working Men's Club

The cost is £10 per team (maximum 4 people) including refreshments

Pre-register with the Club Secretary on Tel. 01487 834699.

You can read the Sawtry Eye on the internet at www.caresco.org.uk



CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 9th May '09

9am - 12 Noon

By the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry



£5 per car (£8 on the day)

To book call 01487 832105



Refreshments will be served in the CARESCO Centre



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Every Friday

9 - 11.30am (Term Time)

9.45am - 11.30am (During school holidays)

at the CARESCO Centre

A warm welcome for coffee and a chat.

It's the place to be
Everyone Welcome

A DAY'S WORK

To catch a bus at half-past eight
'Tis fuss and rush right to the gate
I'm off to char each day 'til three
For thirty bob, Oh! Glory be!

"Good morning ma'am", there's not a sound
She's still in bed then, I'll be bound
Her doggy flies up to the door
And slips and slides around the floor.

Quick glances towards the kitchen sink
Well! Last night's dishes there I think
Whilst from her bed with sighs and moans
Lies sinus-troubled Mrs Jones.

There's furniture to wax and shine
All antique ornaments so fine
Are carefully placed back as before
I hope she doesn't buy some more.

Grant her wishes, clear the dishes
Stack the glasses, shine those brasses
All the silver, mounds of copper
My! That samovar's a whopper.

The window-sills are scratched and chipped
Fag-ends in ash trays to be tipped,
A siren wails the noon lunch sign
Her doggy knows my lunch is fine.

Victoriana by the dollar,
Lustre, clocks to make one holler,
Crystal decanters wink their glitter
I've always been a nervous critter.

Life varied is the spice we're told
May some things change before I'm old
Made I the hay and you the money?
Why! I guess so, honey, honey.

***Written by a Sawtry resident
who wishes to remain anonymous***



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Monday - Friday

01487 832105

DANCE YOUR WAY FIT

*Keeping fit, they tell us,
It's what we ought to do.
Running round country roads,
May not be for you.
There's other ways to exercise
More gentle and more fun,
And really quite relaxing
Though not out in the sun.
If you take up sequence dancing,
You don't have to be an expert,
Beginners can learn it too.
No matter what your age or sex,
We have dances to suit you.*

**We have a class ongoing,
In the Old School Hall,
Each Wednesday at a quarter past two.**

**So why not come and join us,
Bring a partner or come alone,
We're such a friendly crowd here
You won't be on your own.**

**So, why not come and risk it
For a social afternoon
Only £2 is the cost**

For this you get tea, biscuits and a free raffle.

Nancy Lorraine

**For more information call
John on 01487 830717
or Margaret on 01487 832925**



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Twinned with
Weimar

Welcome

We've lots of details of Spring and Easter activities for you this time. There's even information about the Sawtry Carnival in June to get you in the mood for Summer. If you fancy a day abroad, we've got an advert for the traditional Stilton Cheese Rolling event on May Day, always a good day out.

There are several requests for volunteers so if you have some time on your hands, why not get in touch with one of the organisations appealing for help and lend a hand. Doing something useful can give the volunteers big boost as well as the people they're helping. There's no excuse to be bored.

It's hard to believe looking at all the daffodils and forsythia that are out as I write, but the last Sawtry Eye was mainly delivered in snow! Our apologies to everyone who received their Eye rather later than usual, what with the weather and car problems, it proved to be a logistical nightmare to get the copies out. Many thanks as always to our dedicated team of deliverers who were out in horrible conditions to bring your copy to you.

Liz Coates

Liz Coates - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Spring Term 2009

End of Term – 3 April

Summer Term 2009

Start of Term - 20 April

May Day 4 May

Half Term - 25 May to 29 May

End of Term - 20 July

Autumn Term 2009

Start of Term - 3 September

Half Term - 26-30 October

End of Term - 19 December

Spring Term 2010

Start of Term – 5 January

Half Term - 15 to 19 February

End of Term – 1 April

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, Conington, Glatton & Upton 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)

6 & 20 April 2009

4 & 18 May 2009

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

13 & 27 May 2009

11 & 25 May 2009

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)

2nd April

History of RAF Wyton - Sqn Ldr Dalley (Rtd)

7 May

Resolutions Evening

4 June

My Daughter's Work for Christian Aid in Sierra Leone
Joy Walker

Visitors & New Members Welcome

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

Secretary 01487 832925

Registered Charity No. 229016

Sawtry WI

In Aid of the WI Hall

Bingo

3rd & 17th April

1st, 15th & 29th May

12th & 26th June

Eyes down 7.30

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16th April

2.30 – 4pm

£2.50

Raffle, Bring & Buy, Books

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 14th May & 25th June

10.30am – 12 noon

£1.00

Raffle & Bring & Buy, Cakes & Books

Contact for events 01487 831793

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.

24th April 2009

James Webb Space Telescope
John Thatcher

29th May 2009

TBA - Jerry Workman

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

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| 3 April | Sawtry Bowling Club | Easter Bingo | 01487 830720 | 29 |
| 7 April | Sawtry Preschool Playgroup | Easter Fun | 01487 832433 | 7 |
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| 12 September | Sawtry Show Committee | Sawtry Show | 01487 831332 | 11 |
| 26 September | All Saints, Sawtry | Art Exhibition | 01487 830089 | - |
| 3 October | CARESCO | Car Boot | 01487 832105 | - |
| 3 October | All Saints, Sawtry | Harvest Supper | 01487 830089 | - |

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to caresco@sawtry.net 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.

CARESCO is not responsible for the accuracy of the above information. Please check with the individual group concerned.

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

Alternate Fridays from 8am to 2pm

in Huntingdon Market Square

3rd & 17th April

1st, 15th & 29th May

Special Attractions

Easter Eggstravaganza - Friday 17th April

A free Easter Trail organised by the District Council's Environment Team.

Plant a Pumpkin - Friday 29th May

Plant some pumpkin seeds for your garden with the District Council's Countryside Services Team and enter the vegetable quiz!

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

For more information call 01480 388640

or email HuntsFarmersMkt@aol.com

PETERBOROUGH

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 9am to 4pm

in Long Causeway

April: 9, 23,

May: 14, 28

Organised by Peterborough City Council.

For more information call 01733 452217

or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk

RAMSEY

Every 4th Saturday from 8.30am—2pm

Great Whyte

For further information please contact

The Ramsey Town Centre Partnership:

Tel: 01487 813612 email: rampart@btinternet.com

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.

Sweet Sixteen Sam Redhead

A very happy

16th birthday

On 2nd April

*From Mum, Dad and
brother Jordan*

Traidcraft

Trading as if people matter.

Saturdays

9.30 - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church
Green End Road, Sawtry

Traidcraft plc is a Fairtrade company who sell crafts, foods and papers from the Developing World. Come and support Fairtrade.

No obligation,
drop in any time and see.

Contact - Liz Coates
01487 830345

Prize Bingo

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

24 April 09

22 May 09

Starts 7.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Contact Kath Allport on
01487 831123

Come Dancing

Sawtry Tea Dance Club would like to welcome you to our weekly meetings on

Wednesdays at 2.15 – 4.30pm

In the Old School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry

For a social afternoon with tea & biscuits, weekly cost £2.

Come alone or with a partner; we do a mix of sequence and ballroom dancing.

Come and meet us and be assured of a very warm welcome.

Contact Mr John Gunnell 01487 830717 or Mrs Margaret Geary 01487 832925



E A S T E R F U N

TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2009

2pm until 3pm

GREYSTONES FAMILY ROOM

Activities include colouring competitions for all ages,

Easter bonnet parade, cake stall, egg hunt

Come along and join us for an afternoon of fun!

G E N E R A L K N O W L E D G E

TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2009

7:30 P.M.

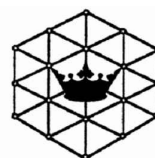
GREYSTONES FAMILY ROOM

Teams of 4, max 6 - £1.00 per person
ALL welcome

Come along and test your general knowledge, prize for the winning team!

Tel: 01487 832433

Registered Charity No: 111029997



Sawtry Infant School Dates for the Diary

Bingo Night

Thursday 30th April 7.00 p.m.

At Sawtry Infant School Hall

All welcome

Quiz Night

Thursday 21st May 2009

Greystones 8.00 p.m.

Teams of 4 - 6 players £1.00 per person

Raffle

Just turn up on the night!

We look forward to seeing you at our Fund Raising Events during 2009 and take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their continued support. All proceeds from the above events will go towards developing our grounds for the children to enjoy and to enhance their learning.

Tel: 01487 830678

playStop Playgroup



**Every Wednesday 9am – 11am
(school terms only)**

At the Community Youth Centre, Green End Road,
Sawtry

We are a community run toddler group that offers a safe play environment and a chance for a cuppa and chat so why not drop in.

1st April – Easter craft, Easter baskets & egg hunt

22nd April – St George's Day

29 April – May Day

2 May – Green fingers, Planting veg and flowers

13th May – Collage day, making a group picture

20th May – Baker's day, making cakes

TINY TOTS

Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00 am

Methodist Church
Green End Road, Sawtry

Toys for all ages up to 4 years
Activities/Crafts/Songs

£1 per family

Includes refreshments, First visit **FREE**

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

For more information call
Hannah - 01487 831120
Sara - 01733 248 222

Lunch



Who wouldn't like to go out for lunch once or twice a week? If only it wasn't so **expensive**. Are you aware there is a **Luncheon Club** in Sawtry Village, where you can enjoy a freshly cooked two course meal which includes tea/coffee for the price of **£3.05** all prepared in a **4 star** food hygiene rated kitchen.

As the lunch club is in Sawtry Village, it's **not far** to drive or walk to.

The club meets on Mondays/Tuesdays at 10:30am-1:30pm. You would be welcome on either or both days. For more information contact **Lyn Wallis** at **CARESCO** on **01487 832105** or come along on either day for a cup of tea/coffee and have a chat.



Welcome to the

Sawtry Camera Club

We are a like minded group of photographers who like to try and improve our hobby. We use film, digital and video formats.

All are welcome, young, old, male or female, novice or expert

(We hope to learn from the experts)

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month

At the Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road
Between 7.00pm and 9.30pm

A free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit will welcome you.

For more information phone
01487 830186, 830550 or 832251



Exciting Children & Family portraits by Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be holding a Children and Family Portrait session

At Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup,
Fen Lane, Sawtry

on Friday 15th May 2009
3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m

THESE SITTINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please telephone 01487 832433 or visit playgroup to make a booking.

A choice of different packs of photographs will be available. Prices from £15.

Registered Charity No: 1029997



COME & JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA

On Tuesday 28th April

3 – 4.30pm

the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Adults | £2.50 |
| Accompanied Children | Free |



Raffle



All proceeds to CARESCO

Letters ...

DOG MESS

I have recently acquired a small dog and am enjoying taking her for walks around the village. However, I am **HORRIFIED** to see the amount of dog fouling on the footpaths in the village. Apart from the extreme unpleasantness if stepped in or

fallen on, it is a health hazard to young children in particular.

FREE 'Clean It Up' bags are available from the Parish Council Office for responsible dog owners so there is no excuse for our village paths to be in the mess they are!

A Sawtry Resident
Name and address supplied

Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX



Or email caresco@sawtry.net with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

CHILDREN IN NEED SPONSORED TODDLER WALK

On Friday 28th November we held a Sponsored Toddler Walk. I would like to thank everyone involved for their help and support in making this event a great success.

Most importantly I would like to thank the six children that did the walk:- **Madison, Molly, Olivia, Isabel, Kydon and Kayla** who not only did the planned once round the Old School Hall, but several times.

We would also like to thank The Old School Hall for the use of the hall. Without all of the above we would not have been able to raise **£170.50 for Children in Need.**

Thank you all for your support.

Samantha Holton
Rockingham Road, Sawtry

Remembering a Very Dear Dad and Grandad

STANLEY REGINALD REDHEAD

12/10/32 – 06/02/08

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You haven't been forgotten
You know you never will*

*Your star still shines so brightly
Each and every night
We look up to see it
And hear you say "Goodnight"*

Deeply Missed
Mark, Mandy, Sam + Jordan xxx

THANK YOU

CARESCO would like to thank the following organisations for their recent generous donations

All Saints Church - £1,260.00

Sawtry Winemakers - £250.00

Sawtry Tea Dance - £57.50

As a charity we are dependant on donations and fundraising to continue to provide our services to the community.

Thank you to everyone involved.

ALL SAINTS SAWTRY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all those who supported the recent events. *The Frugal Lunch* (Wed 18th February) organised jointly by the Methodist and All Saints Churches raised a total of **£232** for *Christian Aid*. *The indoor Car Boot Sale* on the 7th March was a successful event which raised **£307**.

See page 19 for more Fundraising events coming up in the next couple of months.

NEED A BATH LIFT?

CARESCO has been donated an unwanted second-hand Minivator 303 Bath Lift in good working order, could you use it?

Details are:

- Self operation, can be used with or without extra help
- Battery Unit hand control with low battery warning
- Easy to put in and out of bath if other people use bathroom
- Back rest, folding side panels, removable washable covers
- Convenient surface for transfer to seat area
- Holds up to 21stone person
- Loads of safety features
- Very easy to assemble
- All paper work available

Originally worth around £500, now available for a donation to CARESCO. For more information, please contact CARESCO on 01487 832105 as soon as possible.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS...

There has been an increase in Criminal Damage to wooden fences some of the areas highlighted are Scotney Way, Whitehouse Road, Devonshire Close and Monks Way, damage is being caused by person(s) ripping/ snapping off the fences. We urge you to report anything suspicious to the Police with any descriptions if you can. You can contact the Police on Non Emergency 0845 456 456 4 or in case of an Emergency 999.

Have you subscribed to **e-cops**?

Would you like to receive regular crime and community information that is local to you? If so, e-cops is an e-mail scheme from Cambridgeshire Constabulary for your neighbourhood. For more information about e-cops and how to subscribe log on to www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops

Regards

Emily Conroy, PCSO 7174

Mobile – 07801741783 Mobex – 7110979

Email - emily.conroy@cambs.pnn.police.uk

SAWTRY BEWARE?

Just imagine – 200 plus more cars on Sawtry's roads; up to 1000 more people at the Co-Op and the Surgery, and perhaps 500 more children crammed into Sawtry schools!

Could this happen if Fox Land's appeal to the Secretary of State – to overturn recent decisions, by Parish and District Councils, to twice refuse applications for 230 new houses to be built off Gidding Road – is successful?

This appeal is to be heard at a four day Public Local Enquiry, starting at 10am on the 9th June. However, due to the lack of a suitable

hall it will, apparently, be held not in Sawtry but at the Buckden Millennium Hall.

Twenty-two years ago, in 1987, an almost identical application on the same site, but for 300 houses, was turned down after strenuous public resistance. Will the same happen this time?

A much smaller development – perhaps 15 houses - on the old "brown field" site which forms part of this current application could perhaps be welcomed but surely Sawtry as we know it would not survive the alternative massive growth of around 12%? What do you think?

Allan Bamford,
The Maltings, Sawtry

UPTON GARDENING CLUB

Since the last report we have sadly lost our Chairman, Mervyn Donne, who suddenly passed away in JANUARY. Mervyn will be much missed by the club; he put so much of his energy into it, as he did to the Upton Branch of the WEA - a sad loss!

The talk at our March meeting was given by Peter Walker, who is Warden of Gamlingay Wood Nature Reserve. Not quite gardening but an interesting insight into the history and subsequent development of the flora and fauna of the reserve. Peter was not quite a new speaker to the club as I understand that he did visit us in the early days, but that was long enough ago for him to be considered as new.

Our speaker in April is Alison Davies, returning to talk about 'Gardening for the Senses' - this is the last indoor meeting of the year as May and June are our time for visiting gardens.

Our day trip this year is planned to 'Belton House & Gardens' on Saturday 20th June - if you would like to join us on this trip, you will be very welcome.

We meet at Upton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm.

Contact Ian Plum, Tel 01832 293599.

TREE WARDEN REPORT

March is seeing a flurry of activity to catch up with work which would have been better done earlier were it not for the snow etc.

The Angling Society planted more hedgerows at the Fishing Lake, which along with the willows planted last year will really improve the area for anglers and wildlife. Work has yet to be completed on the small derelict hedgerow on Fen Lane opposite Chapel End, where removal of the old fence started in January and then hit problems with rain or snow. It will be replanted and re-fenced, retaining the access.

Seven local varieties of apple trees have been planted at the schools. We aim to plant more in future, perhaps plums and pears too.

Willow from Hinchingsbrooke Country Park and Holt Island arrived at the eleventh hour to enable a team from the Infant School: parents, staff and children, to begin the willow fence.

We owe many thanks to HDC for providing all these trees.

Aversley and Archers Woods are great in spring, alive with singing birds and fresh growth. Go explore!

Janet Spencer
01487 830527



Come and have some fun at the
SAWTRY VILLAGE CARNIVAL
 Saturday 6th June 2009 - 12 noon – 3pm

Carnival Grounds : behind Old School Hall & Tarmac Area beside College
(in association with Sawtry Feast Week 31st May – 6th June 2009)

We have had a fantastic response from over 35 local clubs and organisations within the village who have agreed to take part. The 2009 Carnival Committee wishes you every success in raising money for your various organisations on the day. A big thank you to Sawtry Community College, Sawtry Parish Council & Sawtry Leisure Centre who are allowing us to use their premises, enabling the carnival to grow this year.

Join us for an afternoon of fun !

..... coming to Sawtry on carnival day will be:

The Raptor Centre's Birds of Prey, RAF Harrier Cockpit*, A Climbing Wall (for adults & children), Highland Pipe Band, Harmony Majorettes, Children's Entertainer, Sawtry Fire Engine*, Inflatable Fun, Rides, Bar, BBQ, Hog Roast, Cream Teas, Ice-cream, Candy floss, Stalls Galore, Exhibits, The Grand Draw Raffle, & some surprise appearances! (*subject to emergency callout!)

The Carnival Parade headed by the Highland Pipe band and Harmony Majorettes leaves the community college at **12 noon** and parades down Fen Lane, then Green End Road, where it will enter the carnival grounds behind the Old School Hall. Come and cheer on the groups paradingOr dress up and join us (theme is movies and TV) ... ring for details.

For your entertainment, there will be....

Starting at 12.15 in the carnival grounds, an afternoon of Live Local Bands on the music stage and Local Groups & Children performing in the Carnival Arena (eg. Vocal and Various Dance groups). The festivities will continue at the Sawtry Working Men's Club after the carnival has come to a close with an open afternoon and evening, (details to be confirmed)

All welcome.... come and support your community event!

The Sawtry Carnival is organised by a group of volunteers, supported by the Parish Council. Further info from Gill 832410 / gill.tanner@hotmail.co.uk / or Dawn 832501

THE SAWTRY SHOW

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER – SAWTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Have you sown your tomato and carrot seeds? Made marmalade? Bottle of sloe gin steeping at the back of a kitchen cupboard? Dug out that pot you once made at a pottery class, or favourite photos from holiday? Then check out the Show schedule, which is available now from the Parish Office, the library and Sawtry Dental Surgery amongst other places.

There really is something for everyone, from toddlers to grandmas.

Cookery classes include carrot cake, orange curd and decorated fairy cakes for juniors. Craft classes encompass carving, crochet, lace, salt dough and mosaic. There's even a class for anything 'not included above', so what crafts do you do?

So whether you are a photographer (and we have a cup this year!), an artist, a cook, a potter or a gardener, young or old, why not give it a go this year?

For the first time the show will be at the College, so there is plenty of room. Put the date in your diary – 12th September- and grab a schedule. We look forward to seeing you.

Sorry but only Sawtry residents can enter the Show, however people living outside the village are more than welcome to come along on the day to view.

Sawtry Show Committee

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Patient Survey : We would like to extend our thanks to all patients who took the time to participate in our annual Patient Survey which took place in late 2008.

In response to comments you made during this year's survey, we will be taking the following action:

- Having introduced a Monday evening surgery in September 2008 we will continue to keep our opening times under review on a quarterly basis.
- We have recently increased the availability of pre-bookable appointments and we will keep this under regular review to ensure that we can continue to meet demand for on the day appointments and still offer the flexibility of pre-booking a GP appointment to those who may find this more convenient.
- We will continue to regularly advertise the availability of pre-booked appointments to ensure that all our patients are aware of the provision of this service.
- Staff have recently received Customer Care Training and this will take place annually from now on so that we can further enhance the levels of service we provide to you.
- In response to those patients who suggested that it would be beneficial to leave their consultation with written details regarding their medical condition, our GPs will endeavour to provide a patient information leaflet where appropriate to do so.
- We will reinforce, and promote, the option of speaking to a member of our reception team confidentially should a patient wish to do so.

Should you have any further comments regarding the practice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Practice Afternoon Closures: As previously detailed, so that we can continue to fulfil the training requirements of our team and allow our doctors to attend meetings regarding the commissioning, development and improvement of local patient services, the practice will be offered the opportunity to close on up to 10 afternoon sessions throughout the year. During these afternoons, emergency cover will be provided by Huntsdoc, our local out of hours provider which already provides cover overnight and at weekends. Posters will be displayed in the surgery in advance of each date to advertise these afternoon closures. Further dates have now been confirmed, and the current list of dates, which you may wish to note, is as follows:

Thursday 30th April; Tuesday 19th May; Tuesday 9th June; Tuesday 14th July; Wednesday 14th October

Dates for the months of September and November are still to be confirmed.

With Best Regards,

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - Tel: 01487 830340

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sawtry Day Centre are looking for help

Do you have some spare time during the day on Wednesdays and Thursdays? Do you enjoy the company of older people?

Sawtry Day Centre need some extra help with caring for their mainly elderly members. Experience would be useful but not essential.

Many of our members need help with their mobility, occasionally with toileting, many love a good chat and to meet a new face. There is always something that needs doing.

The club meet from around 10am until 2.30pm. If you are available on either or both days, why not pop into the CARESCO Centre and introduce yourself. Any time you can offer would be gratefully received from a couple of hours to the whole day. We are also looking for people who would be willing to help with wheelchair pushing for outings.

The Day Centre offers a day away from home for the housebound and a 'breather' for those who care for them. There is the opportunity to meet new people, exercise, do craft work, play games or just relax and chat with friends. There are also occasional group outings organised.

New volunteers will be expected to undergo a CRB check.

For more information please call the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or pop in to the CARESCO Centre during office hours (9 – 12 noon).

SPRING NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

News from the 'book world' that will mean something to quite a lot of people, young and older, is that the innovative book, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', by Eric Carle, is 40 years old this April!

If that doesn't mean very much to you, there are 2 displays in the library centred on this; one is produced by the College students and is a personal 'take' on the story! The other is in the children's area - you'll see 'advertised' here too, that we have found a jumbo floor puzzle of the said caterpillar, which any child can ask to try their hand at.

In the Easter holidays, we'll have some caterpillar-related crafts to do – they'll be available all through the holidays, so we hope many youngsters visiting the library will try these too.

Some advance notice of things happening around Feast Week which falls 31st May to 6th June. There will be a Quiz available through the library which will test your knowledge of the history of Sawtry. All the answers will be found at a special display being mounted by our own Sawtry History Society in the Old School Hall on Sunday 31st May - there is to be a prize worth winning, and it is a quiz for all ages, so watch out for the Quiz Sheets in the library.

The library will also have a stand at the Sawtry Carnival on 6th June, with some good prizes to be won.

We have been joining quite a few new members lately, which is good news. The more people use the library, the better it will be, so do come along and join – we look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Simmons (Library Supervisor) and Staff, Manju, Liza, Debbie & Janet

Library Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 4.00 - 7.00pm

Wednesday & Friday 2.00 - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00 - 12 noon

Storytime for under 5s; first Wednesday of every month 2.15-3.00pm

Free IT help with Alan, our Volunteer: most Thursday evenings, 4.00-7.00pm

Call Centre Tel :0345 045 5225 - call any time 8.00am-8.00pm Mon to Sat for renewals and enquiries. (Please note: change of number from 0845... to 0345..)

The library offers free use of computers, including e-mail, for 1 hour each day.

Photocopying; Fax sending/receiving

Library Website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

FAIR SAWTRY

Confirmation came through just in time for this year's Fairtrade Fortnight (23rd Feb – 8th March 09) celebrations that Sawtry has been granted Fairtrade Village Status. After nearly two year's hard work, the steering group heard from the Fairtrade Foundation that their application had been successful.

The five goals that had to be met by the village in order to get the status are: getting the backing of the local council, Fairtrade products available for sale in local shops, Fairtrade products used by local organisations and businesses, plenty of media coverage and finally an ongoing steering group. The Fairtrade Foundation judged that Sawtry had managed to fulfil all five goals stating that: *"It has been an absolute pleasure to learn of all that's been going on in Sawtry. The panel were very impressed by the huge amount of work and dedication put in by steering group members, the amount of support amongst schools and churches and the wonderful history of events and coverage in the village. Please do pass on our thanks to everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment."*

So we pass on their thanks and add our own. Without the support of so many people and organisations in the village Sawtry would not be a Fairtrade Village. However, we have to reapply this time next year to renew our status, by which time we will have had to achieve even more so we need more community groups and local businesses to use Fairtrade products, more shops to stock Fairtrade, and more of you to buy Fairtrade products.

Together we can make a real difference to people's lives. Fairtrade isn't charity, it is as it says, trading fairly, paying a fair price for a quality product.

If you would like to get involved please contact Sally Dalley in the Parish Office for more information. To learn more about Fairtrade visit www.fairtrade.org.uk

1st Sawtry Scout Group Annual Jumble Sale

Over the past few years it has become increasingly difficult to run this event. With the increase in Health and Safety rules, duty of care to our young members, child protection issues and with the village growing 30% over the last 10 years, it means the Scout Group doesn't have the resources to collect or sell on the day.

The Scout Group has taken the decision, and it wasn't an easy one, to cancel this year's jumble sale and the ones for the foreseeable future unless the Group's situation changes.

Jumble sales have been run by the Scout Group since 1971; the Scout Group would like to thank all the many people who have helped collect, sort and sell, many of whom have never had children in the scouts. A big thanks to the village for donating and supporting this event over the years.

Neil Fountain - Group Scout Leader

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can you spare 1-2 hours per month? Do you enjoy meeting and helping people within the community? If so, Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind would be very keen to hear from you.

The Society has more than 550 members who are either blind or partially sighted. Many of our members need help with transportation to their monthly club meeting within your area or would appreciate having a volunteer visitor to provide companionship or assistance with reading correspondence. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or visitor please contact Erika Brown on 01480 453438.

All volunteers are subject to a CRB check. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW TO YOU AT NEARLY NEW

Open Fridays 9 – 11.30am (term-time only), At the CARESCO Centre

Just a quick word to say thank you to Jo for all her help at Nearly New. I'm sure customers have noticed that I now have a new assistant, Nicole, who has stepped into Jo's shoes since Jo has got herself a better job offer!

We have a lot of items to return to customers. If you think you have anything to collect please come and see us. Just to remind you we can only keep unsold items for 3 months after which they are donated to another charity.

After Easter we will be looking for summer items. Remember no more than 6 items per visit please. We also need clean toys in good working order. 60% of the sale price goes back to you, 40% to CARESCO. You can alternatively donate items so that all proceeds go to CARESCO.

Sarah Newson

For more information please call the CARESCO office

SAWTRY WINEMAKER'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to Ivan Ivanovic from the Anglia Regional Co-operative Society for coming along to the last meeting and for giving a talk on Fairtrade and a short history of the Co-operative Society. Mr Ivanovic brought with him some wonderful Fairtrade Wines for us to sample and these proved very popular with all our members.

Sawtry Winemaker's Society voted unanimously at a previous meeting to support two groups in the village from our current funds, and were delighted to be able to present **CARESCO** and the **Sawtry Feast Supper Committee** with a cheque each for £250.00. Representatives from **CARESCO** and **Sawtry Feast Supper Committee** were able to give us an insight into the splendid work that they carry out for the village and surrounding area and we were very glad that we were able to support them so that the good work may continue.

Next meeting: Wednesday 15th April 2009 - Social Evening and Meal at the Old School Hall.
For more information please telephone 01487 830 020

Going Green

There's something very satisfying about a line full of washing blowing about in the wind. I'm always amazed at just how many days through the year are dry enough for washing to come in off the line drier than when it went out. As long as it isn't raining in the morning, my washing is out there dancing around and the best of it is it's free.

As a family, we made a positive decision years ago not to have a tumble drier, even through three children using 'real' nappies. The machines are expensive to buy, cost a fortune to run and really don't do the clothes any good either. What's more, I love that early morning walk out into the garden to put the washing out & say hello to the birds who are going mad at this time of year. It really doesn't take that long once you're in the routine & freshly dried clothes smell lovely. If it does rain, so what? The clothes get an extra rinse and they always dry eventually.

One of the more depressing aspects of winter is the constant wet washing about the house when it doesn't dry properly & very occasionally needs re-washing because it has gone smelly. This is the only time when I could use a tumble drier, but I'd rather think of all the money we're saving & CO₂ we're not producing and wait for spring to return.

If you just can't live without a tumble drier, please make sure you buy a model recommended by the Energy Saving Trust (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) to ensure you have an energy efficient model & use it as little as possible.

For the past few months I've also been following the new advice to do most of my washing at 30°C and I really haven't noticed any difference to how clean the clothes are. Apart from saving money, it helps keep colours from fading and clothes from wearing out quite so quickly. Go on, give it a go & save more money too. Now try it with an eco washing powder, your clothes will really appreciate it.

Eco Apprentice



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By taking part in the
30th LION'S SAFARI WALK
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10% of all money you raise will go to the Lions chosen charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and
90% will go to CARESCO.

on SUNDAY 17th MAY 2009 - Starting at 10am

You will have fun participating & enjoy a pleasant morning out. You could win a trophy for the highest sponsorship and also be helping your local community

The walk is organised by **HUNTINGDON GRAFHAM WATER LIONS CLUB**
With kind permission of Anglian Water PLC

For more information contact Liz Coates at CARESCO on 01487 832105

FEAST WEEK – A WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 31st May to Saturday, 6th June 2009

Many of our village's clubs and organisations will be "doing something" during Feast Week. This will vary from open evenings, sports demonstrations, exhibitions and taster events.

As we go to press, we are making final preparations for the registration evening, so we cannot give you a full list of activities yet, but will send out a full Feast Week Programme nearer to the week. What we can tell you is that it will all kick-off with the Feast Parade on Sunday, 31 May 2009 at 5.30pm, outside the Co-Op in Green End Road and will be lead by a magnificent Shire horse pulling a hay cart; reminding us of the agricultural roots of Feast Week. The cart will be followed by Pig Dyke Molly (tbc), a traditional Fenland folk music and dance group, followed by clubs and organisations from the village. The parade will end at The Green where there will be a short service with music before, during and afterwards by Bury and Ramsey Concert Band, followed by Pig Dyke Molly (tbc) in the Greystones car park.

Feast Week will close on Saturday, 6 June 2009 with Sawtry Carnival. There will be a short fancy dress parade (suitable for younger children) on the theme of film and TV, and behind the Old School Hall and college, including the leisure centre, there will be entertainments, activities, refreshments and stalls.

We hope that Feast Week will be a spotlight on the wide range of activities available to you in Sawtry.

For Information about the Carnival, contact Gill Tanner on 01487 832410.

Any questions about Feast Week can be directed to Amanda Burrridge on 01487 831522, Austin Bambrook on 01487 831459 or the Parish Council office.

Whatever you do – don't miss this one – its Free!

Sunday 31st May – 11am to 4pm – Old School Hall, Sawtry.

At the start of the Sawtry Feast Week come and see:

- **THE ORIGINAL SAWTRY FIRE ENGINE – DATING FROM THE 1880'S**
- THE GIANT ODDFELLOWS BANNER FROM THE 1900's
- THE BIG BASS DRUM FROM THE OLD SAWTRY BRASS BAND
- THE COATS OF ARMS OF SAWTRY'S OLD LANDED GENTRY
- RELICS FROM THE 1980'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG.
- HOW SAWTRY ABBEY WAS BEFORE HENRY VIII GOT AT IT!

And displays of:

- SAWTRY AT WAR – FROM WAY BACK TO MODERN TIMES.
- OLD WEDDING PHOTOS – DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE?
- FAMILY HISTORIES OF LOCAL CHARACTERS
- MAPS SHOWING ALL LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES
- SAWTRY RESIDENTS IN 1901- WHO WAS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSE?
- THE HISTORY OF CONINGTON CASTLE
- PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS FROM SAWTRY AND LOCAL VILLAGES

And bring:

- PHOTOS/MEMEMTOS TO SCAN ONTO THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE
- THE KIDS - TO PLAY WITH OLD FASHIONED TOYS!

And win a prize:

- IN OUR RAFFLE OR OUR QUIZ (PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT THE LIBRARY)

And enjoy:

- TEA AND BISCUITS WHILE STROLLING DOWN MEMORY LANE.

Remember! – Sawtry History Society Open Day.

Sunday 31st May – 11am to 4pm – Old School Hall, Sawtry.

SAWTRY SUE IN LONDON MARATHON

If you are up and around first thing in the morning you will see me plodding around the streets of Sawtry. I'm the old one in the bright yellow jacket who looks like I should be in bed. Not to be confused with the athletic young lady also in yellow jacket who is usually with her younger trainer on a bike.

The reason for this morning madness is that I am in training for the London Marathon on 26th April. Yes you read that correctly. The London Marathon. 'Why' you ask? Well 10 years ago I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer and thanks to the care I received at Sawtry Surgery, Papworth and Addenbrookes Hospital and of course CANCER RESEARCH, I survived.

I started jogging in the Race for Life 8 years ago; I progressed to 10k and have run 7 years running at Blenheim Palace. This year whilst watching the marathon I thought I'm 50 and I need a challenge so I went online and entered. I am hoping to raise £5000 for Cancer Research by taking part. Please note I said taking part not running. My estimated completion time is 6 hours but every step I make is a step closer to the cure for Cancer.

Please support me in my quest. Say Hi as I plod by. Toot me in your car. If you would like to sponsor me my web page address is <http://www.justgiving.com/sue50challenge> or call into the CA-RESCO office and sign the sponsor form there.

My aim is for more people to hear those wonderful words "All Clear". Thank you for your support.

Regards

Sue Prcychodny

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are rapidly approaching the end of another Poppy Appeal year, which this year has been a little disappointing, mainly due to the down turn of the national economy; however, of late, there has been some very generous donations, some for Gift Aid, which will add another 28%. I have also yet to collect the donation containers that I distributed to a number of retail outlets in the village.

There is one more date for your Diary.

Put on your Dancing Shoes and have an afternoon of fun with the Sawtry Tea Dance
for an

ANZAC DAY TEA DANCE

in aid of the Royal British Legion
To Commemorate ANZAC DAY - All welcome

Once again the committee of the Sawtry Tea Dance have, very kindly offered to dedicate their meeting on Wednesday the 29th April to the Legion for the ANZAC Day Remembrance (25th April). The committee have yet to determine the times and price of tickets, which will be too late for this edition of the EYE, but it will be approximately between 2-15pm to 4pm and the ticket price should be about £2 per head at the door. The venue for this event will be the Old School Hall on Green End Road in Sawtry. I will be putting out posters, nearer the date which will confirm the time and price.

The music will be supplied, once again, very kindly by Roy Langley of Peterborough, familiarly known as 'Roy and his Music'.

I am reliably informed that the ladies of the Committee will be providing Homemade Cakes, along with Tea and ANZAC Biscuits. There will also be a Raffle.

Come and have a relaxing afternoon of entertainment and enjoyment, practicing all of the dance moves that you know and probably learn some that you didn't know, all in the company of some pleasant people and help us raise funds to support the UK Serving and Ex-Service Community

All of the proceeds, minus expenses, from this event will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

On Friday 1st May, the Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is holding its annual Social evening in the Sawtry Ex-Service and Working Men's Club. Once again there will be Dancing, Refreshments and a Raffle. It would be pleasing to see a few more members and Appeal Collectors in attendance to what is always an enjoyable evening.

Any enquiries to Allan Fowler on 01487 830806 or John Gunnell on 01487 830717

VOCAL ACADEMY ARE RECRUITING

***Do you already sing, or are you keen to learn? Join us!
Male voice a cappella singing - there is no sound quite like it!***

It does not matter whether you are an accomplished, fully trained singer, or new to singing. If you're over 15 years old give us a try, you will not be disappointed. We have proved that many people, with our training, have become very talented singers even though they cannot read music. We provide free CDs to learn from when away from rehearsals. If you can read music, that's a bonus, but it certainly is **not** essential. We believe our hobby, singing in four part harmony, should be great fun and base the Vocal Academy around enjoying what we do.

We are very fortunate to be directed by one of the most qualified and respected directors in the UK (Graham Davies – he is also a Sawtry resident). He has directed choruses and quartets to Gold Medal standard who have then represented the UK in the world championships in the USA. He has directed the Vocal Academy to a top 10 chorus position in the UK and last year we came 8th out of 38 choruses at the annual British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS) convention competition in Cheltenham.

We are heading for the top. Be part of our success and help make it happen.

Come along! Hear us and join in! We meet from 8 to 10pm every Wednesday at Sawtry Junior School, Middlefield Road, Sawtry. You will be made very welcome and we will even take you for a drink of your choice and sandwiches after rehearsal in the local club.

Contacts for prospective members or just come along and give us a try.

Ron Moore – (Recruitment) - 01733 208549

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY AND THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Members of the Sawtry History Society recently enjoyed an engrossing talk about Huntingdonshire by the curator of the Norris Museum, Robert Burn-Murdoch, during which he revealed many surprising facts about the county, most of which deserve a place in the record books.

It appears to be the flattest county in the UK and as a busy transportation hub sees traffic by rail, water and road. In earlier times, with 46 stagecoach services a day, the Alconbury stretch of the Great North Road was once the busiest road in the country, and when the motorcar appeared Huntingdonshire introduced an early and notorious speed trap on the same road! It boasts the largest natural meadow, built the world's first prisoner of war camp, flew the very first sortie over WW2 Germany and held the very first Harvest Festival.

It holds the record for the shortest ever tenure of a Dukedom – just 30 minutes; has the oldest continuously inhabited house in England, and as well as Cromwell claims involvement with both famous and infamous people - Pepys, Churchill, Roosevelt, John Bellingham (who in 1812 assassinated the Prime Minister), and of course the 4th Earl of Sandwich whose famous “sandwich” became the world's first “fast food” – although if in 1660 his ancestor had chosen an alternative title – 1st Earl of Portsmouth – we might now be asking for a “cheese and tomato portsmouth”!

On 19th March the SHS holds it's AGM, followed by a short quiz – and on 16th April Gordon Townsend will be talking about "The Pathfinders". As usual everyone, members or not, are invited – 7.30 at the Women's Institute Hall in Gidding Road. Contact Secretary Marilyn Gautreaux on 07984 94538 for more details.

And a little smile to end – what happened when the wheel was invented? It caused a revolution!

(PS Don't forget the History Society Open Day – Sunday 31 May, Old School Hall, 11am to 4pm) See page 16 for more information

Allan Bamford

JOIN THE BAND OF BROTHERS

Hello my name is Brian Simm, I am an Ex Royal Engineer and I am an active member of the Cambridge Royal Engineers Association. As I like to keep as active as possible I have decided to take part in The Band of Brothers Bike Ride for the Help for Heroes Charity.

This year the bike ride will take place from Portsmouth to Paris, visiting the Normandy battlefields on route.

Please help me make a difference by making a Donation to H4H to raise money for a worthy cause.

You can donate through the Justgiving website which is quick, easy and totally secure at

<http://www.justgiving.com/briansimm>

It's also the most efficient way to sponsor me: Help for Heroes gets your money faster and, if you're a UK taxpayer, Justgiving makes sure 25% in Gift Aid, plus a 3% supplement, are added to your donation.

Or if you prefer to pay cash or cheque please contact me on: 07791252017

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To book a stall, download an application form from www.stilton.org

ALL SAINTS SAWTRY FUNDRAISING

Plant Sale

The traditional Plant Sale will be held at the WI Hall, Gidding Road during on Saturday 9th May 10.00-11.30am. This very popular event will have something for every garden style on sale. If you are able to contribute plants for sale (e.g. bedding plants, tomatoes, perennials, small shrubs or fruit bushes) please could you ring Peter or June (see below) to let them know so that appropriate space can be allocated to your donation. The event is very well supported and we want to make sure that anyone coming to buy (except late-comers) gets a very good view of what is available!

Summer Fete

Our traditional Garden Fete will be held in the Rectory Garden during the afternoon of Saturday 13th June. We will have displays, craft stalls, refreshments, fun and games for all. Book the date in your diary now; you don't want to miss it!

Further details on all events are available from Pete and June Davies, 01487 830089.

MERVYN DONNE

A LIFE LIVED TO THE FULL

Many residents of Huntingdonshire and Sawtry in particular were shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Mervyn Donne on 5th January. The Parish Church was packed for the funeral which took place on January 22nd. At the service Mervyn was rightly referred to as one of our "Village Elders" through his involvement in so many areas of village life since he and Pat arrived in Sawtry in 1964.

The Church. Mervyn was committed to All Saints and served as Churchwarden for over 30 years. He took his responsibilities very seriously and would do anything to ensure that the congregation and the building were cared for. He had been involved with five Rectors and could always be guaranteed to be in the thick of Quiz Nights, Church Fetes and all the services through out the year.

Scouting. Mervyn joined the Houghton Scouts as a leader in 1953 and went on to found the 1st Sawtry Scout group in 1968 which has gone on from strength to strength. He went on to serve as District Commissioner which included responsibility for the Millennium camp which saw all the district Scout groups under canvas at Hinchingsbrooke Park. His contribution was recognised by the award of the medal of merit and bar, the silver acorn and finally the silver wolf, which is an unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, granted at his discretion.

Travel. He loved to travel and loved the thought of travelling. The house was always inundated with brochures and he managed to visit most of the places on his list including South Africa to celebrate his son Andrew's wedding and Norway in 2008.

Walking. Through his involvement with Scouts and travel, Mervyn always enjoyed getting into the fresh air and walking. He was an active member of the Sawtry Walking Group taking his turn to lead and always keen to assist in checking out the latest walk.

Garden Club. Mervyn was chairman of Upton Garden Club and enjoyed meeting every month for talks and slide shows.

Family. Despite all he was involved with, Mervyn still ensured that he had plenty of time for his family. Always supported by Pat, he was very proud of his sons, Andrew and Stephen, who could depend on his help with homework, football, paper rounds and as taxi driver. His love was extended to wives, Sam and Sarah and later to grandchildren, Harrison and Keira, and he was so pleased to be able to spend Christmas with them all.

Mervyn, we are all proud of you and will miss you enormously. We know that you will rest in peace.

Malcolm Griffith

RELAX • EAT • SHARE • THINK



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

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

A new style of mid-week worship, 'REST', is open to everyone. The 'Café Worship' style service will be a relaxed, informal time of contemporary worship beginning with a simple meal.

Thursday 2nd April · 7pm
Sawtry Methodist Church

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

What a load of Rubbish!



Come and find out what you can do about it at this year's

SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th August 2009

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 18th July, 25th July and 1st August. We will also be at the Churches Together stall at the Carnival on 6th June.

For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345



Sawtry Methodist Church

Green End Road, Sawtry, Tel 01480 819228

Sunday Services

Morning Worship at 10.30am
Sunday School at 10.30am
Evening Communion at 6.00pm
(first Sunday of the month)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday

5th April - 6pm

Sawtry Chorale presents "Hallelujah, What a Saviour" by John Peterson

Maundy Thursday

8th April - 7.30pm

Christians Together, Holy Communion

Good Friday

10th April - 10 a.m.

Walk of witness departs from
Methodist Church for service at
All Saints at 10.30 a.m.

Easter Day

12th April

9 am - Prayer Breakfast

11a.m. (N.B. time)

Easter Morning All Age Worship

Christian Aid Service

10th May - 10.30am

Service includes Holy Communion,
Christian Aid launch and
Annual Church Meeting

Pentecost

31st May - 10.30 am

United Service with
All Saints at Methodist Church

Feast Parade

31st May - 5.30pm

Followed by Feast Service on the Green

All are welcome

Friday's

For school years 7 & above
Alcohol-free bar plus pool, music and games
Fridays - 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30 - 11 am

with Cakes, Traidcraft goods & bric-a-brac on
sale.

Special - Saturday 16th May

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

All Saints' Parish Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SUNDAY SERVICES

April

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| 5 th | 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30 am | Family Worship |
| 9 th | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service at Methodists |
| 10 th | 10.30 am | Good Friday United Service |
| | 2.30-4.30pm | Good Friday Special |
| 12 th | 8.00 am | Easter Holy Communion |
| | 10.30 am | Easter Family Communion |
| 19 th | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 26 th | 10.30 am | St George's Day Parade Service |

May

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| 3 rd | 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30 am | Family Worship |
| 10 th | 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 17 th | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 24 th | 10.30 am | Holy Communion |

SAS SUNDAY CLUB

For all children aged 4 - 10. We meet on
April 19 and May 10, 17 and 24 at 10.15
am at the Rectory.

SEEKERS CLUB

For Young People aged 11 plus, meets on
March 28 for a special youth event at Ferry
Meadows and May 1 at 7.30 pm in Church.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Meet on Tuesdays at 7.45 pm on April 28
and May 12 and 26 and Thursdays at 10.15
am on April 30 and May 14 and 28 at the
Rectory.

PLANT SALE

Do come to the WI Hall on 9th May at 10.00
am to stock up on your bedding plants, per-
ennials and garden requisites.

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 RING THE
RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith 830215*

*There is always a warm welcome
at All Saints'.*

Do look at our websites:

www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk

St Nicholas Parish Church

Church Road, Glatton

SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL

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| 5 th | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer |
| 10 th | 2.00 pm | Good Friday Special |
| 12 th | 9.00 am | Easter Holy Communion |
| 19 th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 26 th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |

MAY

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| 3 rd | 4.00 pm | Family Worship |
| 10 th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 17 th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 24 th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |

GLATTON QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 28th March 7.00 pm

Do come along to this enjoyable event in Glatton Village Hall. Includes supper, bar and raffle. Tickets £8 from 831651. All proceeds to the Church.

GLATTON ADVENTURERS for 4 – 11s

Children are welcome to join this group which meets on April 5 at 10.30 am in Glatton Village Hall and on May 3 for Family Worship at 4.00 pm. More details from Shirley Dewar – 831651.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith

Tel: 01487 830215 Email: rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE

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

APRIL

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| Private Bertram David HAYNES | 19 April 1917 | Sawtry |
| Private James STAPLETON | 19 April 1917 | Sawtry |
| Private Reuben GRAY | 23 April 1917 | of Wood Walton |
| Private James REID | 6 April 1918 | Great Gidding |
| Private George Henry COLBERT | 12 April 1918 | Holme |
| Private Frank WILLIS | 24 April 1918 | Holme |
| Trooper Reginald ELSOM | 23 April 1943 | Sawtry |

MAY

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| Private William WRIGHT | 3 May 1917 | Sawtry |
| Private Arthur YEOMANS | 3 May 1917 | Great Gidding |
| Private Archie ROWELL | 13 May 1917 | Sawtry |
| Private Charles William BODGER | 5 May 1918 | Old Weston |
| Private Leslie Charles REDHEAD | 20 May 1940 | Great Gidding |
| Private George Joseph William GINNS | 28 May 1943 | Sawtry |
| Lance Sergeant Robert KETTERINGHAM | 29 May 1944 | 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.*

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY THIS EASTER

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Minister."

The Pastor questioned, "How is it I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

I think the Lord has a very big 'secret service'. Many times someone has said to me "I don't come to church, but...." I am often impressed by the number of people who tell me they say their prayers regularly, read their bible or talk to God while they walk the dog.

There seem to be many ways to meet with Him and the important thing is that we do find a way to spend time seeking, thinking, contemplating and talking to God. It can only enrich our lives.

Any minister of the Church is thrilled at the festival times when the Church is full of people who he or she does not ordinarily see. We would be even more thrilled if it happened at other times!

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT LUKE'S

serving the Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough

26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough. PE2 5XS

St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry

(Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry)

**St Bartholomew's Community, Yaxley
and the Hampton's**

Parish Priest: Fr. John Warrington

14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX

☎01733 370877; email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk; Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Each Saturday: First Mass of Sunday 6pm at St Luke's Church

Each Sunday: Sunday Masses

9.15am at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry
& 11am at St Luke's Church (inc special liturgy for Children)

Weekdays: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church
Mass at 10am (9am on Saturday morning) at St Luke's Church

For further information and Parish News please visit our Parish Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 4th – 5th April

Masses are at St Luke's on Saturday evening at 6pm
At the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday at 9.15am and
St Luke's on Sunday at 11am.

Monday of Holy Week 6th April

Morning Prayer at 9.40am & Mass at 10am in St Luke's.

Tuesday of Holy Week 7th April

Passover Supper 7.30pm in Sawtry Methodist Church Hall.

Wednesday of Holy Week 8th April

Exposition from 9am and Morning Prayer at 9.40am in St Luke's
Mass at 10am in St Luke's.

Holy Thursday 9th April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Luke's 8pm

Watching will follow Mass and conclude at 10.30pm

Good Friday 10th April

Procession of Witness in Sawtry

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm at St Luke's

Stations of the Cross at 7pm at St Luke's

Holy Saturday 11th April

The church is at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, the church waits....

The Easter Vigil and Easter Day 11th – 12th April

'The Lord is Risen' Alleluia

EASTER VIGIL - 9pm on Holy Saturday at St. Luke's

followed by refreshments in Church to celebrate the joy of Easter. All are welcome

Mass for Easter Day in Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry at 9.15am

Mass for Easter Day in St Luke's at 11am

CONT'D....

Now I know a great many people go away for Easter but if you are not doing anything special that weekend perhaps you could come along to church. It will only take about one and a half hours out of the whole holiday weekend and it could change your life forever!

Why not take the plunge this Easter? Why not make any minister happy?

To everyone whether you are in the 'secret service' or not – blessings to you this Easter.

Rev. Sandra Griffith

SCENT AND POLLINATION - PART 9

Herbaceous Borders & Planning

One of the most pleasing sights in high summer must be the herbaceous or mixed borders in full botanical abundance which also includes the wildlife that goes along with it. The borders you see in large country houses, such as Houghton Hall can accommodate all manner of designs which are created professionally by a collection of experts with due care and diligence.

When creating or redesigning a project like an herbaceous border, you have to visualise your personal place and ensure that it will satisfy your requirements. Practical consideration and the function of the design, and your personal taste should be considered before embarking on any design. Does it push all the buttons?

Effective planning is a must here too. Get something down on paper first, think of the design as a whole rather than tackling separate parts of it. Then think budget. Remember this will be a long term project, there will be lots of changes along the way, and these have to be considered in the proposals and costs.

If the border is big enough then plants such as small trees or even larger ones depending on the size of the border can be included in the design. Climbers and shrubs, roses, bulbs such as lilies and ground cover plants can be mixed in with the herbaceous plants to give feeling of composition and cohesion. Hardy perennials (herbaceous plants) are the mainstay of any border that requires a permanent display to come up on an annual basis. You can have flowers and scent throughout the year by using a good design that utilises plants to their best advantage so that they give of their best performance.

The most common mistake is to overcrowd the plants when planting up as they will expand and fill any spaces very quickly. Plants just crammed any old how will struggle to flourish and will create tall and spindly plants that will be open to all sorts of pests and diseases. I have seen this too often where the plants are banged in with no real understanding of their needs or they are just planted in rows, awful!

Borders really need to be a minimum of 3 m (10ft) in width, but any thinner than this then really the design would have to be considerably altered, to accommodate a different designing arrangement. This is to allow the plants to expand and to grow without them impeding one another and for all the maintenance work to take place too.

This will also allow for small trees such as Acers for Example (*Acer pseudoplatanus* – **brilliantissimum**) or (*A. negundo variegatum*) or maybe some Creataegus-Laburnums to be added and with shrubs such as Syringa, Buddleia, Ceanothus, Hebes and Daphne, Viburnums etc to be grown in the borders to give strength and depth to it, great for butterflies too.

You could have bulbs, corms in flower such as Galanthus (snow drops) Eranthus (winter aconite) cyclamen coum and early Crocus intermingled with ground cover plants. This too would apply throughout the year.

Any herbaceous or mixed border of shrubs and hardy perennials etc need a contrasting back cloth - such as a wall, fence, or hedge. Preparation is the key to any beautiful herbaceous border.

I will elaborate on basic preparation and designing an ornamental layout next time. Until then good gardening.

Plantsman

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Help If You're Facing Redundancy

The TUC, together with Citizens Advice, have produced a new leaflet called '**Coping with economic downturn: a practical guide for working people and their families**'. It gives you information about:

- redundancy
- benefits you can claim
- how to deal with debt
- looking for a new job
- getting training.

You can download a copy of the guide from the TUC website at: www.tuc.org.uk.

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Don't Get Scammed

Consumer watchdog the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) is warning consumers to be on their guard for scams at the moment.

Scammers are using the economic downturn to take advantage of people's personal and economic difficulties. And the scams they are using are becoming more and more complicated and harder to spot.

Consumers are being asked to look out for unexpected letters, emails, texts and telephone calls with apparently tempting offers. If you get an offer like this, you should:

- stop, think, and think again
- don't be rushed into sending off money to someone you don't know
- ask yourself how likely it is that you have been specially chosen for this offer - millions of people are likely to have received the same offer
- read the mailing carefully
- if you're unsure, speak to family or friends and seek advice.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam, or you suspect a scam, call Consumer Direct for advice on 08454 04 05 06 or go to the Consumer Direct website at: www.consumerdirect.gov.uk. You can also report a scam on the Consumer Direct website.

More holidays

If your holiday year starts on or after 1 April 2009, your right to paid holiday from work is going up from 4.8 weeks to 5.6 weeks. This means that if you work five days a week, you'll have the right to 28 days' paid leave. Your leave year may have started before 1 April 2009. If so, your annual leave will be worked out on a pro-rata basis – 4.8 weeks pro rata for the period before 1 April and 5.6 weeks pro rata for the period from 1 April 2009.

You can get more information about your new rights to paid holidays on the Business Link website at: www.businesslink.gov.uk.

For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens' Advice Bureaux on 01480 388900



Hospice @ Home

Volunteers - Huntingdonshire

Registered Charity No. 1103680

Do you enjoy...

Meeting new people? Drinking coffee or tea? Helping with shopping?

Are you friendly, supportive, a good listener?

You can do all the above and help people in your local community at the same time. If you have a couple of hours to spare a week, why not volunteer?

We are a registered charity providing volunteer support to people with life-limiting and progressive illnesses. The scheme provides practical, social and emotional support to individuals in their own homes.

Last year, 2008, we helped a total of 97 Clients with a range of tasks such as

- sitting with client
- taking children to the park
- preparing lunches
- referring on to other support agencies such as Crossroads and Citizens Advice Bureau
- walking the dog
- taking the client shopping

Hospice at Home urgently requires male and female volunteers within your area. For further information on how you can help, please contact Beatrice on 01954 230205.



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Wistow and Warboys Wood - Sunday 5th April

We will be visiting Wistow and Warboys Woods, which together form the same SSSI (site of special scientific interest). Warboys Wood, is privately owned and managed for shooting. It is normally closed to the public, but we have been given permission by the owners to lead our walk into the wood.

Please meet at Wistow Wood at 2.30 pm, GR TL296820. Parking is limited, so please share cars if possible and park carefully to avoid blocking the road for residents at GR TL 100100. Admission: adults £2.00, children free.

The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood - Sunday 26th April

A guided walk through Brampton Wood on led by George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood

Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 11.00 am, GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. Admission: adults £2.00, children free.

Hayley Wood - Sunday 17th May 2009

A visit to Hayley Wood, an ancient woodland which has been traditionally managed and is an important site for oxlip

Please meet at Hayley Wood at 2.30 pm, GR TL 292530. Please park on the road opposite the entrance along Hayley Lane. Admission: adults £2.00, children free.

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

CATS PROTECTION - CHEAP AS CHIPS

St Neots & District Cats Protection is your local rescue charity for cats and kittens. We re-home in excess of 150 cats and kittens annually, run the local Lost and Found register, feed manage and control over 200 outdoor and feral cats and offer a free and reduced cost spaying/neutering program. We are manned completely by volunteers and raise 95% of our funds locally.

Many cats go missing or are involved in road traffic accidents every year. If they are not microchipped, their owners may never know what has happened to them. If you have lost a cat or have found one, please contact us as soon as possible. In the first instance, we check our register for cats matching the description, we will then arrange for the cat to be scanned for a microchip which is the quickest and easiest way of re-united lost pets with their owners.

Lastly, we will place a collar on the cat asking "Is this your cat" with a telephone number on the collar. If no owner comes forward, the cat will be placed on our waiting list to be re-homed.

Many cats have been bought into the branch which have been traced through their microchips and some have traveled huge distances. A cat can easily get into a vehicle and be transported out of their area and without a microchip would never be returned home. We offer a microchipping service in Eynesbury (minimum suggested donation is £12). Contact us now and ensure your cat can be traced should it go missing.

We always have a number of adult cats and cats with special needs who need loving new homes so if you are thinking of getting a cat or kitten contact us now.

CAT FOOD URGENTLY NEEDED

We are experts in the management of large cat colonies (we are feeding over 200 this winter) so if your cat numbers are getting out of control or you know a property where there seem to be too many cats or kittens let us know. There are many local drop off points where you can leave donations of cat food, ring to find out where is nearest to you.

We offer a free and reduced cost neutering and spaying service. This is the best way to control the spread of infectious diseases through mating and fighting and keeps the unwanted kitten numbers down too. Ring now for your voucher which can be used at a local vet.

TEL: 01480 476696, 07966 282005, 07900 257061
FOR LOST AND FOUND: 07904 701908
lostcats@hotmail.co.uk / <http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>



Could You Save A Life?

Did you know that in your community there is a Magpas Community First Responder group? The group was set up in November 2008 and so far has provided around 1500 hours and treated 10 patients.

What is a Community First Responder?

A Community First Responder is a local volunteer living within your community, who has undertaken training in first aid, oxygen therapy and defibrillation, and when they are available respond to 999 calls within the community. This response provides initial care and treatment for the patient in their time of need, while the ambulance is on the way.

Who do the responders attend?

A Community First Responder will be notified of patients over the age of 8 who are suffering from life threatening problems like breathing problems, chest pains, unconscious patients, fitting patients and patients suffering from a cardiac arrest. They can attend and provide lifesaving treatment until the ambulance arrives, and then assist the ambulance crew with care.

How can I get involved?

To become involved in supporting Magpas you can volunteer to fundraise for the charity, without community support Magpas would not be able to provide any of its lifesaving care in Cambridgeshire, or become a Community First Responder by contacting Magpas on 01480 371060. For more information visit www.magpas.org.uk

DID YOU WEIGH THE LOAD AND VEHICLE?

WHAT LOADS ARE YOU CARRYING?

These are questions often asked by Trading Standard Officers attending the regular multi agency operations held at the weighbridge site just off the A1 at Sawtry. Such checks are attended by Officers from HM Customs and Excise, DVLA, Immigration, Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), Cambridgeshire Police and, of course, Cambridgeshire Trading Standards.

The Police will direct vehicles off the A1 that are travelling in either direction and take them to the weighbridge site. Vehicles that are of interest include any vehicle that is overloaded or potentially unroadworthy. The other agencies there are looking for issues arising around tax, benefit fraud, illegal immigrants and potential MOT failures. VOSA will also be checking that the drivers of Heavy Goods and Heavy Commercial Vehicles are taking their required rest periods throughout their journeys.

Did you know that Trading Standards do not only look out for overweight vans and lorries, they are also on the look out for livestock vehicles - anything from small horse trailers to large 6 axle split level articulated lorries designed to haulage live animals such as pigs and sheep for anything up to 24 hours! Checks on such vehicles will include:-

- whether the animals are fit to travel,
- whether they have the correct ventilation and sufficient height and floor space,
- that the driver has the relevant movement documents and licenses that must accompany the animals on their journeys to and from markets and abattoirs.

It has also been known in the past for Trading Standards to find counterfeit items in vans, such as DVD's and alcohol. This is always a bonus because as well as the vehicle being overloaded they may also be prosecuted for the handling and/or selling of illegally copied items.

Over 33 checks have been carried out at this site over the last 7 years. The site provides an excellent location for these checks as it captures drivers of vehicles from all over the country.

So, in future, if you notice the "odd one or two" highly visible jackets while on your journeys South down the A1 [usually on a cold wet day!], just think that we are doing our utmost to cut down on crime by preventing drivers from breaching road safety laws on our busy roads.

Alison Baker - Insidetrade@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



GARTREE ROAD: A Roman road from Godmanchester to Leicester

In AD43 when the Romans invaded Britain, Godmanchester had a Celtic defended settlement. When the Romans arrived the settlement was overrun and the Romans later built a fort there. The town arose on the site of a Roman settlement (*Durolipus*)

In the Roman period Godmanchester was geographically very important, with Ermine Street (London to York), Via Devana (from Colchester to Chester) both meeting at the river crossing. The pentagonal layout of the walled Roman town still survives in the street plan of today. Excavations have revealed two of the gates, a town hall (*basilica*) an inn (*mansio*) with baths and a number of temples to various gods. The *mansio* is mentioned in Godmanchester's name, which came from Anglo-Saxon *Godmundceaster*, meaning a "town or Roman buildings associated with a man called Godmund". Galleys brought troops and heavy goods up the river Cam from the sea to berth on both sides of the river.

The Roman legions would have had to pass through dense forest that covered the central area of Britain then. They would have had to fight off blue wood covered Celts, who of course did not stand a chance against such well trained and disciplined soldiers. How much resistance the Romans came across is not known. The Romans could march forty miles a day when the going was good. A marching fort was built at each stopping point. A centurion was in charge and there were skilled craftsmen such as engineers and joiners as well.

The Roman Propietor Ostorius Scapula led his legions up Ermine Street turning off it at Alconbury Weston in a north west direction. They advanced past Salome wood, which is south of Hamerton, up to the B660. (Looking towards Hamerton with Salome Wood behind you, on the horizon Steeple Gidding Church can be seen. I used to live in a cottage in a field near the church). At this point the Roman road crosses a field and passes RAF Molesworth to join a road near Crow's Nest farm. Of course modern day roads do not follow exactly the route of the original Roman roads so we have to make slight detours to catch up with it in a few places. We have to turn right to join the B662 to pass where the main gate of RAF Molesworth used to be. At Clopton we turn left down by the church, then turn right where we join up with the Roman soldiers at Crow's Nest farm.

The road reaches Titchmarsh where it joins the A605 from Oundle and beyond it Orton Waterville. This too was a Roman road to the east. We turn left on the A605 to Thrapston, where three Roman villas and substantial buildings have been found, then on to come out at Islip. From there we pass on towards Lowick, Sudborough and Brigstock, where a temple site has been found, then onto Stanion and Corby where two tile manufacturing sites, pottery and substantial building have been discovered. We arrive at Cottingham, which had been in the lands of the Corieltauvi (formerly thought to be called Coritani) tribe. Coins belonging to them have been found in Corby, Gretton and Kettering. We go on to Medbourne which has a packhorse bridge near the church. There was a Roman settlement and two villas found there in 1946. The stretch of the Roman road from Medbourne to Leicester is broken, but where it exists today it is still known as Gartree Road. To join up with the road again we have to travel through several villages until we get to Little Stretton then by Stoughton on the right.

Our legion is now near the end of the journey as it advances out of the woods into a sunny clearing in the valley of a winding river – known today as the Soar (originally named the Leir). There was a native settlement of straw roofed huts with an earth embankment surrounding it. After a fierce struggle the people had to submit to the might of Roman military rule. This site was the tribal capital (*civitas*) of the Celtic Corieltauvi tribe and the birthplace of the city of Leicester, known in Roman times as *Ratae Corieltauvorum*. Ratae was captured c. AD 44, and the IX Hispana legion was garrisoned there.

There is still a road called Gartree Road in Leicester today.

Harry Milford - Former Sawtry Resident



SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Sawtry Cricket Club is looking for new members. If enough players of a sufficiently high calibre can be recruited, the First X1 will play in the Hunts County League Division 1, the Second X1 in Division 4, and the Development X1, which comprises mostly younger members, in Division 5. For those of you who don't know, the home fixtures are played at Greenfields. Spectators are always welcome.

The Club is holding regular nets practice in the Leisure Centre Sports Hall, on Sunday evenings, from 6.15 – 8.15 pm. All members are invited.

Following the recent very enjoyable Sports Quiz at Greystones, a Family General Knowledge Quiz has been arranged for 7.30pm on Friday 3rd April at the Working Men's Club. The cost is £10 per team (maximum 4 people) including refreshments. To help with the organisation of the evening, it would be very helpful if you would pre-register your team with the Secretary (see below)

During the summer it is hoped that the Club will be able to organise a match between the Club's under 25s and the over 40s of previous years. The date is still to be arranged, but is likely to be towards the end of July. Any of the older generation wishing to take part should contact **Brian Chapman, Vice-Chairman Tel 07984786295, or the Club Secretary Mrs. Diane Burcham, Tel. 01487 834699.**



SAWTRY COLTS CURRENT U10 BLUE SOX are looking for players (school year 5) to strengthen their squad for next season. Players interested should contact the manager, Mark O'Neill on 01487-834283 or mark.oneill@sawtrycolts.org

SAWTRY COLTS CURRENT U9's are looking for players (school year 4) to strengthen their squad for next season. Players interested should contact the manager, Alan Robinson on 01733-244387 or alan.robinson@sawtrycolts.org

SAWTRY LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

Our best season ever has continued with some fantastic games since January. The only blip was a surprising league defeat to St Ives 3rds. We are a one-team squad and field the same players week in and week out. Other, larger clubs can vary their teams and put first team players into a thirds match if they wish. We've come up against this many times this year and the St Ives game was no exception. Our only consolation is that if we're promoted we'll be seeing the same players in the Premier Division so have already had a taste of the higher level standard.

Undaunted by the defeat we continued with wins against Cambridge South 2nds, Peterborough 4ths and Cambridge City 2nds. This left us needing wins against Saffron Walden and Cambridge Nomads to win the League. We travelled to Saffron Walden with more nerves than ever. The game started with us scoring after 2 minutes, a fantastic shot by Kerry Joyce from a penalty corner. Mother and daughter combination Fiona and Lottie Paul each managed to miss open goals, one in either half and then, 10 minutes into the second half, Saffron Walden scored. They needed a draw to be league champions, we needed a win. Once again our top goal scorer Natasha Darrington came up trumps and scored ten minutes from the end. It was nail biting stuff and our supporters looked more shattered than the players at the final whistle. If we beat Cambridge Nomads on 28th March we will be Division One champions.

A resounding win against Peterborough 4ths in the Cup secured our place in the Cup Final which is on 18th April. We'll be playing – you guessed it, Saffron Walden. Let's hope we can make it a hat-trick of wins against them this season.

We've had a great year and are already thinking about the summer league. If you'd like to join us give Karen a ring on 07834 776815.

SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

The time that we have been waiting for all winter is nearly upon us! Of course I am talking about the start of the new outdoor season - it starts on Saturday 18th April at 2.00 pm at the Bowling Club. That will be the time when the weather suddenly turns cold and probably wet! Anyway, we look forward to seeing many of you there. The various leagues usually start at the beginning of May, but before then there will be much sorting out to do - this year the league and competition teams are being selected by the new selection committee, as agreed at the AGM; it will be interesting to see how it works.

Thanks to Derek and his merry team of helpers, the green and surrounds are all in excellent condition, and I am sure that the Club can look forward to a playing surface that will be among the best in the county, once again. I understand that Bernie is continuing to nurture the young talent in the club, and encourage them in more competitions this year.

Before then we continue with the social events, and you should note the following dates for your diaries. There will be:

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| 'Chocolate Bingo' | Friday 3 rd April |
| Opening Day | Saturday 18 th April |
| Sunday Lunch | Sunday 26 th April (pre-booking essential) |
| Race Night | Saturday 16 th May. |

Enjoy your bowling - the season is all too short – and I wish everyone a successful season.

Ian Plum

For more information please call Mick Rayson on 01487 830720

Girls' Football Information Evening

Sawtry Colts FC will be holding a Girls' Football Information Evening on Thursday 23rd April to allow anybody currently involved with the club, or interested in becoming involved in the club, to get an insight into who Sawtry Colts FC are, what they are doing to increase participation in girls' football and where they are heading.

There will also be a presentation from Huntingdonshire Football Association to outline the current and future options that are available to girls in the area.

All that attend will receive a free raffle ticket with a chance to win some great football related prizes. The representatives from Sawtry Colts and Huntingdonshire FA will be available for individual discussion at the end of the presentations.

Girls' football is growing fast at Sawtry Colts and if there are anybody would be interested in attending this event you can contact Steve Purnell for more details on 07964 496259 or steve.purnell@sawtrycolts.org.