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SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS



FRIDAY 1st MAY
SAWTRY WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FIRST RACE BEGINS AT 8PM
MINIMUM BET 50P

For more details please call 07883 635330

Race Night
Glatton Village Hall
Saturday 25th April

Doors 7:30pm, Racing Starts 8:00pm
£10 entry includes a fish & chip supper
licensed bar available

Entry by ticket only available from Jane Jones Tel: 832042
or e-mail: justjayjay@me.com
or via "Glatton Village" Facebook page

Sawtry Day Centre

Invite you to join them for their

Quiz Supper
On Saturday 18th April
From 7.30pm
In the Old School Hall

On Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX

Tickets £7.50
(To include supper)

Bring your own drink and glasses

*There will be a raffle on the night
and a prize for the winning entrance ticket number*

Tickets available from the CARESCO Office and
Charity Shop, or please call 01487 832105

All proceeds to Sawtry Day Centre's Social Fund

ANTIQUES EVENING ALL SAINTS CHURCH WINWICK

SATURDAY 30th May
Starting at 7pm



Local antiques expert James Burton
Entrance £5, Valuation £2.50 per item
(No pictures or books)

Refreshments available Raffle

Proceeds to church and village hall

**Tickets from Sue 01832 293215,
Jenny 01832 293478 or Alison 01832 293209**

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



Make A Date

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

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Please check with the individual group concerned.





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Welcome

Spring is well and truly in the air, and at time of writing we have just been privileged to witness an eclipse for the first time since 1999. An exciting time!

We are grateful to our many advertisers for their support over the years, without them the Sawtry Eye would not be possible. This month we are launching a new payment option offering the chance to pay on a monthly basis throughout the year as an alternative to a lump sum up front. Visit our website for more details.

Normally we distribute the Sawtry Parish Council newsletter to Sawtry residents each issue however this issue carries their annual report instead which lets everyone know what been going on over the past twelve months. This is a service we could also provide for any of the parish councils within our distribution area, please get in touch if you are interested.

Have a good one.

Liz

Liz - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Spring Term 2015

End of Term - 27 March

Summer Term 2015

Start of Term - 13 April

Half term, 25 to 29 May

End of Term - 22 July

Autumn Term 2015

Start of Term - 3 September

Half term, 26 to 30 October

End of Term - 18 December

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>



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

2nd April

House of Tartans & Hand Sewn Kilts

With Pat Wallace-Hope

Competition - Unusual item the Colour Orange

7th May

Ginger Beer with Ken Ralph

Competition - Unusual item the Colour Green

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

Presidents: Linda Lavery 01487 830282

Maureen Westbrook 01487 832841



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

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)

13th & 27th April
11th & 25th May

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE & DRY RECYCLING)

(Week Beginning)

6th & 20th April
4th & 18th May

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.



Coffee Shop

Is open every Friday
(including School Holidays)
at the

CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry
(Behind the Old School Hall)

9.00 - 11.30am
(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

A Warm Welcome For
Coffee, Cake And A Chat
Call 01487 832105

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June - July 15**

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12 Noon on 15th May**

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Monday - Friday

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

www.caressco.org.uk



Forthcoming Events in aid of CARESCO

Barn Dance

Saturday 3rd October
At Sawtry Community College

RAF Wyton Voluntary Band present

The Magic of Christmas

Saturday 19th December
At Sawtry Community College

Details TBC

Soundz Good

Do you enjoy music?

Would you like to meet up with others
to explore a range of music related activities?

Come and join our fun social group involving
all things musical and the spoken word

Forthcoming dates: 10th & 24th April, 8th & 22nd May

The group meets
on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month
From 1.30pm to 3pm

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

Refreshments included

There is a nominal charge of £2.00 to cover expenses

Transport can be arranged through the Sawtry Car Scheme if required (at additional cost)



Contact details:

Tel: 01487 832105 - Email: office@caressco.org.uk

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

10th & 24th April
8th & 22nd May

**** Saturday Special ** - 31st May**

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

For more information call 01480 388388 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets

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

ONDLE

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.

SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB

Meet Wednesday Evenings
(Term Time Only)

Sawtry Community College, Fen Lane,
Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

Beginners Class - 7 - 8 pm ~
but welcome to stay on afterwards

Improvers / Intermediates - 7.30 - 9.30 pm
£3.50 per class

Learn to line dance, no partner required
and all ages welcome

Come along, make new friends, enjoy yourself and
keep fit at the same time

We are a friendly, sociable class, dancing to all types
of music - including country, pop and contemporary

Email Julie:
jcgillmore@sky.com

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Call or Text: Julie on
07939070406



SAWTRY WI

In the WI Hall

COFFEE MORNING

23rd April

Come and have a chat over
Tea/Coffee, Biscuits/Scones

10.30am - 12 noon

Bring & Buy Stall
Raffle ~ Book Stall

Ann Watson 01487 834035

All Are Welcome
Charity Number 229016



It's coming....!

Saturdays

18th April and 16th May

4:30 – 6:30pm

All Saints' Church
Church Causeway, Sawtry

Crafts for all ages

Celebrate with bible story
and songs

Share a meal together

*For more information see
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk
or contact Revd. Rosie Ward*

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturday 9th May and
Saturday 13th June

10.00 till 11.30am



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

Donations invited in exchange for the above
Proceeds to go to the Church



*For more information
please contact :
Sue Fowler 01832 293215*



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



SAWTRY WI In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

10th & 24th April

8th & 22nd May

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

Contact for events

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

Presidents:

Linda Lavery 01487 830282

Maureen Westbrook 01487 832841

Charity Number 229016



SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Coach Trip To The National Memorial Arboretum

**Saturday 27th June
(Armed Forces Day)**

Departing 09.00
from The Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club

Departing 16.00 to return to Sawtry

Cost of coach trip £15
(including a small donation to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal)

Entry to the Arboretum is free and there are full café facilities available

To book or for further information call:

Stewart 01487-831458

Allan 01487-830806

Tony 01487-831316

There will be a full programme of events to commemorate and celebrate Armed Forces Day

Mobility - Wheelchairs and electric scooters are available on loan from the visitor centre To ensure availability they should be booked in advance

For full details on the National Arboretum visit:

www.thenma.org.uk

Early Notice

Sawtry Christmas Fayre

Saturday 21st November

11am - 3pm



Sawtry One Leisure

Fundraising for CARESCO and
Sawtry First Responders

Contact Steph Taylor 07720583340

GLATTON WI

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

We start the evening with WI business
Followed by an activity or talk
Then refreshments

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date: 9th April

Subject: PAT Dogs

Speaker: Suzanne Reeves & her dog, Vince

Competition: My favourite dog photo

Date: 14th May

Subject: Stamford Cheese Cellar

Speaker: Karen Bramer

Competition: Cheese knife

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

For more information see:

the Huntingdon & Peterborough WI

website www.hpfwi.com or

Glatton Village Website: www.glatton.org.uk



SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club, Gidding Road

Prize Bingo

18th June ~ 17th September ~ 3rd December

All Welcome



Profits to Sawtry Royal British Legion Social Fund

BINGO



Craft Buddies

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

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

Meet new friends, learn new skills, and share your experience and knowledge.

Bring along your projects or just come to chat. Anyone can come along, all ages and experience levels, male or female, any type of craft interests welcome. No charge to attend, you don't have to join us every week and you can come & go as you please.

Drinks including tea and coffee available to buy at the bar

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday

At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Just turn up or for more info contact

Carolyn on 01487 832682

or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk

ALERT!! ALERT!! ALERT!!

SCARECROW'S VISIT TO SAWTRY

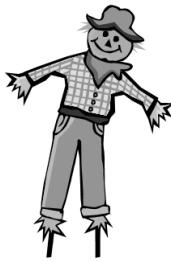
LATEST INFORMATION JUST ARRIVED. Our annual Scarecrow Shindig is being made ready as we speak.

They will be arriving in force for the **4th JULY to 12th JULY 2015** and I am told that they can't wait as they really enjoy watching all of the people on the Trail coming to see them with the big smiles on the face.

ENTRY IS FREE (closing date 30th JUNE)

Entry forms and Trail Maps available nearer the time from Sawtry Parish Council Office on Green End Road or call 01487 831771 for more information

**Delia Riddle, Chairman,
Sawtry Parish Council**



Plant Sale

Saturday 9th May

In the Old School Hall

Doors Open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Donations of plants would be gratefully received



There will be refreshments and a raffle

For more information call Pat on 01487 832503

TINY TOTS



Methodist Church Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday term time

9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE

Refreshments 10p

Come along and make new friends

New members welcome

**For more information call Charlie
01487 830341**

Ladies

Give us your support!

Join the



BRA AMNESTY



Give all your old bras a new lease of life and help raise money for cancer research. Deposit your unwanted bras

in the Bra Bank at the

CARESCO Charity Shop

and they will be whisked away to Africa where there is a short supply of affordable bras.

Against Breast Cancer will receive a donation based on the weight of the bras collected – so every bra helps!

www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk

01235 534211

Registered charity number 1121258

All Saints Church, Sawtry

Summer Fun Quiz

Saturday 6th June

In the Old School Hall

Supper and a raffle

Start at 7.30pm





POLEBROOK TOTS & TOYS

with Toy Library

At: Polebrook Primary School

Monday 27th April (1pm to 3pm)

Monday 18th May (1pm to 3pm)

- Held monthly during term-time on a Monday
- Meet other parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers
- Pop in for a short while or stay and play for longer
- £1 per family - includes soft drink/biscuit and the loan of up to five toys for the month at no extra charge

Do come along and join us!

*If you would like to receive e-mail updates on forthcoming sessions or for further information please don't hesitate to contact Lucy at:
e-mail polebrooktoylibrary@gmail.com
or call 07989 556496*



Come to this year's Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club

Monday 3rd – Sunday 9th August

at Sawtry Methodist Church, Green End Road

For children in School Years 1 and above

For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345

WELCOME TO THE NEW SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB



If you like gardening then join us at the Sawtry Club, Gidding



Road on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Entry is free; just buy any drinks you want from the bar.

Our first get together was a seed and plant swap. At our next meeting we will be finding out what you want from your club and seeing how we can make this happen.

The dates we will be meeting are:

13 April	11 May
8 June	13 July
10 August	14 September
12 October	9 November
14 December	

To find out more come along on 13 April or contact either:

Caz Vanslyck on 01487 831592

Email cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk or

Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146

Email: susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you there

SAWTRY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

On Wednesday 13th May

From 1000 hours

At the Old School Hall, Green End Road

Street Surveys ~ Property Marking ~

Crime Prevention Advice

Members of the Parish Council will also be present to listen to your concerns, and respond to questions

TPS Aaron Murphy



ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015



Sorry to mention Christmas when it isn't even August yet!.....but,.....

As promised, All Saints' Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival again this year from 27th November (set-up day) to 6th December, that is, the first week of Advent, the time leading up to Christmas.

All local organisations will be invited to bring along a decorated tree of up to 4ft (122cms) in height, with or without lights as you please. There will be opportunities to come along and see the trees over two weekends, and group visits can be made by arrangement during the week.

As last time, entry will be free of charge, but there will be the opportunity to make a donation to a named charity.

So, please think about taking part to make this year's Festival as successful as 2013! Look out for further information which will appear around September time. In the meantime, if you have any inquiries about the event, please do email: tortoise46uk@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01487 831055.



2015 CARNIVAL COURT SELECTION & CROWNING EVENING

The time has come to appoint the new 2015 Sawtry Carnival Court! This year the Court will proudly lead the Carnival procession on Saturday 13th June in their own freshly decorated float. They will also get the opportunity to represent Sawtry at other carnivals and events in our region.

We are looking to select a **Carnival Queen** who is ideally aged 14 years and upwards, **Princesses** aged between 9 and 13 years and a **Rosebud** aged between 5 and 8 years.

For more information or an application form please contact

sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com or
call 07799 062276

Selection and Crowning night is to be held at:-

**Sawtry Club on Friday 24th April,
starting at 7pm.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND INCLUDES
A DISCO AND RAFFLE!**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Julia, Sawtry Carnival Committee

Letters ...



SAWTRY WALK OF WITNESS

On Good Friday – 3rd April

Starts at 10am from All Saints Church,
Church Causeway

Service at 10.30am at the Methodist Church,
Green End Road

All are welcome to join this thoughtful walk through the village, stopping for prayer and song on the way as we contemplate the events at the first Easter

**For more information, please contact
Rev Rosie Ward on 01487 830215**

What's in a Word? **Heteronyms**

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes
- 10) I did not object to the object.

Our thanks to Tony for these examples of our wonderful language, look out for more in the next issue. The Editors

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DIANA GREEN

Diana lost her battle against ovarian cancer on Sunday 22 March 2015. Her family wish to express their appreciation of all the kind messages of encouragement and support they have received since her diagnosis two years ago. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting and serving the community through her job in the Post Office, a role she held for over 20 years. Diana was more than a wife and mother but also a best friend who will be sadly missed and always in our hearts.

Kind regards

David and Helen



Huntingdon Community Radio broadcasts to a 5Km radius in and around Huntingdon, focusing on news, a familiar brand of "hits and memories", friendly presenters, local news and most importantly; community involvement. You can tune in to 104fm (though not easily in and around Sawtry sadly) or listen online - <http://www.hcrfm.co.uk> - to the wide range of programmes, 24 hours a day

Over to You is their flagship programme airing 7 – 8pm weekday evenings when they focus on a local organisation within the community. CARESCO has been privileged to guest on this show a number of times over the past couple of years. You may have caught our chairman, Linda Dupée enthusing about our latest project or event.

There is an annual **Over to You** quiz night in January which is held in Huntingdon when all the organisations who have appeared on the programme over the year are invited to compete for a prize of £100. This year, we are delighted to report, CARESCO managed to field three teams and our top team won! We are now proudly displaying the winners' cup in the office and the £100 has gone into the foodbank to help provide any specialist foods, or for example to buy tin openers, and to cover any shortfall in donations.

Our thanks to the folk at HRC for all their support and to the members of our three teams, victors or otherwise. A good night was had by all.

Liz Coates, General Manager, CARESCO
Sawtry Eye Apr - May 15



MARY RUBY GREEN

1926 - 2015

Mary was a long time resident of Sawtry who sadly passed away on 28th February aged 88 years. She was married to the late James (Jim) Green and had 4 children Rosemary, John, Lawrence and Alan.

She had 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren including those of her partner in more recent years, the late Ken Chapman.

Mary was a great supporter of the Royal British Legion running the women's branch before it was amalgamated, she was instrumental in organising the poppy collection for many years.

Sadly due to declining health she moved to Aliwell Manor in Whittlesey in 2011 to be closer to family but still attended several of the Sawtry British Legion events as a special guest.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

DONATIONS TO CARESCO

The staff and customers at the Addison Arms in Glatton have done it again. This time we thank them for another donations of £50.00.

We have also been privileged to receive a donation from the family and friends of the late Mr Eric Wisker, given in lieu of flowers, for which we are very grateful.

Your support is truly appreciated and the money will go toward helping to funding our ongoing services for the local community.

Liz Coates, General Manager

Voices and Brass with Black Dyke Band

Saturday 11th April

Starting at 7.30pm

The Broadway Theatre, Peterborough

With a heritage of over 150 years, Black Dyke Band are not only the world's most recorded band but also the world's most successful contesting band! Join them with Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choir for a spectacular evening of musical virtuosity and entertainment!

**BOOK NOW! Tickets from £12 at Peterborough Visitor Information Centre
call 0333 666 3366 or visit www.peterborougmvchoir.org.uk**

The King's Singers

Saturday 30th May

Starting at 7.30pm

The Broadway Theatre, Peterborough

Instantly recognisable for their immaculate intonation, impeccable vocal blend, flawless diction and incisive timing, the double Grammy Award winning King's Singers are in global demand! Join them with Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choir for an unforgettable evening of music at the legendary Broadway Theatre.

BOOK NOW! Tickets from £12 at Peterborough Visitor Information Centre, call 0333 666 3366 or visit www.peterborougmvchoir.org.uk



SAWTRY CAR SCHEME



The Car Scheme offers a wonderful service to our local community by offering lifts to anyone who has problems using public transport. Volunteer drivers give their time and using their own cars will collect passengers from home and deliver them door-to-door. They charge 45p per mile from their own home to cover the costs of fuel and wear & tear, this needs to be paid in cash on the day.

The Scheme is currently being under used so if you or anyone you know could use them, please give the Co-ordinator a call on **07810 476979**

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SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL



Another busy term seems to have flown by and the children and staff have all been working hard.

As ever, there has been lots going on in school! Some of the highlights have been:

Lower School visiting London to see the sights of our capital city and the Natural History

museum, (the dinosaur exhibition being a firm favorite); The whole school taking part in the BBC

Big Draw, which included a live online drawing class, leading to an inter-house art competition and a teacher's competition!

All through the school, World Book Day caused a real buzz around reading. The children dressed up in amazing fancy dress costumes and the corridors around school were transformed.

Year six children visited the Harry Potter Studios as part of their English and Maths topic work. Great fun was had by all and I can now say I have ridden a broom stick!

We have had a whole term of fantastic class assemblies, where the children have shared, with pride, their learning.

We are looking forward to the good weather (fingers crossed) of the summer term as we develop and use our outdoor learning spaces. Special thanks to the students of Huntingdon Regional College who have been working hard to help us clear and prepare our outdoor areas; they have done a fantastic job!

Jen Howlett – Headteacher

You can contact the school on **01487 830204** - Or email office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk

Address: Sawtry Junior School, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5SH

SAWTRY SHOW 2015

12th September at Sawtry Community College

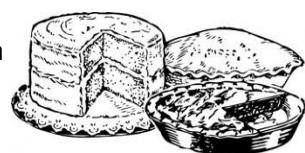
As you will see in the 'Yellow Page' of this edition of the Eye, the Classes for this year's Sawtry Show have now been published. So there is no excuse to get busy planting, painting, crafting and cooking. Where there are given recipes, these will be listed on the entry forms when they are issued.

On the 9th September, just before the Show, the Queen will become Britain's longest serving Monarch, so we have included one or two Royal themed categories and hope that the publicity around that time will inspire some original entries.

If you would like to get involved in planning the show, please come along to a Show Committee meeting, it is a rewarding feeling on the day when the plan comes together!

If you would like to know more about the show, or want to be more involved in its organisation, please contact me on 01487 831281.

Barry Dupée (Show Chairman)



LOCAL BUSINESSES COME TOGETHER

If you have a local business and would like to find out more about what the Partnership might have to offer you please take a look at the website.

It is very worthwhile taking a tour around Sawtry.net website too. It is for the community and as such requires the support of local groups and clubs. It is free to post your events and we like to see as much local news as possible

being sent to us. Even though we are a Business Group our members enjoy being part of the social side which helps everybody to get to know each other. Raising money for local charities is another side to the SSBP and members are very supportive in that way.

Contact Ralph Maloney, Chairman on 01487 832683 or email ralph.maloney@ssbppartnership.org

The SSBP is all about local....why not find out more ?

www.sawtry.net

[www\(ssbppartnership.org](http://www(ssbppartnership.org)

An Eye On Nature

Spring is here and the first butterflies are making an appearance. These are the species which can over-winter in the UK. They were from the autumn hatching and were on the wing taking nectar from the late flowers before going into hibernation. Butterflies find a relatively cold place to hibernate which is where your garage or garden shed can come in handy. The species we are most likely to see in early spring include Brimstone (the bright yellow one), Peacock (four large eye-spots and lots of red), Red Admiral (red, white and black) or Small Tortoiseshell (with patches of black, yellow and blue on red). Holly Blues then make a later appearance.

As spring turns to summer, the species which rested overwinter as eggs or crystallises then emerge. Be ready to spot these on early summer flowers. The larger pretty butterflies will make regular visits to Buddleia bushes, aptly named the Butterfly Bush.

Migrant butterflies now start arriving, Painted Ladies from N Africa and the Clouded Yellow from the Mediterranean. Both species are very distinctive with the Clouded Yellow being vivid yellow on the wings and bright green eyes. As the name suggests, the Painted Lady is a colourful combination of black, white and salmon-pink to orange with blue patches on the bottom corner of each hind wing. Red Admirals stream over from the Mediterranean to grace our gardens.

To see the more specialised butterflies, a visit to a nature reserve is a must, together with a good butterfly identification book. Binoculars though not essential, can help where the treetop loving species lurk, such as the Black Hairstreak and Purple Emperor. Places well worth visiting are Brampton Wood where there is a very good chance of seeing the White Admiral. This species has a very short flying season so a good sunny afternoon in July would be recommended. White Admirals are unmistakeable as they look rather like black and white Red Admirals but are much less common.

Any one of the Wildlife Trust meadow reserves will be good for grassland butterflies. I particularly enjoy an afternoon in Upwood Meadows, with lots of good nectar providing flowers in Bentley Meadow Upwood is a gem. Our very own Aversley Wood in Sawtry is good too and now has a population of Silver Washed Fritillaries. I saw my first one in Monks Wood several years ago. It was unmistakeable being a large butterfly with very distinctive orange and black wings.

All good things must come to an end and as summer fades to autumn, the late brood of Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells and Red Admirals are on the wing making the most of the late flowers. They are joined by the Comma which looks very ragged with orange and black wings. The White Comma markings which give it its name, are only visible when they fold their wings closed. Commas like a drink and enjoy the alcohol produced from fermenting windfall apples!

Butterflies are struggling in the UK with many species in decline. We can all help such as planting a good variety of flowers which bloom from early spring to late autumn. Keeping a nettle patch will also help caterpillars of various species. Don't be too tidy in autumn as many butterflies have laid eggs or there are hibernating chrysalises attached to the stems of your plants. If you don't like gardening but love butterflies think about joining an organisation such as the Wildlife Trust who are there to provide great habitat for our butterflies and are trying to stop their decline.

So when we welcome our first lovely warm spring day, and it will come eventually, look out for the bright yellow Brimstone in your garden and enjoy!

Martin Baker

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

**For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust
phone 01954 713543 or visit www.wildlifebcn.org**



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We operate on Mondays & Tuesdays 10.30am – 1.30pm, at the CARESCO Centre, (behind the Old School Hall) Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Club members meet for conversation and the sharing of a two-course meal cooked fresh on the day.

The more active may enjoy helping with small tasks. We can be flexible with attendance and couples are welcome. Transport can be provided within Sawtry but if you live outside of the village and would like to attend, our car scheme may be able to help.

Why not give us a telephone call and come along for your lunch and a chat to members. You do not have to commit to attending the Club on a regular basis but a phone call to let us know you will be coming and we will look forward to seeing you.

**For more information please contact CARESCO on 01487 832105 and ask for
Pat or call into the office weekday mornings.**

GOING GREEN

Apparently there's a general election coming up shortly. Sadly, according to all I hear on the radio and tv, the campaigns by the majority of the political parties are all about tax, the economy, immigration and Europe. But what about the planet?

Apart from the obvious exception, none of the main parties so far seem to be saying much about how they plan to make the country more environmentally friendly. What laws will they bring in to respond to climate change? What will they do to help and encourage us all live a greener life? In the end we can each follow the politicians down the route of arguing endlessly about their agenda, or we can lead the debate by asking about the subjects they so often like to ignore.

Now is the one time when candidates are willing to listen to what we have to say. So when that canvassing knock comes on your door, or the phone call asking your opinion, don't fall into their trap of discussing what they want to talk about. Ask them what they plan to do for the environment, how they are going to make Britain a greener place. And please, please use your vote on 7th May, even if it is to register a protest vote by spoiling your ballot paper. Let them know you care enough to turn out.

Interesting fact: It has been predicted that the new controversial restrictions on vacuum cleaner size will save enough energy by 2020 to run the London Underground for 20 years. And, did you hear that in March for the first time, an eclipse of the sun had an impact on the electricity grid because of all the solar panels in use? The drop in their production had to be accounted for nationally.

The UK's solar panels now produce the equivalent output of around 8 to 10 gas fired power stations! It took political decisions to make these changes. Just think how much more could be achieved by a government forced to focus on these issues by us, the electorate, whatever their colour.

Eco Apprentice



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Union Workhouse, Huntingdon by Liz Carter was the subject of our meeting in January. Why did we need a Workhouse? Someone had to look after the sick, elderly, abandoned and less fortunate members of society and this until the Huntingdon Poor Law Union was founded on 19th January 1836 was the responsibility of the Parish. A meeting was held in 'The George Inn' Huntingdon on the 25th January to discuss the building of a Union Workhouse for 200 inmates to replace the existing Parish Workhouse and agreed to a building at Walnut Common near Iron Bridge, Huntingdon. This was completed at the end of May 1837, the first inmates taking occupation in the autumn. It was a two storey building having dormitories, a kitchen, dining hall and later additions included an Infirmary, a third storey, children's block and a laundry. Inmates were given three meals a day. They were also given a full set of clothes, unmarried women were shunned and made to wear a blue coat. Men worked at breaking up stones and women worked in the laundry and cleaning the house, children were often boarded out to families who could give them a better life. Old Aged Pensioners were bored as they could not do much work so they would be given knitting or crocheting to do. A rather amusing story was that many had no teeth so one set was made and at meal times they all shared them! The workhouse eventually ceased to be and became Walnut House and later Petersfield Hospital and then demolished.

In February, Alan Bottell talked and showed slides on '**The Fenland Arc**', a floating church. The brainchild of Rev. George Broke (pronounced Brook). He paid a visit in September 1896 to barge builder William Starling in Stanground and agreed on the building of a suitable barge, the total cost would be £70.00. It was delivered to Stokes Bridge on the 1st April 1897 and dedicated by Archdeacon Vesey. The services were held in three places around the fen, Allen's Engine, Stokes Farm and Charter Farm. Two flags were used to summons the parishioners, the flag of St George, to show the location and the flag of St Andrew to indicate the service was in progress. During the services Baptisms were held and Bertie Rootham was the first baby to have this honour. A horse called Boxer pulled the barge from station to station and was looked after by Mr Langley. Between 1897 and September 1904 there were a few problems moving the barge: being stuck in ice, not being able to move because of low water and in the last few years, loss of a congregation. After a spell at Welches Dam in Manea the barge was sold in 1907 to a syndicate of young men and renamed '**The Saints Rest**' being used for recreational purposes. It is believed that it sank in 1912 at Forty Foot corner, which is within the Ferry Meadows complex and can be visited by a short walk from the information centre.

Our next meeting is on 16th April - **Roman Roads in Cambridgeshire** - including Ermine Street, a talk by 'Paddy' and on 21st May - **457th Bomb Group 'The Fireball Outfit'** by Martin Jones.

Phil Hill is looking for properties to have archaeology test pits dug in their garden again this year on 20th/21st May, contact Phil on Philip-c-hill@sky.com

Don't forget to come and see us at the Library on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00.

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry. Contact 01487 830054 for more information.

Sheila Tibbs

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SAWTRY FOODBANK

Feeding local people in crisis

We have been delighted with the response to our appeals for donations of essential foods for the new foodbank in the village. Do please keep them coming. As the bank becomes more established, we have more agencies who are directing people to our sessions with vouchers for emergency food parcels so demand will only grow. We particularly need tins of meat based foods and tins of veg at the moment, please think of us next time you are shopping and pop an extra tin in your trolley. There are collection points at Sawtry Co-op, CARESCO Charity Shop, CARESCO Centre, All Saints Church, Sawtry Methodist Church & St Benedict's (in the WI Hall).

The dedicated team of volunteers are willingly giving up their time to run two sessions per week - Tues & Fri 3.30pm to 6pm in the CARESCO Centre. They offer not only the food, but also a listening ear and help finding other services which can help to get people back on their feet.

Currently all foods which come into the Bank are still being passed on to Godmanchester Foodbank who are mentoring us and who are packing up our food parcels to ensure they are nutritionally balanced. Once the Sawtry Bank is established, our team will be trained to do this in-house.

In partnership with



For more information about Sawtry Foodbank, please visit our page on the CARESCO website, or contact the office on 01487 832105.

For foodbanks in general, please visit the Trussell Trust website.

FOODBANK REAL LIFE STORY

This story, like so many others across the UK, is an example of how easy it is to slip into a crisis where you cannot afford food.

Rather than arresting a young man when he was caught shoplifting in Islington, police officers took him to the foodbank. Adam had not eaten for four days and had finally resorted to stealing bread and eggs from a local shop. After experiencing 23 days benefit delay Adam had tried begging for food and was desperate. Arrested by plain clothes officers, he was distraught at having been forced to turn to crime to feed himself. Fortunately, the police officers were so moved by his plight that they took him to Islington Foodbank. Adam cried with gratitude when he saw the bags of food and the police were so impressed by the foodbank service that they asked to become official foodbank voucher holders.

Taken from the Trussell Trust website

EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Do you feel lonely or isolated in your own home?

Or know someone who is?

Would you like someone to call or visit for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat?

Our Good Neighbours scheme is now up and running and our first group of volunteer befrienders have started visiting their new friend. We are now looking for more people interested in getting involved. If you would like to know more about becoming a befriender, or would like someone to pop in regularly for a chat and a cuppa, please contact Emma on the number below. All befrienders are DBS (formerly CRB) checked before they are able to start.

Emma Byrne - Good Neighbour Co-ordinator
Email: gns@caresco.org.uk or call 07840 015969
Please note this phone is not manned, leave a message and Emma will get back to you

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

We've had a brilliant couple of months at the Charity Shop and are now, believe it or not, fast approaching our second anniversary since we opened the doors at the beginning of April. A huge thank you to the whole team and everyone who has contributed to making the shop such a success be they customers, volunteers or staff (or in some cases all three!).

All funds raised are ploughed back into CARESCO to help provide services to the local community and, thanks to the shop, over the past couple of years CARESCO has started up the new Good Neighbours Scheme and our Sounds Good group as well as being able to take on a dedicated Volunteers Manager to help co-ordinate our ever growing band of willing helpers across the organisation.

Your support is really making a difference. Thank you.

Contact the shop on 01487 208026 or by email shop@caresco.org.uk
or by calling in to: 7 Greenways, Sawtry during opening hours
9 - 4.30pm Mon – Fri & 9 – 12.30pm Saturdays.

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SAWTRY DAY CENTRE NEWS

The aim of the Day Centre is to encourage older people in our community to get together regularly, make new friends and enjoy a good meal.

We meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the CARESCO Centre in Sawtry where our day starts with the arrival of our members who use our door to door transport, our volunteers are always on hand to assist if needed. Members are welcomed with tea and biscuits followed by chair exercises if they want to join in.

A raffle is held each day to boost the club's social funds which then subsidises activities and outings. Members bring in an item to the value of a pound, everyone buys a raffle ticket pick an item from the tray and go home with a prize.

At midday we enjoy a freshly cooked two-course meal together, prepared in our own kitchen and in the afternoons we have entertainment at least once a month from outside agencies such as a singer, choir or a speaker. When we do not have visitors, we play bingo which is always very popular, do quizzes together or singing. We are also planning on having regular afternoon film showings in the near future. A few times a year we go on trips out by coach for a meal or to visit a garden centre.

Our members are a very lively bunch and contrary to belief we are not a care home and our members do not just sit around, they like to be entertained. We listen to what they have to say and do our best to take up suggestions.

So if you think the club could be for you, a family member, neighbour or a friend, why not come along to one of our sessions to meet our team and see if you like us, we are quite relaxed and you will receive a warm welcome.

If anyone requires any further information please do not hesitate to contact us, details below.

We would also appreciate your support at our Quiz Supper Night at the Old School Hall, Sawtry on 18th April to support our social fund. Tickets are on sale now priced at £7.50 each and available at the CARESCO office and the Charity Shop (see separate advert on front page).

Vicki Scott & Gill Robinson, Managers, Sawtry Day Centre

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



SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

We held our first meeting on Monday, 9 March and we were very pleased with the turn-out. People came along with any plants and seeds they wanted to swap and we spent a good two hours getting to know one another.

Our next meeting is on the Monday, 13 April, 7:30pm at the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road when we shall be discussing what the members want from their club. So come along and spend an enjoyable time with people who are keen on gardening; your ideas are most welcome.

Susan & Caz



SAWTRY CHORALE

Africa, Russia, England, America, France, Camelot and Munchinland. Our spring and summer programme takes us on a world tour and beyond. The theme is 'songs from the Shows'. So far we have been singing pieces from The Lion King, Fiddler on the Roof, Sweeney Todd, Sweet Charity, Oklahoma and Camelot. After Easter we will include songs from Les Misérables, Wicked, Mary Poppins, West Side Story and Music Man. What's not to like?



Sawtry Chorale's first concert of 2015 was at The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester on 21st March where we joined with Huntingdon Male Voice choir to present a feast of songs. The evening was a great success. 'Rhythm of Life' took everyone's breath away. The choir's rendition of 'He Lives in You' and 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight?' from the Lion King was well received as were all the songs from both choirs.

Our aim is to promote the enjoyment of singing, to those who like to listen and be entertained and to those who want to join in. We also help raise money for good causes. We are a friendly group of people of all ages from teenage upwards whose common interest is singing. If you would like to sing with us, want to meet new people and have fun do come along and have a go. Look out for details of our concerts in Sawtry Eye or on our website. If you would like to join us you can ring me for more information on 01487 830149, go to our website or come along to rehearsal on a Wednesday evening at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

May there always be music in your life.

Hazel Rea

www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

SAWTRY HISTORY THEN & NOW

Our new series from Sawtry History Society on the stories behind old buildings which can still be seen around the village today

94 GREEN END ROAD

You have walked by this property time and time and again, but have you ever wondered what it may have been in the past?

A George Lane was born in Sawtry in 1834 and became a Platelayer on the railway. He married Martha Owen and they had three children, Joseph, Lizzie and Henry. In 1881 he was living in Headland Lane, Soothill, Dewsbury, Yorkshire, by this time he was a Foreman on the railway, Lizzie was 22 and a dressmaker. Living nearby was a gentleman named George Westerman, he was born in Loftus, Yorkshire in 1865 and in 1881 was living in Bradford Road, Dewsbury, Yorkshire working as a leather currier for a Tailor and Woollen Draper.

Lizzie and George Westerman, as well as her father and mother returned to Sawtry in 1887. They married in 1888 and went on to have 2 children, Florrie and Walter. During this time George Lane and George Westerman started the shop some may remember as Lane & Westerman, drapers and grocers, selling everything from pins to fashion items, judging from the picture below. They had two horses and used to take deliveries around the village, the old stable is now the sorting office for the Post Office. George Lane died in 1910 aged 77 and both George and Lizzie Westerman died in 1944 aged 85 and 80. Florrie the daughter married Arthur Jackson (see next issue of the Sawtry Eye) and Walter married Ellen Jackson in early March 1926 and on the 19th March 1926 emigrated to Canada.

In 1945 Ernest Green brought the shop and it became a Grocers', renamed 'Green End Stores'. In 1963 a row of cottages was demolished next to the original shop which was then extended. They used to cook the big hams for slicing, as well as weigh up the sugar into blue bags, all of which apart from selling in the shop would be taken on a Grocers Van around the local villages.

The Co-op brought the extension in 1973 and you may well remember the store being in that position before it moved to Glatton Road. In 2012 the premises was converted to the Co-op funeral parlour. The actual Lane & Westerman premises became the living quarters for Ernie and his wife Peggy, using the remaining space for the Newsagents and Post Office which moved in during 1966.

Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell, Sawtry History Society

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



EAST ANGLIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICES (EACH) - CAN YOU HELP?

EACH is a local charity giving care and support to life-threatened Children, Young People and their Families. This can take place in the local community or at their nearest Hospice, which for Sawtry is Milton Hospice. We regularly put on fun events in the community to raise money to provide the valuable care required. These range from popular big events such as the Peterborough Abseil in April, St Ives Community Choir Event in May, to collections at your local supermarkets. You can get involved by coming along to our events or volunteering your time to help the charity.

The EACH Huntingdon and St Ives Volunteer Friends Group committee have regular meetings at which you would not need to attend, but if you are interested in helping out we can send you details of upcoming volunteer opportunities on a regular basis. You would be very welcome to come along to a meeting to meet me and the committee members and to find out more about EACH.

To find out more about the events in your area or to volunteer your time to help out and make some new friends please contact me- Beccy Gillings on 01223 205198.

Thanks for your support.



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Arts Alive Event - Free Manga Workshop

Irina Richards from Sweatdrop Studios will be hosting a 2 day Workshop for 11 – 16 year olds at Sawtry Library on **Wednesday May 27th 10.00am – 1.00pm and Friday 29th May 10.00am – 12.30pm.**

Day One - Learn to draw Manga characters.

Day Two - Create your own Manga story

If you are interested then please ask at Sawtry Library for an Expression of Interest Form.

Coming soon - Storytime at Sawtry Library

Storytime will be held at Sawtry Library starting on **Wednesday 15th April** then every alternate week from 2.15 – 2.45 pm for Pre-school children. Please look out for more details in the Library or on Cambs.net.

Events at Huntingdon Library

During April we have a couple of events these are :-

Comic Book Workshop – Friday April 10th 2.30 – 4.00pm for ages 8 – 13. This is a ticketed event.

Game On – Saturday 25th April 2 – 3.30pm. A drop in event to play a variety of boards games for ages 10 – 16.

If you would like more information on these events please contact Huntingdon Library, see a member of staff or visit our Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page.

On-Line Resources

Did you know you can Download E-Books and Magazines to your I-phone or Tablet. You can also download our **Sorcer Mobile App** to your device and access your account 24 hours a day.

If you would like more information please see a member of staff.

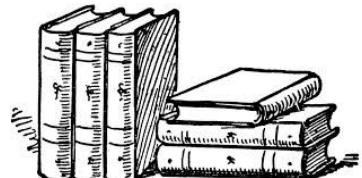
OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

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



The 2015 Sawtry Carnival is only a few months away now and wheels have been in motion to make this the best Carnival in its 10 years. As in previous years the Carnival is free to enter and will have some free activities on hand for children to enjoy.

This year's Carnival has been extended to 5pm giving you more time to enjoy the day's entertainment, activities and variety of stalls.

The Sawtry Carnival is a non for profit organisation and its mission has always been committed to supporting the local community and this year the Sawtry Carnival Committee are pleased to be able to pledge £300 to a local charity.

Carnival Courts from Sawtry and surrounding towns along with local groups will make this year's Parade bigger than ever and will take the longer route. Sawtry Carnival Court Selection and Crowning night will be held on 24th April and will include a Disco and Raffle, for an entry form and further details you can email sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com.

If you wish to book a stall please email Martin on martin.sales@btinternet.com. If you wish to advertise in the Carnival Programme please email David on sawtrymarquees@btinternet.com

All other enquiries about the Carnival please call Jo on 07944 895114

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: When - Saturday 13th June 2015 from 12noon till 5pm

Where? - Old School Hall off Green End Road, Sawtry - Junction 15 off the A1

For more details contact Jo on 07944 895114 or email sawtrycommittee@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

I have been working closely with Sawtry Parish Council, and am extremely excited about the prospect of a **Community Engagement Day** on **Wednesday 13th May** from **1000 hours**. Amongst other things, we will be conducting Street Surveys, in an attempt to identify the issues that matter most to our communities. We will also be carrying out property marking and crime prevention advice at the School Hall (near to the Parish Council Office). This may be in the mobile police station, or the main building, details TBC, but we will be in the area, so please follow the signs. I am pleased to advise that members of the Parish Council will also be present, to listen to your concerns, and hopefully provide a response to any of your questions.

We have been working hard in your community, covering the Sawtry beat area (with surrounding villages). Although we are not measuring success on numbers alone, I am delighted to report that recorded crime has fallen from 65 (2014) to 47 (2015) offences (Period January to March). I am sure you will agree, this is fantastic news, and means that there are 18 fewer victims of crime during this period.

Officers have been working hard to tackle concerns of speeding motorists. Several offence reports have been taken, and unfortunately, all are local residents. Please bear in mind your manner of driving whilst travelling through your community – excess speed could result in a fine or penalty points.

A Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant has recently been completed, resulting in drugs paraphernalia being found. The offender has been issued with a Formal warning for cannabis possession, and the housing association has been notified, and action against their tenancy taken.

I look forward to seeing you on the 13th May.

We are always keen to receive information from our local communities, and contact can be made on any of the means below:-

Emergency – Immediate Risk to Life or property – 999

Non urgent/information – 101/www.cambs-police.uk, and follow links to our local or Facebook pages.

Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to working closely with you in the near future,

TPS 2386 Aaron Murphy



NEW PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADVERTISING IN THE SAWTRY EYE

The existence of the Sawtry Eye is dependent on the continued support of our commercial advertisers whose details appear in the back section of each issue. Without them, you would not be able to receive this copy free of charge through your door every couple of months and we are very grateful for their backing.

You may be interested to know that we have introduced an alternative payment method for our advertisers wishing to place their advert for a whole year in the Sawtry Eye. In addition to the traditional option of block booking for the six issues and paying in one lump sum before the first issue is printed, we are now also able to accept a booking for the year with the option of paying a monthly amount.

The option of placing advertisements with us one issue at a time remains, in this case we also require full payment in advance of publication. There is an additional cost for this option. Please note that paying for the full year in advance will remain the cheapest option.

We hope that you will agree with us that this new arrangement is convenient and cost-effective for our advertisers and helps to spread the cost over the year.

The Sawtry Eye magazine is published by CARESCO, a unique Sawtry-based charity providing a range of services to meet needs within our local community. You can also find more details about our organisation by visiting our website at www.caresco.org.uk where you can also download the news section from past issues and details of our rates and deadlines (or see page 5). Any profits from accepting commercial advertising are put back into the organisation and help to support our other services for local people.

Thank you for your support. Please contact us should you need any further information – details on page 3.

Liz Coates & Marina Joyce, Co-Editors

2015 CARNIVAL COURT SELECTION & CROWNING EVENING

Selection and Crowning night is to be held at:-

Sawtry Club on Friday 24th April, starting at 7pm.

For more information or an application form please contact:
sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com or call 07799 062276





SAWTRY W.I. REPORT

Sue Cadman from the dance troupe '**The Roly Polys**' was our speaker for our December meeting, and she didn't disappoint. She told of her life as a performer from the age of 3 to her appearances on The Les Dawson show. She had loved dancing from when she was a tiny tot and her dance teacher encouraged her to take it up professionally. She always had to fight a losing battle with her weight and eventually she used it to her advantage, was auditioned for the Les Dawson show and the rest as they say is history. She has promised to return and tell us about the rest of her show business career.

Our January speaker was Alan Butler with '**Pictures on my Wall**'. Alan brought along 10 or so prints and one original oil. Alan gave very detailed accounts of the artists and their subjects. Some of the prints were of Huntingdon and Houghton in bygone times which was of great interest to the members. We also liked the old railway advertisement prints, there was one of the Hemingfords which was possibly artistic licence, as we don't think Hemingford ever had a station. Alan said the originals are worth quite a lot of money, so keep your eyes open at car boot sales etc!

We had our annual **New Year Party** at the end of January, we all agreed it was one of our best. The food was wonderful (of course) mostly provided by the members. After a sumptuous feast we were entertained by 'King & I' a male singing duo, they soon had our feet tapping, even a bit of rock n roll by a couple of our members! The duo played lots of Elvis, The Everly Brothers, Cliff Richard and many more of our heroes of the 60's and 70's. I'm sure we will be inviting them back for another of our celebrations.

In February Jeff Turner of the '**Bobby Scheme**' told us of ways the charity could help keep our homes safe. On invitation a member of the scheme would visit, assess the property and install window alarms, door chains and advise on securing sheds and back gates etc. This is a scheme for the over 65s and a minimum donation of £25.00 is suggested. Jeff went on to tell us about the need to guard handbags, purses etc when out and about, there are some very clever thieves who can take your purses or bank cards whilst distracting your attention. Also the need to guard against 'scam' phone calls, where very plausible people try to obtain your bank details.

Mark Williams was our speaker for the March meeting. He is a **wildlife photographer** and through his laptop and screen he showed the truly magnificent photographs he took in Botswana. There were elephants, lions, Hippos' zebras, rhino, a truly fearsome looking crocodile and that is to name but a few! Mark commented on the light in Botswana, how clear and true colours were. Botswana takes conservation very seriously and the wildlife is fiercely protected from hunters and poachers. Marks' enthusiasm for the animals was so infectious and we enjoyed his talk immensely. We are already looking forward to his next one, which hopefully will be early next year.

Maureen Westbrook – half a President

GET INVOLVED IN SAWTRY FOODBANK

Your gifts of time, funds or food can help stop local people going hungry. We could not do it without you.

Volunteer

There are many ways to get involved as a volunteer - you could help us with food sorting and packing, fundraising or promoting the foodbank to the local community. If you have some time to give and are willing to help, please get in touch.

Donate Food

Ask for a copy of our shopping list to see what we need. Please leave any food donations in one of the collection points around the village (currently at the CARESCO Centre and charity shop, the Methodist Church, All Saints' Church and Sawtry Co-op Foodstore), or alternatively bring your donations along to the foodbank during our opening hours. Want to help even more? Could you start a foodbank collection point at your work, school or church?

Donate money

One-off gifts: Foodbanks need funds to keep going. We appreciate whatever you can give, big or small. Please make cheques payable to 'CARESCO' or to make a payment by bank transfer, ask us for details. Also, if you are a tax payer please consider using gift aid.

Regular gifts: Giving by standing order helps us to plan ahead, making sure we are always here to help people in crisis. Please ask for details and if working online, mark your payments with 'Sawtry Foodbank'.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Become a sponsor or partner

If you are a local business that shares our belief that no-one should go hungry in our local area, we'd love you to hear from you. There are many ways to get involved, from volunteering as a team building activity to sharing your expertise. To find out more about getting involved please contact us.

For more information, please contact the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105, email office@caresco.org.uk or visit our website at www.caresco.org.uk and follow the links to the foodbank page.

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In partnership with
Godmanchester foodbank

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

Not long now until our 67th Supper! This is taking place this year on the 2nd June.

The invitations will be delivered to you someone in April or early May. If you accept and then closer to the date are unable to attend please contact me on 07903 841708 giving as much notice as possible.

If you have not attended in the past and would like to attend, please would you kindly contact me so I can put you on our waiting list.

We have recently held a very successful Bingo fundraising event which raised a fabulous £429 we would like to thank all those people who attended, donated prizes and supported the Sawtry Feast Supper Club without this support we would not be able to hold this great event.

Karen Leader 01487 832645 or 07903 841708

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Friends and Family Test

As of 1st December 2014 all general practices have introduced the NHS Friends and Family Test. This is a way of gathering your feedback so that we can continually review our service. The test is based on one question – how likely are you to recommend our GP practice to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment? You also have the opportunity to tell us the main reason for selecting your answer. All of our patients are welcome to answer this question and you can do so as frequently as you wish. Response cards are available in our waiting room and we would be very grateful if you could take a moment to complete a response form next time you are in the practice. In addition, the ability to complete the Friends and Family Test online is now available via our website.

Online Repeat Prescription Requests

Thank you to those patients who have already registered to use our new online system for requesting repeat prescriptions. If you would like to use our new system and have not already registered please collect a form from our Reception desk or download a copy from our website. Once complete, you will need to hand your form in personally at reception and provide identification – details regarding suitable types of identification are provided on the reverse of the registration form.

Booking an Appointment

As we try to meet increasing demand for appointments our reception staff may ask you if you are able to provide some information as to the nature of your need. This is so we can direct you to the best person or resource to meet that need and make best use of the increasingly limited resources we have available.

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

Stilton Cheese Rolling

High Street, Stilton

Monday May 4th 2015



Free admission!

- May King & Queen
- Magic Dave
- Blue Vision Twirling Team

Fun starts at 10:30am

- Stalls and Sideshows
- Plenty of food and drink
- Music & Dance

Entry forms and directions on www.stilton.org/cheese-rolling

A LOAD OF BOWLS!!!

Sawtry & District Bowling Club (it's the one opposite the garage in Green End Road) has the largest single group of junior bowlers in Huntingdonshire and provides a safe and competitive environment to let off some of that surplus energy and gain a new skill without the need for extensive travel and expense.

And before you ask, bowls is not just a sport for the more mature or elderly folk of the community.

Upwards of 20 youngsters, both boys and girls, attend instruction and practice sessions at the club every Wednesday evening throughout the bowling season. It's good fun, healthy and most importantly reasonably cheap. Competing against each other hones their skills, creates competition and hopefully helps to prepare them for the adult world. Bowls is an international sport with a high uptake of young people and a growing national following.

Last season Sawtry won the inaugural Huntingdonshire under 18's mixed bowls league.

We also already provide a number of players, both boys and girls, for the county junior teams that compete in the East Anglia leagues.

One of our members, Toby Furzeland, has been invited to attend a trial for the Bowls England under 18's Commonwealth Games national squad in April.

Our young bowlers receive coaching and instruction from volunteers within the club and the county.

All of this comes at a price, and SDBC, which works hard to be self-supporting would welcome any financial help or sponsorship from within the community including local organisations or businesses. How do you do this? Well no matter how much or little, a call to the Club Secretary will outline any options available, sponsored club shirt or the correct footwear – anything would be welcome.

Finally a quote from a local councillor – *Sawtry & District Bowling Club is a valued part of a diverse village community and an outlet for sports minded youngsters in a competitive and well controlled environment.*

If you can, please give it your support.

Mick Rayson, Club Secretary

01487839720 / 07900520130 or email mikeandsue65@gmail.com



Saturdays
18th April and 16th May
4.30 - 6.30pm at All Saints Church, Sawtry

EASTER THOUGHT

Like most people, I love chocolate! I'm looking forward to enjoying Easter eggs on Easter Day. And on the way there I'll be chomping through a few Hot Cross Buns too.

But there's more to Easter than chocolate eggs in fancy packaging. Easter is about a bitter-sweet message of betrayal, death, and hope – eternal hope.

Easter is the high point of the Christian year. It's when Christians remember how Jesus Christ, a carpenter executed for his rebellious views on the meaning of life and death, was raised to life again.

Jesus was falsely accused, and condemned to death. On Good Friday (3rd April), we will be remembering how Jesus was put to death by being nailed to a cross by his hands and feet. Hence the Cross on the Buns. But that terrible death was not the end. That's why Easter is bitter-sweet: Jesus' death opened the way to life for us.

When Jesus died, his body was put in a tomb. But when some women went two days later to anoint it with spices, they found the tomb empty. Then they met Jesus, and they saw the nail marks on his body: Jesus had been raised from the dead. So on Easter Sunday, Christians all over the world will shout, 'He is risen!'

That may sound unbelievable – but God can do things which to us seem impossible. The amazing story at the heart of Easter is that Jesus has defeated death – and is alive today.

Great leaders have lived and died, and some live on in memories or history books. But Jesus is alive. After that first Easter Day, nothing was ever the same again. His friends realised that to follow him brought life and love and hope - and people have been meeting Jesus and finding that new life, love and hope for themselves ever since. Life for ever. Love, which makes life worth living. Hope, of a better future and a better world - and a part to play in making that happen.

The churches in Sawtry and the surrounding area would love to help you discover how the message of Easter can change your life for the better. Enjoy your chocolate this Easter - and may the good news of Easter bring you life and love and hope.

Revd Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton

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ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

www.all saintssawtry.org.uk

SERVICES

April			May		
3 rd	Good Friday		3 rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	March of Witness (leaves Sawtry Methodist Church at 10am) followed by a reflective service			
Easter Day			10 th	10.30am	All Age Worship
5 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		10.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion	17 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
12 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	24 th	10.30am	Pentecost Holy Communion
19 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	31 st	10.30am	Morning Worship
26 th	10.30am	St George's Day Parade Service			

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting of All Saints Sawtry will be held on Sunday 19th April, after the morning service. All those on the electoral roll of the church are encouraged to attend. The meeting is an opportunity to hear about the life of the church over the past year, to elect representatives who will make decisions over the coming year and to look ahead to the future.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church – crafts, celebration and a meal, for children and parents / carers - will be on Saturdays 18th April and 16th May, 4.30 - 6.30pm. Come and enjoy being messy, and discover more about Jesus.



ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

After school Adventurers Club will meet at Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 28th April and 19th May, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. Discoverers (years 3-6) will meet on Friday 10th April, 1st and 22nd May, 6-7.30pm in church. For more info on either of these groups, contact Ali Scott on 07506411507 or 832478.

PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale will be held on Saturday 9th May, 10-11.30am at the Old School Hall. Please think about potting up a few extra seeds or cuttings to donate, and do come along to buy your bedding plants, veg plants, and perennials to fill the spaces in your garden border...

SATURDAY OPENING

All Saints is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, for space to pray, or 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 to ask for prayer.

St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry

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

There is a House Mass each month, and a weekly Prayer Group.

For further details of these and for any other enquiries, please contact Tony Stefanelli, 01487 830680

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

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

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

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
Private William Percival GLOVER	27 March 1918	Great Gidding
Sergeant Norman George Wood BOYCE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Sergeant Robert Charles DOBIE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Donald Cole LINDSEY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Robert Joseph O'LEARY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Private John Edward ANDREWS	23 March 1943	Sawtry

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

ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

April		
5 th	9.00am	Easter Holy Communion
12 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
16 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
19 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
26 th	9.00am	Holy Communion

May		
3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
17 th	3.30pm	Celebration Service – Roof Repair Completion
21 st	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
24 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
31 st	9.00am	Holy Communion

Annual Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on Tuesday 21st April at 7pm and will be an important meeting both looking back over 2014 and forward in this year.

Plant Sale

The St Nicholas Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 9th May between 9am and 1.30pm on the Village Green. This event has always provided an extensive plant sale at really attractive prices and we look forward to many passers-by throughout the day.

Special Celebration Service

A celebration service for the completion of the roof repairs will be held on Sunday 17th May at 3.30pm followed by refreshments and will be taken by Hugh McCurdy, the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech. We hope that this will be a fitting way to thank the village community who have so generously supported the roof repair fund raising events over a number of years and for their keen interest in its' progress. All are most welcome.

Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 15th April and 20th May in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

Please phone Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 with any general enquiries, or to ask for prayer.

See Glatton website for more information: www.glatton.org.uk

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Rev Katy Dunn - Tel 01480 830314

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

SPECIAL SERVICES**Easter Day Holy Communion**

5th April – 10.30am

Led by Rev Katy Dunn

All Age Worship

19th April – 10.30am

Led by Pauline Zahner

All Age Worship

17th May – 10.30am

Led by Members of the Congregation

Come and join us

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all

13th & 27th April, 11th May

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11 am

In aid of Building Project Phase 2.

ALL THAT GLITTERS....IS NOT FAIRLY TRADED!

Gold is a symbol of love, power and wealth the world-over. But look behind the glitz and the reality is not so glamorous.

Ninety per cent of the labour force involved in gold mining is made up of artisanal and small-scale miners who produce between 200-300 tonnes of gold each year. Around 70% of this is used to make jewellery, with consumers across the globe spending a whopping \$135 billion a year on gold jewellery!

A 100 million people worldwide depend on artisanal and small-scale mining for their survival. Mining rights are generally given to large-scale industrial mining companies so small-scale miners are pushed into running informal and often illegal operations. Conditions are hazardous and health and safety measures are inadequate, with real health risks posed from handling toxic mercury and cyanide which is used in the extraction process. These miners are at the end of long and complex supply chains and have little option but to accept the price offered by traders, however low.

For Fairtrade Gold, miners receive a guaranteed Fairtrade Minimum Price and Premium (\$2,000/kg) to invest in improving their business or in community projects such as education, clean water and healthcare. Becoming Fairtrade certified and meeting Fairtrade Standards for gold helps miners formalise and improve their mining and business practices. This includes strict Standards on working conditions, health and safety, handling chemicals, women's rights, child labour and protection of the environment.



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For more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk or call the

Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7405 5942

GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING MONEY ON ENERGY BILLS

Shop around for a better deal

If you're not happy with the amount you're paying your current supplier for gas and electricity, you may be able to move to a different deal or switch to another supplier. Many fuel companies now operate dual fuel schemes which can save you money if you buy both gas and electricity from that supplier. Use an accredited price comparison website to work out whether you would save money.

Use an energy monitor

Energy monitors can help you understand how much energy you are using. They can also help you see where you could use less.

Change how you pay for energy

Some energy suppliers offer a discount to customers who pay their bills by direct debit, standing order, a fixed payment budget scheme or a flexible payments scheme. Check with your supplier to see if you could save money by moving to a different method.

Always remember to check the terms of any payment scheme your supplier offers, to understand any conditions or restrictions it might place on you.

Use more energy-efficient products

Replacing all the light bulbs in your house with energy-saving bulbs can lead to savings on your bills. If you're replacing an appliance like a television or washing machine, be sure to look out for the energy rating. Appliances with better ratings will use less energy, helping you reduce your bills.

Remember you can also save money by using your appliances more efficiently. For example, don't boil a full kettle if you only need enough hot water for a cup of tea.

Remember to turn appliances off

Leaving appliances like televisions and DVD players on standby means they use electricity, even when you're not using them. Save money by turning your appliances off completely when they're not in use.

Turn down your thermostat

Reducing your room temperatures by just one degree can cut your heating bills by ten per cent. Put on a jumper rather than turning up the heating. You can save even more by turning down the radiators in rooms you don't use very often.

Ensure your home is well insulated and draught-proofed

Half of the heat lost from your home each year escapes through its walls and roof, on average. Insulating your walls, roof and floor can give you significant savings on heating bills, as well as reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Even the very simple step of closing your curtains in the evening can help prevent heat escaping through the windows.

Ask your supplier for advice on energy efficiency

All energy suppliers have a code of practice on using gas and electricity efficiently. If you ask for it, they must also give you free information and advice on:

- preventing heat loss from your home
- choosing heating systems and controls
- using heating systems efficiently
- organisations that can give you further help
- sources of possible financial help for improving your home's energy efficiency.

Electricity rebate from your supplier

All electricity suppliers are obliged to pay their domestic customers a rebate of £12 on electricity bills, in winter 2014/15 and in 2015/16.

Your supplier will give you the rebate if you were registered with them on 12 October 2014 or 11 October 2015. The rebate must be given by 29 February each year.

Find out about energy efficiency schemes and grants

There are various energy efficiency schemes and grants available. These schemes vary across the UK and are run by a variety of organisations.

Make sure you are getting the benefits you are entitled to

If you have reached the qualifying age you may be able to get a Winter Fuel Payment to help with your energy costs. If you're on a low income you may also be able to get a cold weather payment to help with your fuel costs during periods of cold weather. It is a good idea to make sure you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to, as these could increase your income to help you afford your bills.

**Use the Energy Saving Trust's searchable database of grants and schemes and the online home energy check to find out where you could make savings on your bills at
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk**

For more information please contact Peterborough Citizens Advice Bureau on 0344 499 4120



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THE BEAUTIFUL BLUEBELLS OF BRAMPTON WOOD

On Sunday 26th April

Come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood when George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, will lead us through this woodland.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grahams Road, Brampton at 10.30 am. GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

THE FLORA OF HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE

On Sunday 31st May

Come and visit this little-known Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Huntingdon Racecourse, Brampton, starting at 10.30am. The walk will be led by Pat Doody, who has a particular interest in wildflower meadows. Unimproved grasslands of this type are rare, particularly in Cambridgeshire, and we are lucky to have this opportunity to visit this site.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please follow Trust signs from the entrance to the Racecourse off the A14/B1514 junction. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim Fryer on 01480 457795. GR TL 208719.

Please visit the website for more information or contact Tim on 01480 457795

Registered Charity No: 1000412



A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

Huntingdon Grahams Water Lions Club will have another busy year in 2015. Our next major event is the **Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of VE Day** which is taking place on Saturday 9th May at the Sailing Club in Perry. This will take the form of a 40's night, when revellers can dress in the costumes of the period, dance to 40's music with the HUMS Big band and enjoy a 40's menu. The proceeds will be going to local forces charities. Tickets are priced at £17.50 and the event starts at 7pm when the bar will be open. See our contact numbers below for further information.

Plans are already in hand for the annual **Safari Walk** on Sunday 17th May when the Club's chosen charity will be **The Woodlands Centre Appeal**. For those who have not participated before, we make things easy for you to raise money for your own chosen cause. The Lions Club handles the organisation and all participants need to do is walk around Grahams Water and get people to sponsor them. There is a shorter walk for those unable to do the full course. In return for the organisation of the event we ask that 10% of the money you raise is given to our Club for their charity.

We will also be attending a number of fetes and fairs in the local area during the summer including those at Kimbolton, **Sawtry** and Godmanchester, to raise money for other worthy causes.

You may wonder what we do with the money we raise, well in the past year we have donated to many good causes, too numerous to mention but for instance last year's Safari Walk raised over £6000 of which £775 was donated to the Lions International Blood Research Appeal (Libra) who carry out research into blood related cancers at Kings College Hospital in London. The balance was shared between 11 other groups who walked for their chosen cause.

For further information about the events above or the local Lions Club contact Lion Keith on 812920 or Lion Bernard 810704.

We are always on the lookout for new members so if you would like to help others less fortunate than you, in a fun, friendly atmosphere speak to us or go to the Lions International website www.lionsclubs.co for more information about us Lions.

Spring Surprise

Daphne Gk name for the bay or laurel (*Laurus noblis*). From Europe, North Africa, and Temperate Asia, contains 50 species of deciduous and evergreen shrubs. PL Family. *Thymelaeaceace*. N.B Toxic sap.

Description

These are beautiful evergreen shrubs having simple; leathery leaves some with creamy golden margins around their edges and highly fragrant clusters of sweet clove scented mauve to purple starry flowers from late winter onwards usually borne on short, stubby side branches these plants are especially welcoming in early spring.

Aspect and Growing

Daphnes prefer a woodland aspect with some species enjoying stony ground, screes, and even limestone soils. Give them a cool well-drained, slightly acidic to neutral soil. Once planted they should not be moved as they resent disturbance. Daphnes prefer a sunny warm aspect and shelter from cold northerly winds, and protection from frost, and from excessive winter wet. Grow them where you can appreciate them perhaps near the house! Most Daphnes are fully hardy. Plants can suffer from die back. No need to prune. Feed in spring and keep moist in summer.

Species/Cultivars

D. odora 'Aureomarginata' This is a hardy form with golden edged leaves. Nicely scented, late spring flowering.

D. bholua. Slow growing evergreen shrub, which produces purplish pink flowers which bloom through out the winter.

D. x burkwoodii 'Somerset'. An easy shrub to grow in the garden and one of the most beautiful with a delicious clove scent. It has clusters of pink starry flowers, with bluish-green leaves in spring.

D. laureola. Spurge Laurel. A small evergreen shrub which has tiny yellow flowers buried in deep clusters which are beautifully scented during the early evenings.

D. mezereum. Beautiful daphne with pleasantly scented mauve flowers which are borne on naked stems from late winter.

Good Gardening

The Gardener

PEER SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

DIABETES UK
CARE. CONNECT. CAMPAIGN.



**TYPE2
TOGETHER**

Diabetes UK have launched a new peer support & education service called Type 2 Together.

Diabetes UK has joined forces with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to set up a network of peer support groups for adults with Type 2 Diabetes.

The new groups will connect people who have diabetes in their local areas. The relaxed and informal group sessions will be led by volunteers who themselves are living with diabetes and are trained to share their advice and experiences. Type 2 Together will also include materials following different themes relating to the condition. The service is completely free and those that attend group sessions will be given information leaflets to take away with them to help people live well with their Type 2 diabetes.

Available to anyone living with Type 2 diabetes in these areas, they aim to set up to 25 peer support and education groups, so if you live locally you're bound to find one near you. The groups will give you the chance to meet others with Type 2 diabetes, to support each other and make friends, and share experiences and information.

If you are interested in joining a group you can email [Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk](mailto>Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk) or call 0345 123 2399 to speak with your regional Co-ordinator about how to get involved.

*If you would like more information on the project visit the Diabetes UK website:
http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How_we_help/Talk-to-someone/Type-2-Together/*

Northamptonshire Association for the Blind

DARSDALE RESIDENTIAL HOME

Darsdale
RESIDENTIAL HOME

You might be finding it difficult to cope at home without help, or perhaps you need more help than loved ones and carers are able to provide? Darsdale Home can give you the care and support you need.

Darsdale Home, which has been owned and operated by Northamptonshire Association for the Blind for 65 years, is situated in a quiet residential area on the outskirts of Raunds.

Originally an Edwardian house, Darsdale Home has been extended and refurbished to create a comfortable and welcoming home for up to 30 residents with en-suite facilities. The Home is able to offer short-term stays or long-term care for individuals with a variety of personal needs.

Enjoying the benefits in a "home away from home" atmosphere, Darsdale is designed and equipped to offer assistance to all when needed. Darsdale's supportive environment will help you maintain your independence, continue with personal pursuits and get the most out of life.

Residents can enjoy the accessible sensory garden, take advantage of a varied activities programme or relax in one of the lounges.

You or a loved one can feel reassured that whether you are staying at Darsdale for respite or moving in permanently, the care you will receive will always be first-class.

To request a brochure or arrange a visit contact Darsdale Home:

Telephone: 01933 622457 Email: info@darsdale.org.uk www.darsdale.org.uk



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FREE fire safety seminars for businesses

DO you own or manage a business? Do you know what fire safety laws apply and how to conform to legislation?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is running free seminars for you to swot up on your knowledge - why not organise one for the businesses in your village?

We hold at least two seminars, lasting about two-and-a-half hours, every month and whether your business runs out of small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or is a licensed premises, our free workshops will help you better understand important fire safety legislation – and may even save you money in the long-run.

Seminars start at 10am and run on the second Tuesday of each month in Cambridge, and the third Tuesday of the month in Peterborough, but we can organise them on an ad-hoc basis. If there are a number of businesses in one location or trade that would like to attend a seminar, the fire service is keen to accommodate.

To find out more or book a free place on a seminar, call (01733) 353206.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in April – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Find out more on www.cambsfire.gov.uk and find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Sawtry And District Bowling Club

Hopefully with Spring on its way members can begin to look forward to the start of the 2015 season. The social events during the Winter have been very successful and will enable us to make improvements to our club. The back gate area and a new all weather shed for equipment should be in situ for the start of the season. Opening day is on Saturday 25th April, members wishing to play in the Kelvin Cooper Trophy should register by 1.45pm at the latest.

NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME AT THE CLUB

Saturday Morning Bowls: Why not come and try your hand at lawn bowls. We are looking to encourage new players to have a go. Every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Only £1.00 rink fee per person. Someone will be on hand to give advice and guidance. Established members can also use this session for extra practice. First session Saturday 2nd May.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Saturday 18 th April	Quiz Night	7.30pm
Saturday 25 th April	Opening Day	2.00pm
Tuesday 28 th April	Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy	10.00am
Monday 11 th May	Mark Royal visit for clothing and equipment	
Sunday 17 th May	EBF, EWBF u25's Competition	10.00am
Saturday 6 th June	Race Night	8.00pm



Contact Nos: **Mr Mick Rayson 01487 830720 / Mrs Maureen Urwin 01487 830193**

DRAGON ACADEMY

Yoga & Combined Martial Arts for Health, Healing, Fun and Fitness

Training Hall - Sawtry Leisure Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UY

Sundays -

- 10.00am – 10.45am Family **Martial Arts** £4
- 10.00am – 11.30am Combined **Martial Arts** £6
- 11.30am – 12 noon Family **Yoga** £3

All three classes £7

Private Lessons - £20 each

Videos and Photos for you to see

Put "Dragon Black Belt Academy International" or "Mark Adlington" into Facebook to find us. If you need motivation then these videos and photos should get you going!

Recent Promotions:- Sawtry students all passed their latest belt test – Well done!

Events and local seminars:-

- 4th April Seminar with Rich Hall

Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington,

8th Dan Ki Do Karate, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do Karate, 5th Dan Kickboxing

Phone: 01487 830601 / Mobile: 07585 950 923 -

Email: markad@btinternet.com / Facebook: "Mark Adlington"





SAWTRY BADMINTON CLUB

Are looking for players to join them
 On Wednesday evenings - **At Sawtry One Leisure**
 From 8.00pm to 10.00pm



JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Including qualified coaching - 10 years +
 From 7.00pm to 8.00pm

For more information please contact: Robert Stefanelli

Tel: 01487 832871 Mobile: 07948123620

Email: mail@stefanelli27.wanadoo.co.uk

Web Page: www.sawtrybadmintonclub.com



SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Sawtry FC are running four teams, all sponsored by The Greystones PH. They are Sawtry First Team playing in the Premier Division, Sawtry Reserves playing in Division 2 and Sawtry 'A' playing in Division 5 of the Peterborough Football League. Also for the first time there is a Sawtry Ladies team who are playing in the 'S Tech' Cambs League Women's Championship South.

All teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry, the men's teams on Saturday and the Ladies on Sunday. All usually kick off at 2 pm. Please come down and show your support.

Recent Results

1st Team

January 24	League Premier Division	Thorney FC	1 - 5	Sawtry
31	League Premier Division	Sawtry	3 - 1	Crowland Town
February 7	League Premier Division	Sawtry	5 - 1	Uppingham Town
14	League Premier Division	P'boro ICA Sports	6 - 4	Sawtry
21	League Premier Division	Sawtry	1 - 4	Langtoft Utd
28	League Premier Division	Moulton Harrox FC	4 - 1	Sawtry
March 7	League Premier Division	Sawtry	0 - 5	Oakham Utd

Reserves

January 17	League Division 2	Guyhirn FC	1 - 3	Sawtry Res
24	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	2 - 2	Spalding Utd Res
31	League Division 2	Leverington Sports Res	0 - 3	Sawtry Res
February 7	League Division 2	Coates Athletic 'A'	2 - 1	Sawtry Res
14	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	2 - 3	Oakham Utd Res
21	League Division 2	Parkside FC	1 - 3	Sawtry Res
March 7	League Division 2	Crowland Town Res	4 - 2	Sawtry Res
14	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	2 - 1	Parkway Eagles FC

'A'

January 17	League Division 5	FC Peterborough	3 - 2	Sawtry 'A'
24	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	1 - 4	Whaplode Drove FC
February 14	League Division 5	Coates Athletic 'C'	2 - 1	Sawtry 'A'
21	League Division 5	AFC Stanground Res	4 - 0	Sawtry 'A'
March 7	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	0 - 2	Parkway Eagles Res

Ladies

February 22	Championship South	Newm'ket Town Ladies	1 - 2	Sawtry Ladies
March 15	Cup	Sawtry Ladies	2 - 3	March Town Utd Ladies

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

If you wish to become involved with the club either as a player, volunteer or as a sponsor please contact the secretary on 07719641431.

Richard Patchett, Chairman