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What a load of Rubbish!



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

Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th August 2009

Mornings: 10am - 12noon

Afternoons: 2.30 - 4pm

at the Methodist Church, Green End Road.

For children in School Years 1 and above

Advance registration recommended.

Come to the Methodist Church coffee morning
between 9.30 and 11am on Saturday 1st August.

For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345



SAWTRY SHOW

12th SEPTEMBER

SAWTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Schedule of classes available from
the library and the
Parish Council offices

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Wednesday September 9 at 1.00pm

Photography, Art and Craft Classes –
exhibits to be delivered to the College
on Friday September 11th between
4.00pm and 6.00pm

All other exhibits to be delivered to
the College on the morning of the
show between 10.00am and noon

College closed for judging from
Noon – 2.00pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - 2.00pm
for viewing the entries, craft demon-
strations, raffle and refreshments

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
3.30pm

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Local people making food with local
Ingredients who sell their produce directly to you

THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

8am - 2pm

OLD SCHOOL HALL, Green End Rd, SAWTRY

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

Next Market Thursday 3rd December

Sawtry WI In Aid of the WI Hall

Bingo

7 & 21 Aug / 4 & 18 Sept / 2, 16 & 30 Oct

Eyes down 7.30

English Afternoon Tea

(Sandwiches, Scones, Cakes & Tea)

Thursday 17 September, 2.30 – 4pm,

Entrance by ticket only £4.00

Raffle & Bring & Buy & Books

Coffee Morning

Thursday 15 October

10.30am – 12 noon, £1.00

Raffle & Bring & Buy, Cakes & Books

Contact for events 01487 831793

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Every Friday

9 - 11.30am (Term Time)

9.45am - 11.30am (During school holidays)

at the CARESCO Centre

A warm welcome for coffee and a chat.

It's the place to be

Everyone Welcome



You are invited to

CARESCO AGM

Thursday 24th September 2009

7.30pm

CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

Speaker Robert Boorman

Of COPE (Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise)

The meeting will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to chat informally with the trustees, staff & volunteers

Our Annual Report will be available from early September
Please contact the CARESCO Office for a copy

All are welcome

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01487 832105

caresco@sawtry.net



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🚗 Saturday 3rd October, 9 - 12pm 🚗

By the CARESCO Centre, Green End Rd, Sawtry



£5 per car (£8 on the day)

To book call 01487 832105



**Refreshments will be served in the
CARESCO Centre**



**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS
THE WORK OF CARESCO**



Friends of CARESCO

Will you be our Friend?

It's hard to believe but the *Friends of CARESCO* is now five years old. Launched in the spring of 2004, the aim was to form a group of people who wanted to show their support for this local charity by receiving a regular news update, the annual report and our gratitude in return for an annual membership subscription.

We would like to publicly thank our *Friends* for their support and encouragement over the years and if you haven't yet joined to ask you to consider doing so. This is a great way for you to back our vital work in the local community.

The annual membership is for a minimum donation of £5. Please pick up a form from the CARESCO Centre, download one off our website at www.caresco.org.uk or call the office on 01487 832105.

Everyone needs *Friends*



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**Sawtry
Twinned with
Weimar**

Welcome

Don't you just love the British summer? There is a thunderstorm as I write! Never mind, it was dry (just) for the Sawtry Carnival, what a brilliant day. Congratulations to the organisers and thank you for all your hard work.

August should a quieter month, schools closed and clubs taking a break before coming back in September, but those of us who live in Sawtry have the Show to prepare for - don't forget to pick up a schedule from the parish Office or CARESCO and see which classes you would like to enter.

For some the holidays mark the end of an era and we have tributes to Miss Bennett who has retired from the Junior School and Mrs Gregory who has stepped down from the Infants. Between them they have done over 60 years of loyal service to the children of Sawtry and the surround villages.

Have a great summer.

Liz Coates - Co-Editor

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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Autumn Term 2009

Start of Term - 3 September
 Half Term - 26-30 October
End of Term - 19 December

Spring Tem 2010

Start of Term – 5 January
 Half Term - 15 to 19 February
End of Term – 1 April

Summer Term 2010

Start of Term – 19 April
 May Day 3 May
 Half Term – 31 May – 4 June
End of Term – 22 July

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



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

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry, Conington, Glatton & Upton have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

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

GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

10th & 24th August
 3rd & 17th September

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

3rd, 17th & 31st August
 10th & 24th September

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



Sawtry WI

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

August

No Meeting

3rd September

Gardeners' Question Time - Sue Stephenson

1st October

Affairs of the Heart - Jill Collinge

Visitors & New Members Welcome

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

Secretary 01487 832925
Registered Charity No. 229016

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

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

August 2009

No Meeting - Summer Break



25 September 2009

Neutrino Astronomy
Bob Forest

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

For more information please contact: -
 Bernard Dean 01487 832251
 Dave Woodhams 01487 831921



Traidcraft

Trading as if people matter

Saturdays

9.30 - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church
 Green End Road, Sawtry

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

No obligation, drop in any time and see.

Contact:

Liz Coates, 01487 830345

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3-7 August	Sawtry Churches Together	Waste Watchers Holiday Club	01487 830345	Front Page
22 August	Upton Village	Evelyn Glennie Concert	01480 890843	
30 August	Sawtry Bowling Club	Family Day	01487 830720	23
3 September	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	Front Page
4 September	Sawtry Bowling Club	Bingo	01487 830720	23
5 September	All Saints, Sawtry	Hog Roast	01487 830089	-
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26 September	Sawtry Bowling Club	Race Night	01487 830720	23
27 September	St Nicholas', Glatton	Harvest Supper	01487 830215	19
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20 November	Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup	Christmas Bingo	01487 832433	-
3 December	Sawtry Parish Council	Local Produce Market	01487 831771	-
5 December	All Saints, Sawtry	Cheese & Wine	01487 830089	-
6 December	Vocal Academy	Christmas Show		-
12 December	All Saints, Sawtry	Sawtry Chorale Concert	01487 830089	-

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

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

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

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

7th & 21st August
4th & 18th September
5th **Saturday Special** on 29th August

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.
For more information call 01480 388640 or email HuntsFarmersMkt@aol.com

PETERBOROUGH

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

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

RAMSEY

Every 4th Saturday from 8.30am—2pm
Great Whyte

For further information please contact
The Ramsey Town Centre Partnership:
Tel: 01487 813612 email: rampart@btinternet.com

OUNDLE

Every 2nd Saturday from 9am to 2pm
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.

Welcome to the

Sawtry Camera Club

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

All are welcome, young, old, male or female, novice or expert
(We hope to learn from the experts)

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month
At the Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road
Between 7.00pm and 9.30pm

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

For more information phone
01487 830186, 830550 or 832251



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Exciting Children and Family portraits
by Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be holding a Children and Family Portrait session

At Sawtry Pre-School Playgroup,
Fen Lane, Sawtry on

Friday 16th October 2009
3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

THESE SITTINGS ARE BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY

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

A choice of different packs of photographs will be available.

Prices from £15



HOME COLLECTING BOXES

We are looking for homes for our **NEW** larger collecting boxes

Will you have one?

Please take one home & fill with small (or big) change then return it to us for emptying.



Ask at the office or call 01487 832105

All proceeds to go towards the work of CARESCO

HELP FOR HEROES

We would like to give a big thank you to all the people who helped and supported us at the Jumble Sale held on 30th May and our Tombola stall held at the Carnival on 6th June. With their help and support we have raised the grand sum of **£749**.

Many thanks to you all.

GRAFHAM WALK

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored one of the people walking for CARESCO as part of the Grafham Water Lions' Safari back in May this year. We raised an amazing **£724.00** with 10% of the total going to the Lions' chosen charity. One of our walkers, Amanda Burridge has sent the following personal thanks:

'Thank you to all my family and friends who kindly sponsored me for the Lions Grafham Walk, in May, in aid of CARESCO and I am pleased to report I raised **£130.00**.'

Liz Coates

CONGRATULATIONS!

**A HUGE Well Done to
Emily Lambert and Sarah Scott**

who have successfully completed their Baden Powell Award. After a lot of hard work, completing various tasks over the past 18 months, Emily and Sarah were the first within 1st Sawtry Guides to undertake the challenge in 10 years. You have worked so hard girls and we are all very proud of you.

Congratulations from both of your families and everyone at 1st Sawtry Guides.

NEW TO YOU AT NEARLY NEW

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year. We are now closed for the summer and will re-open on Friday 4th September when winter clothes will be accepted (6 items per visit only please). We will also be looking for clean toys and household items. Remember 60% of the price goes to the customer & 40% to CARESCO funds.

A big thank you to Nicole for helping this year. This is my last time of writing for the Eye as I am leaving Nearly New after 5 years, so a thank you to the staff and customers over the years for supporting me.

Nicole will be taking over, so good luck and best wishes.

Sarah Newson



Come & join us for

Afternoon Tea

On Tues 8th September

3 – 4.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre, Green End Rd, Sawtry

Adults	£2.50
Accompanied Children	Free



Raffle

All proceeds to
CARESCO

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY and THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Programme for the Autumn

August

No meeting

September

Christine Jones

Family History and Genealogy

October

Richard Jones

from the Peterborough Museum

November

The Huntingdon Cycle Battalion

December

No meeting

Meetings take place at 7.30 every third Thursday of the month at the Women's Institute, Gidding Road, Sawtry. Everyone is welcome.

Free for Members, £1.00 for Non-members.

Birthday Wishes

Happy 1st Birthday
Thomas Joyce
 On 5th September
 Love Nan, Grandad & Sara

Happy 3rd Birthday
Charlotte Joyce
 On 12th September
 Love Nan, Grandad & Sara

Happy 18th Birthday
Sara Joyce
 On 20th September
 Love Mum, Dad & all the family

Letters ...

HEARTLESS THEFT

I write this letter feeling very hurt and saddened by the selfish actions of recent visitors to St. Andrew's Cemetery.

My late husbands' grave is very precious to our family; we visit the cemetery often, taking a special pride in my husbands' last resting place. Anyone visiting the cemetery will see that other bereaved families also take comfort from visiting their loved ones, leaving personal mementoes on the graveside. I placed two solar lights in situ around the grave stone.

It has disgusted me, that shallow minded people have stolen the lights from Charlie's grave. The culprits of this theft should look to their conscience (if they have one) and respect St. Andrew's cemetery and its residents. I wonder what these people will feel when they lose a loved one! Would they feel anything? Or are they totally devoid of any emotion other than greed and deviousness?

Two weeks later, solar lights have been stolen from my garden at home. The theft has been reported to the police, who have suggested they are being sold at car boot sales. Do you know of anyone who frequents boot sales with solar lights for sale? If so, the police would be interested.

It takes a certain individual to stoop this low. Let's hope it is not a resident of Sawtry, and merely someone passing through.

Sheila Gilbert and family

FATHER'S DAY – HUMBUG!!!

Unfortunately for me, my son did not put enough postage on the envelope which contained my card for Fathers' Day. So on the Saturday, instead of my special card, I received a card from our local post office advising me of the offence and telling me that I owed the post office 8p plus a £1 handling & administration charge.

Full marks to the post office staff for spotting the shortfall in revenue due for the size of envelope used, but at least I know now why I never receive my mail earlier than 12.30pm because staff are obviously spending their time measuring the thickness of envelopes, probably with a micrometer, and the overall dimensions with a metric rule, to ensure that the exact millimetre is financially covered.

In my particular case, I wonder why Charles Dickens's Christmas Carol came readily to mind.

C D Morgan
Bramble End, Sawtry

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

Once again an enjoyable evening was had by one and all, but I can't help wondering how much longer the event can continue using the present facilities.

The old saying, "many hands make light work" certainly came true during the evening, because the volunteer helpers made sure that none of the guests had to wait longer than a minute to be served with a drink, so three cheers for the volunteers.

The chef and her helpers in the kitchen produced another excellent meal – the apple pie once again proving to be a winner – which was supported by a very palatable selection of wines. So three cheers for the chef and her band of helpers.

The entertainment, which was a very ambitious version of 'Bugsy Malone' the musical, tended to suffer from a lack of microphones, which resulted in a certain amount of the dialogue being inaudible, but Bugsy himself was first class. If he hadn't been, I would have passed no comment, not wishing to upset such a high profile gangster.

With regard to the 'top' table guests, whatever happened to the idea of inviting a selection of our sponsors, without whom we could have a problem?

So a final three cheers for the school pupils and sponsors. Roll on next year.

G D Morgan
Bramble End, Sawtry

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



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

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

Sawtry Carnival 2009 – We have a lot of THANK YOU's!

We had a wonderful afternoon's fun this year at the village carnival on June 6th and we were very lucky with the weather! It was amazing to see how the community got together, making the atmosphere so great.

A big thank you to ALL the local groups, organisations and charities that took part and from feedback received, overall they raised over £3,600 for themselves on the day. There was a fantastic turnout from villagers (and their friends and families!) and we thank you all for coming along and making this year's carnival such a success.

A very special thank you to all the carnival committee members (they know who they are!) who turned up at 8.30am in the rain to set it all up and a small number of volunteers including staff from Sawtry Day Nursery and Kim (Luminus Neighbourhood Warden in Sawtry) and her 3 colleagues, who worked so hard.

We are very thankful to our special guests Darth Vader and Lauren Steadman & her family who had the tough decision of judging the best group in carnival parade, which was won by Buttons and Bows Pre-school dressed as Disney's 'Toy Story'. Best dressed house on the parade route was won by Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Green End Road who made handcrafted bunting, an amazing full size TARDIS, K9 and Dalek on display in their front garden.

The carnival parade was marshalled courtesy of Duncan and his volunteers from Sawtry Motorcycle Club, who did a superb job keeping all those in the parade safe. Well done to all who took part in fancy dress, you looked great!

In the Carnival Arena, we need to thank all the children & groups who took part in entertaining everyone, The Peterborough Highland pipe band, Sawtry infant school's country dancers, Harmony Majorettes, Spirit Cheerleaders, Rachel's Street Dancers & Pat and his Line Dancers not to mention Mr. Dave Whisky (Sawtry Club's DJ) and Mr. Steve West (Junior School Headmaster) who were fantastic comperes for the afternoon.

Over on the music stage we are very grateful to the two bands who gave their services free of charge throughout the afternoon providing musical entertainment namely Sawtry Saltream and The Melophobics. A very special thank you goes to Mr. Doug Bailey (Sawtry's resident DJ) who stepped in at the last minute and saved the day, setting up & running the music stage and was a fantastic music stage comper. We couldn't have done it without you!

We also thank Sawtry Parish Council, Sawtry Leisure Centre and Sawtry Community College for lending us their premises for the day. Emergency Vehicles were courtesy of Sawtry Police, Mr. Matt Spinks, Mr. Lambert & Mr. Pete Williams.
Thanks guys!

We also thank all those groups and individuals for running the food and drink, Sawtry Colts (BBQ), Helen Moulard (Bar), Tim & Angela. Newell (Hog Roast). and W.I Ladies & CARESCO.

The carnival is run by volunteers and financed by Sponsorship, selling grand draw tickets and selling stall spaces. We thank everyone who hired a stall, bought tickets and was kind enough to sponsor our community event in this difficult economic climate.

Our 2009 Carnival Sponsors were as follows:

Biogas Technology Ltd, 01487 831701 *** P&M Pumps 01487 830123 *** Ridesafe Training 01487 832823

Wendy Burke School of Dance 01487 822002 *** Sinat Communications Ltd & Partystuff4kids 01487 832003

We also **thank all the local businesses and individuals who generously donated a number of fantastic prizes**

We could not have run the Grand Draw without you all! Special thanks to Redwings Lodge.

A big thank you to all these other individuals and groups who made the carnival possible in so many ways!

1st Sawtry Scout Group for litter picking, Sawtry Bowling Club, Donarban for waste disposal, the Art dept from the Community College for promoting the carnival, Luminus for their support and donation of prizes etc, Mr. Warwick Davies (actor) for kind donation of signed photos to raise carnival funds, Sawtry Camera Club for making a record of the day, Diane Davis (Parish Clerk) for her co-operation, Mr. Alan Stevens, Carolyn Harvey & sixth formers from Sawtry Community College for getting involved, CARESCO Printshop for printing the programmes, Sawtry Co-op for free bottles of water and raisins, Sawtry Marquees, John Holliday (Handyman) and David Shipp (Sawtry Cabinets).

Muscle was provided courtesy of the following volunteers...Richard from Seefold engineering, Michael from RJ Landrovers, & Russell from SRD Engineering

Other volunteers to thank include Mr. Stephen Custance, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs Pitcher, Alexis Ogden & boys & Amanda Burrige's family. Thanks to Greystones Public House and Paul Cox for selling grand draw tickets.

We have Sawtry Club to thank for organizing the kids disco that evening, donation of prizes and use of their equipment (& staff!)

If you enjoyed the carnival, have any ideas and would like to get involved for 2010... you are welcome to join us at the Old School Hall study on 17th September at 7pm, where we will have the first meeting to start planning next year's carnival.
Info: Dawn 832501

STOP PRESS: We are in the process of organising a slide show evening of photos from feast week, courtesy of SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB, to which everyone is invited. Time and place will be advertised around the village (possibly in Sept).

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Swine Flu Pandemic : At the time of writing this newsletter the Secretary of State has just informed us that the UK has now moved from containment phase of the virus to treatment phase. He advised that, in due course, the Government will be launching the National Pandemic Flu Service. This service will support GPs nationwide in the diagnosis of swine flu and the distribution of antiviral medication. It will allow people with suspected swine flu to be diagnosed and issued vouchers for antivirals via a dedicated call centre or online.

We would like to assure our patients that we have robust plans in place within the practice to deal with the pandemic situation as it progresses. If the situation evolves dramatically over the next few weeks or months, it might be that some of our routine services will be disrupted, and even perhaps temporarily suspended, but this will only happen if and when it becomes necessary and appropriate to do so in order for us to ensure that we can continue to deliver essential healthcare services to the local community.

In the meantime, we would encourage all patients to take note of the following points:

- Identify at least two flu friends. Flu friends are neighbours, friends and relatives who can help you if you get ill. For example, they could collect medicines, food and other supplies for you, so that you don't have to leave home if you are ill.
- If you feel ill, you should stay off work or school, and avoid leaving the house until you feel better.
- Ensure scrupulous hygiene guidelines are followed. Although the UK has moved to a treatment phase for swine flu, it's important that people continue to do everything they can to stop the virus from spreading. The key is to practice good respiratory and hand hygiene. In other words, remember to Catch it, Bin It, Kill It. Catch your sneeze in a tissue, place it quickly in a bin and wash your hands and surfaces regularly to kill the virus.
- If you do develop any flu like symptoms, in the first instance, you should stay at home and telephone either NHS Direct 0845 4647 or the surgery 01487 830340 for further advice.

Practice Afternoon Closures: All remaining training dates throughout the year have now been confirmed and are as follows:

- Wednesday 30th September
- Wednesday 14th October
- Tuesday 10th November

With Best Regards,

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

Fairtrade News



FAIRTRADE BEAUTY TREATS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME

At the end of June 2009, 57 new products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark, from body butters to shower gels and shaving balms became available. High street favourites Lush and Boots were among the first companies to offer Fairtrade beauty products, as well as Essential Care and Neal's Yard.

Fearne Cotton, TV presenter and long-standing Fairtrade supporter, says: 'I am really excited about this new opportunity to transform trade through the way I shop. I've tried out several of the new beauty products for myself and love them. Not only are they great quality, but they make me feel good using them because I know that the farmers who grew the ingredients that went into them are now able to improve their lives.'

CADBURY DAIRY MILK GOES FAIRTRADE - Fairtrade certification for nation's best selling chocolate bar
By the end of July 2009, the famous purple packaging of Cadbury Dairy Milk will include the FAIRTRADE Mark. 300 million bars of Cadbury Dairy Milk are sold each year in the UK and Ireland, so the iconic brand, together with the Fairtrade Foundation, will get millions more people buying Fairtrade.

Harriet Lamb, Chief Executive of the Fairtrade Foundation says 'We're delighted to have the opportunity to certify Cadbury Dairy Milk, enabling all those who buy it to make a real difference for cocoa farmers with every purchase.'

Feel good inside and out with Fairtrade

News from Sawtry Library . . . After visits from the library to both our local Primary Schools to tell the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Quest Seekers', excitement is really building up! We have already enrolled 30 children for the Challenge which, this year, centres on using the imagination, along the lines of the Harry Potter stories. It's free to take part and the children start out on a quest to read their 6 books over the summer, collecting stickers and small rewards as they go along. There will be on-going crafts all through the summer - come along and design a fairy or a dragon (etc) and enter the competition to win a prize!

Once again, thanks must be given to our Sawtry Parish Council for so kindly donating money to pay Staff to come along especially to talk to the children about what they have been reading. During the usual library opening hours, special times are set aside for these sharing sessions which start on Tuesday, 21st July: Tuesday 5.00 - 6.30: Wednesday 2 - 4.00: Thursday 4 - 6.00: Friday 2 - 4.00.

We hope as many children as possible will come along and take part and, if they read all 6 books, they will receive a Medal and Certificate which will be given to them at a special Presentation Evening on Thursday 17th September at 4.30p.m. The challenge is spread over the 6 weeks of the summer break and can cater for holidays, even if they last the whole summer - please ask for a Holiday Pack should children want to take part even if you're away.

Mr Rainbow is to visit the library on Wednesday 26th August at 10.30a.m. This is a special show for the 4 - 7 year olds with songs, magic tricks and puppets. Tickets cost £2.50 each or 3 for £6.00 and are available from the library. This is a very entertaining and enjoyable show which the children (and accompanying adults) find really amusing!

We'll have a 'What to do in the holidays' type display over the summer, so do come along and get some ideas. Through the summer, too, we'll be having a Summer Book Sale, so do look out for some bargains-all the proceeds collected go towards buying new books, so everyone gains from these sales.

So, we hope everyone will have a lovely Summer - do come along and use your local library. Remember, all the College gates are open all the time through the Summer, so access to the library is easier, and the good news is that the College have agreed to open the gates each day at 3.15 once the Autumn term begins.

To end with a note of thanks! During Feast Week, the library was invited to take part in the celebrations with 2 stalls at the Wednesday and Carnival Day events. We were helped by one of our Sawtry Bookworms (Children's Reading Group) members and his young friend on the Saturday - did you get 'stickered' with 'Be a Reader'?! Thank you to them both for all their help that day!

Thank you, too, to all those who supported the Sawtry History Society event at the end of May, especially those who took part in the Quiz which was given out through the library - 3 winners happily received their prizes for almost all correct entries - there is a copy of the Quiz with answers in the library in case anyone is still puzzling over it!

Hoping to see you over the Summer at your local library - and don't forget to pay a visit to the beautiful new library in Huntingdon with the Archive Centre (the old 'Records Office').

Happy holidays from all the Staff: Sue, Manju, Liza and Janet

Sue Simmons (Library Supervisor)

Library Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 4.00-7.00pm; Wednesday & Friday 2.00-5.00pm; Saturday 9.00am-12noon

Tel :0345 045 5225 (Please note new number 0345.....Call Centre-call any time 8.00am-8.00pm Mon to Sat for renewals and enquiries; 24 hour automated renewals)

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

SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Well, the summer term finally came to end on Friday, 17th July. The term certainly was a busy and eventful one. The Junior School Association organised an excellent summer fete in June. We made a total profit of £1007.43 – an excellent result for an evening's work. Thank you to all the school community who were involved in such an enjoyable evening.

We have said goodbye to Miss Hilary Pomfret, who has left the school after two years to continue her teaching career on the South coast of England. We have also said goodbye to Mr Stuart Mallet, who starts as Year 5 teacher at Coates Primary School near Whittlesey in September. He will be ICT leader at the school. Mr Mike Shanley has retired from his three days a week supply teaching. Please see page 16 for our best wishes to Sue Bennett.

We have many building projects during the summer to improve the site. The playground is to be resurfaced, the lower school classrooms redecorated and the disabled toilet improved. Hopefully this work will be completed ready for the new term!

We have several vacancies on the governing body so if you think you would be able to contribute in a vital way to the life of our school then please get in touch with me. The Junior School Association's annual general meeting is on Monday, 21st September at 7 p.m.

Let's hope that the sun shines and that everyone has a relaxing summer break. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need further information about the school. We can be contacted on: 01487 830204 or by email to office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk.

Steve West, Headteacher

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY AND THE SAWTRY COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Phew! – what a day! With an extraordinary number of visitors – over 300 - our Open Day at the Old School Hall was literally buzzing and it was soon as hot inside as it was outside on this lovely sunny Sunday. Thank goodness our refreshment ladies did such a good job!

We might need to apologise to those who came around lunchtime because not only was Tony on reception literally overwhelmed, we all were - several people said they couldn't get near our displays. Perhaps it was just as well the old Fire Engine wouldn't go through the doors or it would have been even more crowded. We can only say we are sorry our first Open Day was so popular!

Councillor Alexander kindly opened the Day for us and commented about the variety of displays. Amongst the most popular were "Weddings from the Past" and "Sawtry at War" but all of us were kept very busy. "Family History" and "The Community Archive" received lots of questions; "Sawtry Abbey" and "Conington Castles" gave glimpses into really old buildings; "Sawtry Historic Sites" and "Sawtry 1910" identified ancient and recent areas of interest, whilst buried treasures were displayed at the "Archers Wood Dig" stand - and a bagatelle competition seemed to be taking place in the "Kids Corner"!

But perhaps most fascinating was the amount of new information passed to us by Sawtry residents – comments about old street names - "Church Street was once Back Lane"; offers to lend Deeds for copying; a family tree of the "Allen" family who made steam engines in Sawtry, and lots of "new" old photos – enough to keep us busy for weeks ahead! So thanks to everyone who came – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did.

Aerial photos were displayed at the Open day and at our June meeting we learnt more about this interesting subject from Don Barltrop Ex-RAF and at one time working with NASA his talk ranged through modern pilot-less drones right back to the early intrepid balloonists whose primitive chemicals required them to both develop and print their first aerial photos whilst still airborne. Thank goodness for modern digital cameras!

There is no meeting in August but on 17th September the subject will be Family History. As usual 7.30 at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road. Everyone welcome but please note non-members should now pay £1.00.

And a smile (or is it a groan?) to finish – Who should Noah have married? Joan of Arc!

Allan Bamford

Contact Secretary Marilyn Gautreaux on 07984 94538 for more details

www.sawtrynews.co.uk

The newly open website that keeps you all up to date.

We have opened the site up to tell you about what is going on in Sawtry, get everyone talking to each other and to get more people involved in the local activities.

Check it out, if you want anything adding just contact us on the site, need to know more about the date, just ask. Want to submit some of your own things up here, message us.

The site has blogs, pictures, videos and news for everyone to check out.

The more people involved the more useful the site becomes.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Matt, Will, Dan & Adam

sawtrynews.co.uk

UPTON VILLAGE GARDENING CLUB

The club finished the year's programme with a visit, in June, to Belton House and Gardens, in Lincolnshire. An excellent day out, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went - the house was full of interest and the gardens were magnificent. The day was made complete by the very good restaurant and the cream teas at the end of the day.

The final event, the BBQ at the village hall, was well attended by the members who appeared to enjoy the cooking of Chris and 'Lucky': thanks fellows!

The next event will be the opening meeting of the new season on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; the speaker that evening will be Sue Stephenson, who always gives a good talk and has traditionally opened our seasons for the last several years. Don't forget new members and visitors are all very welcome!

We meet at Upton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm – if further details required, please contact Ian Plum on 01832 293599

GETTING RID OF SHREDDED PAPER?

It Can Now Be Put In Compost Bins

More and more people are shredding documents to try to prevent identity theft. But which bin should it go into?

Huntingdonshire District Council is pleased to announce that our recycling scheme has been extended and it now accepts shredded paper, which will be collected from the green bins along with garden and food waste. The shredded paper must go into the green garden bin loose and not in a plastic bag. The waste will go to Marshalls at Ellington and will be made into compost.

Shredded paper rots down easily and will make excellent compost when mixed in with your garden and food waste. Sonia Hansen, Streetscene Manager said: "Shredded paper can cause problems if it is put in the recycling bin as it gets tangled up in the machinery at the Material Recycling Facility so we are asking residents to put shredded paper in their green compost bin."

For more information on refuse and recycling contact the council on 01480 388388.

Going Green

Well, we're finally ready, we're going to follow the current fashion & get some hens.

When the decision was made by family agreement back in the depths of winter, we began to research hen houses online & found they can cost anything from around £250 upwards. There's a thriving market out there as this new 'back to basics' trend takes off. The huts on offer can be things of beauty in themselves and are aimed at people only looking to have a small number of birds in their back garden.

Before we parted with any of our hard earned cash, we realised that the ancient 6' x 4' shed at the bottom of the garden, already condemned & awaiting demolition could, with some effort be taken apart and restored on a new site at very little cost. So, for the past few months when weather and other activities allowed, my husband and daughter have been converting the old shed into a hen hut by first moving it and then adding a shelf and perch inside and a 'pop hole' (the hen version of a cat flap). They have also put up an adjacent run with gate to keep the birds safe.

So we're finally ready and we've reserved three ex-battery hens (everything is recycled!) through the Battery Hen Welfare Trust (www.bhwt.org.uk). This is a great organisation who rescue and re-home 'girls' that have reached the end of their peak egg laying days and are therefore going to be dispatched by the battery farm. With a little tlc these hens can gain a whole new lease of life & continue laying for a long time.

I'm imagining the eggs already. No more popping over to the local farms (Little Common down Cooks Lane or Scallywags down St Judith's Lane) I'll just step outside my backdoor to collect fresh eggs....or at least that's the plan. I'll let you know how we get on, watch this space!

Eco Apprentice

SAWTRY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all who noted that the allotments are on the route for Village in Bloom and have made an extra effort, though all the allotments are looking pretty good, (just a few exceptions). Hope you are enjoying all those lovely fresh vegetables.

I hope everyone enjoyed the recent hot weather and of course we all hope for more, our plants need water but please don't waste this valuable and expensive commodity, we are over budget.

The Allotment Association AGM will be held in the Old School Hall at 7pm on Thursday Sept 3rd. It would be nice to have a good turn out and to see a few new faces. Don't forget to let me know if you are interested in becoming secretary.

On an unpleasant note, there appears to be a problem with rats eating vegetables and it has been brought to my attention that there is quite a lot of rubbish being stored in plastic bags, an ideal home for rats. We know vermin are all around us but please don't encourage them.

There will be a delivery of horse manure in the next few weeks which is available, at no cost, for anyone to use as they please.

Dick Bacon Plot 19A - Tel 01487 833076

1st SAWTRY SCOUT GROUP

The people who brought you Downhill Canoeing at this year's Sawtry Carnival



Do you enjoy a challenge?
Would you like to learn new skills?
Enjoy working with young people?
Over 18, no upper age limit?

Then you have all the qualifications required to be a leader

If you are interested then please contact us, adult support is always required

The Scout group has been very busy this term, with activities undertaken by the young people such as Rifle Shooting, Archery, Climbing, Camping, and Canoeing. They have all learnt new skills and gained many badges such as Animal lover, Cooking, Martial Arts, Camper, First Aid, Healthy Eating, Scientist and the program wouldn't be complete without the many games and fun activities.

It is 21 years this September since the Beaver Scout Section was added to the Scout Group to give continuous Scouting from 6yrs -18yrs - Happy Birthday!!

Neil Fountain. Group Scout Leader

Tel 01480 891482
email sawtryscouts@aol.com

SAWTRY SHOW

Saturday 12th September

Made your mind up yet?

We now need Sawtry residents to be seriously thinking about which classes to enter, and we hope that whether or not you are competing, you will come to the Show and have already marked the date on your calendar.

Entry forms (Deadline 1.00pm on Wednesday 9th September) plus fees may be handed to any Committee Member listed below, or posted in the Parish Council letter box at 37, Green End Road.

Babs Sullivan (Chairman) 39 Green End Road.

Sheila Harland 6 Chapel End.

Hannah Lea 7 Alwin Close.

Janet Spencer, 7 Manor Drive.

Arthur Golder, 9 Tort Hill.

Sandra Deller, 7 Gloucester Road.

Enid Lawman, 2 Rectory Close.

Lisa Alderman, 11 Bedford Way.

Dick and Pam Tuplin, 58 Old Great North Rd.

We would still welcome offers of help to steward at the Show. A committee member will be on hand to receive entries, or answer any queries, at the Parish Council Office on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, and Wednesday 9th September, between 9.am. and 1.pm.

Please help us to make this Show bigger and better than previous years. We look forward to seeing you there.

Babs Sullivan

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Sawtry Carnival Committee greatly improved the arrangement for the set up of the stalls, for this year's Carnival and it turned out to be a more successful event for us at the Sawtry Branch of the Royal British Legion. Fortunately, I had a lot of assistance, i.e., Sue and Rich Merry loaned us their Gazebo and they also attended as members of the Biking Section of the RBL and brought along with them other members of that section and their Bikes and Banners, which created additional interest.

My wife, Dot Fowler, ran a book stall for us and she was ably assisted by Val Nickerson. I had additional, welcomed assistance from Tony Nickerson and John Nichols. The weather on the day started poor but greatly improved from mid morning onward, making the whole event very enjoyable, with quite a lot of people attending. In the main, the bookstall brought the most interest along with a few plants that I had for sale. At the end of the day we had raised £165, through sale of books, plants, Poppy Pins and donations all of which was donated to the Royal British Legion.

I would like to thank all of those mentioned above for their time and assistance and to those who made purchases and donations. Many thanks to all.

Just to reiterate previous appeals for collectors for Rememberance time. I have had some response and will be in touch with those who have left me their details, however I can always use more. The more of us there are, the easier it is to cover the area.

Thanks again.

Allan Fowler (01487 830806)

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Sawtry Branch

FAREWELL TO MRS GREGORY FROM EVERYONE AT SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL

Mrs Gregory, our trusty school secretary is retiring at the end of August after almost 30 years at our school. We will all miss her and would like to say a few words of thanks for all her work over the years.

Mrs Gregory started as secretary to Head Mistress - Miss Smedley. Miss Smedley sounds like quite a character – smoking cheroots and collecting strange pottery models (some of which we are still finding).

Next came 12 years with Mrs Spowart. Mrs Gregory cheerfully endured Mrs Spowart practising on her electric keyboard in the office, only shutting the door occasionally when it all got too much for her and the accounts wouldn't balance. Apparently Mrs Spowart only knew 2 songs!

Finally came myself - Mrs Wheatley. I like to think that I am quieter in the office (I only practised my recorders for a brief period before I was sacked from recorder club). However Mrs Gregory has had to put up with my obsession about the paintwork and granite in the staffroom, and my limited attention span during finance meetings.

Over the years Mrs Gregory's job description has developed and evolved a life of its own. She is officially employed as secretary for finance, property and personnel, but she has turned her hand to such diverse tasks as footing ladders, feeding the fish (and, in one instance actually taking one to the vet), retrieving gazebos from neighbouring gardens and inspecting the drains! She also does a mean fancy dress and on a good day she can be found hanging out in the first aid room with the 4 year olds.

Above all, Mrs Gregory has been a friend to us all – staff, parents and pupils. She has seen generations go through the school and greeted them all cheerfully in turn. We have all valued her friendship, advice and support over the years and we will miss her great sense of humour.

Our School Council summed it up when they said:

She is an awesome secretary!

So Mrs Gregory, have a great retirement; one full of new adventures and challenges, but please, please stay in touch and don't forget us because we definitely won't forget you.

F Wheatley - Headteacher

The Editors: *It was only after we had sent out the last issue of the Eye that we learned of the imminent retirement of Mrs Gregory, secretary at Sawtry Infant School. Everyone at the Sawtry Eye would like to add their best wishes to Mrs Gregory and thanks for all her contributions to the magazine on behalf of the school over the years.*

FAREWELL MISS BENNETT

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for tributes to Miss Bennett, who has retired after 34 years of teaching at Sawtry Junior School. All at CARESCO would like to add their congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

The Editors

Just wanted to say that although neither of my daughters were in Miss Bennett's class during their time at Sawtry Junior School she will remain in our memories of their time at the school. I'm sure that she will be hugely missed by many; not just for her teaching ability, her bingo calling or her imposing presence but her warmth and charisma that she brought to the school. Wishing her many contented years of retirement and relaxation.

Andrea White

TO THE ONE AND ONLY MISS BENNETT

Sue Bennett was a teacher bold
The children did as they were told.
She taught them English, Science & Maths
And led them up educational paths.

The children in her class worked well
They wrote & read until the bell
Sounded at the end of day
And then they all went out to play.

This gifted teacher's talents grew
Her students laughed and learned lots too.
From classroom teacher and deputy,
She reached the heights of grand HT!

Sue's job's complete
She's done her best
I think she has deserved her rest!

Happy retirement, Sue.

***Many happy memories teaching with Sue
at SJS – love from Pat Edwards***

THE MISS BENNETT STARE

Sue Bennett has to be proud to be a legend of the teaching profession. There are teachers who teach and there are those like Sue truly gifted from God.

She may have developed the 'Miss Bennett Stare' over the years but with immense benefit. I can think of few other teachers that I have the honour of watching work that can be so professional, fiercely loyal, avidly firm, totally fair and givingly loving towards her charges.

For many years our children enjoyed the benefit of her teaching and the added benefit of her friendship in our home. We have all been sorry to lose contact as the years have moved on and those children are now adults themselves but her name, still frequently mentioned in this household, is spoken with love and admiration.

Sue enjoy your retirement and may be your having nothing else to do will give us the time to make contact again!!!!

I am sure God will continue to bless you in all you do and that you will continue to have an amazing effect on people's lives.

Much love

Stephen and Janet Halliday

MEMORIES OF MISS BENNETT

Jacqui remembers: 'I used to help in Sue's class listening to the children read and then Sue told me the school were looking for a part time special needs assistant. I applied and it was a pleasure and a privilege working with Sue - I didn't come across a better teacher.'

Dan remembers feeling absolutely terrified when he was in the lower school being asked by his teacher to go into Miss Bennett's class in the upper school. To Dan and his twin sister Helen Sue was a formidable authoritative figure. They were both taught by Sue in their final year before moving onto Hinchingsbrooke. 'Miss Bennett' made quite an impression on them.

We wish Sue well in her well deserved retirement.

Daniel and Helen (now age 31) and Jacqui Whitney

MISS BENNETT

Our three children, Helen, Elizabeth and Andrew all attended the Infants and Junior Schools right from the start. Elizabeth and Andrew were in Miss Bennett's class.

1976 was the Centenary of the Junior School. For a week all the school staff and pupils dressed in Victorian costumes. The school invited local pensioners who had attended the school in the past to come and have a look round to see how things had changed. There was a report in the Peterborough Evening Telegraph and a picture showing a very stern looking Miss Bennett with a cane in her hand watching Elizabeth, Neil Evans and Craig Lowery puzzling over a difficult sum!

I have a photo of Miss Bennett and Mr Garner (below) in the stocks having wet sponges thrown at them when the old Junior School held the last summer fete before moving over the road to the new school in Middlefield Road. Sue was always game for a laugh!

In 1979 I became caretaker of the Infant and Junior School replacing Mr Wright who had retired, and I got on very well with Miss Bennett.

All three of our children had a good start at the schools and have gone on to obtain their BA degrees at University.



We held a party to mark the enormous contribution Sue has made to the school on the last Thursday evening of term. Colleagues from across the 34 years Sue has been at the school were present and it was a really memorable and an enjoyable evening. Sue has worked tirelessly for Sawtry Junior School. She has been an excellent Deputy Headteacher, completely committed to the school, being highly organised and a superb teacher. She has also brought great fun and laughter to the school! We will miss Sue and wish her a very happy and successful retirement.

Steve West, Current Head Teacher, Sawtry Junior School

MISS SUE BENNETT – AN APPRECIATION ON HER RETIREMENT

Miss Bennett took up her appointment at Sawtry Junior School in September 1975. She quickly proved to be a most able and inspiring teacher with all junior school age groups. I always enjoyed looking at the interesting learning activities in which the pupils were involved in her classroom and seeing the progress children made with her.

The interests of Sue, as many have come to know her over the years, were not confined to the classroom, however. She has been active in many extra curricula activities including sports, country dancing and educational visits. The week at camp must have been one of the highlights of her year!!! It was certainly a bleak existence at that time, but enjoyable all the same. The annual school trip to Belgium, linked with Stilton C of E School was part of the school's programme for some years which Sue experienced/endured. She is a talented person with especially outstanding literary and craft skills. Being well organised, quick witted, full of imagination and bright ideas Sue was always valuable when preparing school concerts of which she wrote quite a number. These talents have been expressed when she has manned the microphone for school fetes, sports days and country dancing. Were you a parent who simply came to watch your child(ren) and found yourself dancing with the "encouragement" of Miss Bennett?

Sue's handwriting, as many will be aware, is very neat and presentable, to the surprise of some when they discover she is left handed. This ability led to her being the person who inscribed the merit certificates and any other items requiring inscriptions. She was also the special person to whom children finding handwriting difficult were sent for help and encouragement. Experiencing the problem herself, she is able to understand how the children feel in these circumstances.

If you were a pupil of Miss Bennett, a parent of a pupil, a colleague or an acquaintance who met her occasionally, you were, and still are, important to her and she will be someone you will always remember for her many attributes and her passion for teaching children.

Thank you, Sue. Enjoy your retirement.

John Garner - Head Teacher SJS 1974 - 1992

MISS GILBY PAYS TRIBUTE

I was a member of staff when Sue was appointed and together we saw many changes and have many fond memories of the time we taught together.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Gilby

REMEMBRANCE

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

AUGUST

Private Charles Percy CHAPMAN	21 August 1915	Sawtry
Private Walter Henry BAXTER	3 August 1916	Conington
Private William James HIBBERT	18 August 1916	Holme
Private George William COOK	10 August 1917	Holme
Private Thomas BODDINGTON	14 August 1917	Old Weston
Rifleman Frank ABBOTT	18 August 1917	Old Weston
Private George William CULLIP	23 August 1918	Holme
Corporal Lawrence Pearson CLAMP	24 August 1918	Great Gidding
Private Wilfred Cyril BOSWORTH	13 August 1944	Wood Walton
Stoker 1 st Class Desmond Roy ROWELL	25 August 1944	Sawtry

SEPTEMBER

Gunner Horace GLOVER	14 September 1914	Great Gidding
Private James RICHARDSON	14 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Herbert Edward ROWELL	17 September 1914	Sawtry/Conington
Able Seaman William Bramich REID	22 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Edward HODSON	25 September 1915	Sawtry
Private John Robert ROBINSON	27 September 1915	Holme
Corporal John Francis EVANS	3 September 1916	Great Gidding
Private Charles SMITH	7 September 1916	Sawtry
Lance Corporal William Kisby ROWELL	11 September 1916	Sawtry
Bombardier Ernest RICHARDSON	21 September 1917	Holme
Private James Henry CROW	2 September 1918	Holme
Rifleman Edward PARKER	2 September 1918	Sawtry
Private J. STRINGER	20 September 1918	Winwick
Private Thomas PEACOCK	24 September 1918	Sawtry

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

Sawtry Methodist Church

Green End Road, Sawtry, Tel 01480 819228

Sunday Services

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Holiday Club Service

9th August – 10.30am
 For All Ages

Open Air United Service

30th August – 10.30am
 Christians Together
 On The Green

Harvest Festival

20th September – 11am
 Led by Avril Sanderson
 For All Ages

Followed by Harvest Lunch

Saturday Coffee Morning

9.30 – 11 am

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

All are welcome



Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th August 2009

Mornings: 10am-12noon

Afternoons: 2.30-4pm



All Saints' Parish Church

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SUNDAY SERVICES

August

2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Worship
9 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
16 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
23 rd	10.30 am	Holy Communion
30 th	10.30 am	United Service on The Green

September

6 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Worship
13 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
20 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
27 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion

SAS SUNDAY CLUB

For all children aged 4 - 10 meet on September 13, 20 and 27 at 10.15 am at the Rectory.

SEEKERS CLUB

For Young People aged 11 plus, meets on September 4 in Church.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Meet on Tuesdays at 7.45 pm on September 1, 15 and 29 and Thursdays at 10.15 am on September 3 & 17 and October 1 at the Rectory.

SATURDAY OPENING

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

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

Canon Malcolm Griffith 830215

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There is always a warm welcome at All Saints'.

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Parish Priest: Fr. John Warrington, 14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX

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

Services and Events

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

Each Sunday: Sunday Masses

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 10am at St Luke's Church

Saturday: Mass at 9am at St Luke's Church

For further information please take a look at our Website at www.saintlukesparish.org.uk and click on Parish News

St Nicholas Parish Church

Church Road, Glatton
SUNDAY SERVICES

AUGUST

2 nd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
9 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
16 th	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
23 rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
30 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)

SEPTEMBER

6 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
13 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
20 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
27 th	4.00 pm	Harvest Festival Family Worship

EXCITING WEEKEND AT GLATTON

On **Saturday 26th September** from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm St Nicholas will be open for everyone to bring their **Gift Day** donations and admire the **Scarecrows** in and around the church. There will be tractors beside the church, painting and art activities for the children and refreshments all day. Come and admire the wonderful harvest decorations and vote for your favourite scarecrow.

On **Sunday 27th September** at 4pm there will be St Nicholas **Harvest Festival Family Service**. As it is **Back to Church Sunday** bring a friend to church with you, and admire the wonderful harvest decorations.

Then at 5.30 pm we move across to the Village Hall for the **Harvest Supper** (tickets £9 from PCC members). Perishable produce will then be auctioned, proceeds to support the street children at Our Fathers House in Brazil.

GLATTON ADVENTURERS for 4 – 11s

Children are welcome to join this group which meets on September 6 in Glatton Village Hall at 10.30 and for Harvest Festival Family Worship in Church on September 27 at 4.00 pm. More details from Shirley Dewar – 831651.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR: Canon Malcolm Griffith
Tel: 01487 830215 Email: rev.griffith@tiscali.co.uk

FALLEN HEROES OF NORMANDY

The Commonwealth War Cemeteries - A Photographic Remembrance

An appeal for photographs of or information about the servicemen (of all nationalities) who now rest in the Commonwealth Cemeteries, or French churchyards of Normandy.

The aim of the project is to compile a detailed record of photographs of individuals and information of those whose graves are now maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Normandy.

The project archives are to be presented to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in 2017 for their centenary year and will be made accessible online for future generations.

Please email information and scanned (with resolution of 300 dpi) to:

fallenheroes@btinternet.com

or post * photographs or information to:

Carl Shilleto, Military Historian
c/o The Regimental Museum,
3 Tower Street, York YO1 9SB UK

Photographs of individuals are most sought after, followed by photographs of the previous cross markers or the cemeteries, churchyards or areas as they were in the 1940s. Photographs of present day headstones are no longer required. All correspondence will be acknowledged by email (please provide email address and allow up to 12 weeks for a reply). The project is not for profit.

Visit: **www.fallenheroesphotos.org**

* Please note that ONLY COPIES of photographs and documents should be sent as we are unable to return any material donated.



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Wonderful Woodlands

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, is pleased to present a review of this summer's events, which have focused on our local woodlands. This will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, following a brief AGM.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or George on 01480 450809.

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

Registered Charity No: 1000412



St Neots & District Branch
We Cover Your Local Area

FREE & REDUCED COST NEUTERING SCHEME

St Neots & District Cats Protection still have funds available to assist with, or fully fund the neutering and spaying of cats. We cover your area so get in touch now to obtain your voucher redeemable at local vets. We are able to sometimes assist with transport particularly if there are 4 or more cats. Cat carriers and cat traps can be loaned for a refundable deposit.

KITTENS & CATLINGS AVAILABLE

We have several kittens and very young cats available for re-homing. Some are very nervous so will need lots of time and TLC. Nervous kittens will not be homed where there are young children. As always Cats Protection has a strict homing policy and will not re-home cats on busy, or main roads or thoroughfares.

ADULT CATS FOR RE-HOMING

We have several adult cats in desperate need of loving new homes, a variety of colours, ages and temperaments. Contact us now to arrange a home visit before viewing our foster cats.

CAT/KITTEN FOOD DONATIONS REQUIRED

We continue to feed over 150 outdoor and feral cats and are always in need of donations of cat food to ensure all cats get at least one meal a day. Kitten food is also in short supply as we are at the height of kitten season, so any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Ring for details of your local drop off point.

BRIC-A-BRAC NEEDED FOR OUR SHOP

We have a thriving charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. The proceeds from this shop go directly to your local branch and help cats in your area. We are always in need of new and used goods to sell, bric-a-brac being in particularly short supply at the moment. Again contact us for a local drop off point.

Telephone 01480 476696

Telephone manned by volunteers so please leave a message if no reply.

<http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

NEW HOTLINE FOR CARERS

A new hotline called Carers Direct, aims to make life easier for carers and reduce the time and stress of searching out essential advice and information.

There are five million carers in England, looking after ill, frail or disabled relatives or friends.

Carers Direct can give you:

- details of support available, including benefits and direct payments
- help to stay in, leave or return to employment
- details of help available in education or training
- advice on how to improve your social and emotional well-being
- access to health and social care for the person you're caring for.

Carers Direct has a website at: www.nhs.uk/carersdirect and a helpline open seven days a week on freephone 0800 802 0202

SWINE FLU - HEALTH ADVICE

If you think you may have swine flu, NHS advice is to stay at home and contact your GP. You can also call NHS Direct on 0845 4647. You can get more information about swine flu on the Directgov website at: www.direct.gov.uk or by calling the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513.

SWINE FLU - TRAVEL ADVICE

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides detailed travel advice for specific countries affected by swine flu. For the latest information, go to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at: www.fco.gov.uk.

NEW HELP FOR STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS - IN ENGLAND

The government has launched a new mortgage support scheme to help homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage.

Homeowners Mortgage Support is designed to help borrowers who have suffered a temporary loss of household income.

If your mortgage lender takes part in the scheme, it can allow you to delay some of your monthly mortgage payments for up to two years.

It's not a payment holiday – you will still have to pay the money back at a later date and you will have to pay interest on the money owed. However, the scheme may give you enough time to improve your finances without the worry of losing your home.

You will need to meet a number of conditions to be able to join the scheme, including:

- having savings of less than £16,000
- having less than £400,000 outstanding on your mortgage and any other loans secured against your home.

Your mortgage lender will decide whether or not you are suitable to join the scheme.

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

SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read this, the cricket season we will be well into the second half. There have been matches on most Saturdays and Sundays at Greenfields, and several Junior matches on weeknights.

Results have been mixed. The First X1, and 3rd DevelopmentX1, are currently midway in Divisions 1 and 5, the 2nd X1 are not doing quite so well in Division 4. The shortage of older players, which has been eased slightly now that some new members have joined and university students are back in the teams, has given them and some of our older Junior members an opportunity to turn out for both the 1st and 2nd X1s where they have played well. There have been close finishes to several matches, and despite some disappointing results there have been excellent individual performances.

HOME FIXTURES.

August:- Sat 1st, Sun 2nd, Sat 8th, Sun 9th (See below), Sat 15th, Sat 22nd, and Sat 29th.

September:- Saturday 5th, Sunday 13th, and Sunday 20th.

SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH from 1.30pm.

Under 25s (Young Pups) v Over 40s (Sawtry Legends)

This and all home matches will be played at Greenfields, where there is always a chair waiting for you and a cup of tea available. It would be nice to have some spectators to support the teams.

Dick Tuplin (Chairman)

PRINCIPLES OF GARDEN DESIGN - PART 1

1 Unity - This means themes in the garden, either by using a combination of plants of one genus, or style, or accentuation of colours, or equal designs complementing on another in unison and that do not clash. Patterning styles such as mosaics, which may be used in hard landscaping and patio surfacing designs, or in the general garden design. This theme or style also can be used in formal as well as informal or combined garden designing.

Examples would be a bed of roses or other single planting scheme or this could be used in the patio design or in geometric layouts etc.

2 Balance - For instance simply by putting two identically planted pots on either side of an entrance or facing one another on a patio in opposite corners you achieve balance, which brings order to the design. Do remember proportion in the design a huge willow for instance will look out of place in a small garden similarly large structures too will look out of place and unbalanced.

If you look at most well designed gardens they will be of a well balanced layout. Conveying a sense of height by using taller plants along with climbers and with a combination of low planting schemes.

3 Rhythms - This is usually defined by shaped areas, such as round, elliptical, square, or rectangular.

Different rooms –areas are defined by a sense of movement like long winding paths etc which guide you to separate areas. Square or round areas are static, giving you a sense of rest and peace.

A rectangle or an ellipse could suggest a slow progress though the garden which shows off its planting designs to good effect. Hidden parts can be used for promise of more attractions to come. "The unknowing".

4 Lines and Movement - Movement or a repeating theme of plants and elements in the garden in different areas, i.e. the repetition of either a planting theme such as bedding themes or plantings when using different plants, colours, or shapes, which are repeated throughout the design. A prime example would be an avenue of trees for instance or areas that have different shapes that have different uses.

Line forces the observer's eye, this could be in the form of a well designed garden entrance for instance, perhaps having a path that flows though the garden via an archway of trained vertical rosés, or columns of evergreens trees or low growing shrubs either side of a long narrow path perhaps with a focal point at the end of it. This will direct the observer's eye vertically as well as focusing on the design via its sides and length.

5 Focal points - Focal points in garden design means something to catch the observer's eye, be it by focusing on a plant, either on its own or in a planter, or an ornament, such as a statute, or a neatly placed classical urn in the middle of a vista. Alternatively, it can involve landscaped structures such as ponds or rock features, follies if you have a big enough garden etc, but all this should be within balance when outlining the design as above.

In addition, it is possible to alter the shape of a garden by adding manipulation by perspective exaggerations. In the terms of making a long narrow garden seem shorter, or a short narrow garden seem longer and wider with well thought out spacing of focal points, be it by plants or architectural manipulation.

Next time in Part 2 **Style**.

Until then all the best Plantsman

FOOTY GIRLS INVADE SAWTRY

Saturday 13th June saw over 400 girls from 56 teams, travelling from 12 different counties, descend on Sawtry to play in the regions biggest Girls Football Tournament. The Roy Green Cup provided girls from 9-13 years of age the opportunity to play a high calibre of football against opposition, which they would not normally have the opportunity to meet.

The event attracted a local star to come along and watch with Women's Premier League player Kelly Bingham from Watford Ladies coming along to present trophies to the worthy winners and runner-up. Kelly said "It's great to see so many girls here playing football today and my message to them all has been that hard work and determination, along with the courage to take risks can lead them to their chance of a lifetime."

The Sawtry girls have now taken a well earned summer break and rest until pre-season training starts again at the end of August.

Sawtry Colts are looking for girls joining Reception, right through to school year 5 to join them next season. If you know somebody interested you can contact **Steve Purnell for more details on 07964496259 or steve.purnell@sawtrycolts.org**.

YAXLEY RUNNERS

It was one of the highlights of Yaxley Runners' calendar recently when we held our annual Hampton Fun Run.

While the other major race that the club organises, the Folksworth 15, is certainly aimed at "serious runners", the Hampton Fun Run is more about getting members of the community, and especially children, involved in running.

This year, the rain just about held off as dozens of runners made their way around the course, which consisted of three laps of one of the lakes in Hampton. And this was followed by an Under-8s race around the track on the Hampton Vale School field.

Andy Sockalingum of Nene Valley Harriers won the Fun Run in a time of 9:46, while Benjamin Stevens won the Under 8's race, which also featured notable performances from three-year-old Lewis Lilley, two-year-old Amelia Morgan and Yaxley Runners' very own Finlay Jackson, who was the youngest competitor aged just 21 months.

The day was, once again, a huge success, and it was a delight to see the pleasure and sense of achievement on the faces of the children as they collected their medals.

Meanwhile, the build-up to the city's biggest running event, the Great Eastern Run, has begun, with entries now being taken and regular training sessions being held by the race organisers.

The sessions take place at Esporta Health Club, and take place on July 22, August 5 and 19, and September 2, 16 and 30, at 7pm.

If you fancy taking up running, or already enjoy the sport and want to join the club, we meet every Monday at the Hampton Hargate Sports Facility in Beaumont Way. We meet at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start, with a warm welcome assured, and all standards of runners will be accommodated.



Duncan Jackson - 07742 293276

SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

It seems that the season has hardly started, but here we are with only 6/7 weeks to the end of the season. The County competitions produced an exciting finals line-up, with Sawtry being represented in seven competitions; Sawtry won four:-

Sandra Minnette - Women's Champion of Champions

Kevin Bowers - Men's Champion of Champions

Jamie Bowers - Under 25 Mixed Open Pairs, and

Sue Rayson, Joan Greening & Mary Bennett - Women's 2 wood Rinks

Well done to all of them!! This means that all seven teams will represent the Club, four of them as Champions, at the National Finals at Skegness in August; in addition three ladies have already booked their place in the triples competition at the Women's Bowling Association Finals at Leamington Spa.

Club teams are giving a good account of themselves in the Hunts Leagues, the stars being the Men's 'A' Team who are currently in second place, and the Over 60's 'A' Team who are well on the way to retaining the trophy that they won last year. The other teams are performing well, with a couple of them being very optimistic with regard to promotion at the end of the season. The Club's own competitions are well under way, and as yet have not produced any major surprises although a couple of results did raise a few eyebrows! Anyway they are on target to finish well on schedule - we can only hope that the weather is kind to us for the rest of the outdoor season!

Social activities at the club continue with:-

- Whist Drives on Sat Aug 22nd & Friday Sept 18th both at 7.30pm
- A Family Day on Sunday 30th August - all are welcome!
- Bingo on Friday 4th September
- And of course the ever popular Race Night on Sat 26th Sept.
- Make a note of these dates in your diaries!!

Finally the committee has ordered new double glazed, sliding doors to replace the windows along the front of the clubhouse - it is hoped that these will be installed during the next few weeks.

Ian Plum

For more information please call Mick Raysn on 01487 83020