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## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*To all our readers & advertisers  
From everyone at the Sawtry Eye*

*Thank you for your support throughout 2012*



### SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

Annual Family Christmas Quiz Night

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Starting at 19:45

At Sawtry Working Men's Club

£10 per team (max 4 adults per team)

Please contact Ian Fowler on 07545 882994

### SAWTRY CHORALE

An evening of Christmas Songs and Carols  
In All Saints' Church, Church Causeway, Sawtry

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Starting at 7.30pm

Tickets £6.50 each



From members of the Events Committee or the  
Sawtry Chorale

You are invited to view



### TRAIDCRAFT

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8<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

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Liz 830345



### SAWTRY CHRISTMAS

Everyone is welcome to join in the village celebrations:

#### Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College, Fen Lane, Sawtry

**'Celebrate with us - and be thankful'**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Starting at 3.00pm

Followed by refreshments

#### Carols Under the Christmas Trees

In front of the Old, School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the hall

Collection for CLIC Sargent

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

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# Welcome

Thank you to everyone who gave us such positive feedback on our 100<sup>th</sup> issue (Oct-Nov12), we were glad to hear you enjoyed reading about the Eye and especially seeing a copy of the first ever issue from Autumn 1988.

Here's our 101<sup>th</sup> issue which we hope you will also enjoy with details of local events, clubs and organisations in the Sawtry area and we are delighted to welcome the residents of Winwick and Hamerton to join those of Sawtry, Glatton, Conington and Upton. Please let us know about any future activities you have planned so that we can spread the word for you and let everyone know – contact details left. Don't forget that you can also read the news section online by visiting the CARESCO website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) and following the links.

With this time of year come a number of Christmas related events for you to enjoy, from the bingos to the fayres to the carol singing. Please read the following pages to see what is planned and join in the fun.

Have a good one.

**Liz Coates - Co-Editor**



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

## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

### Autumn Term 2012

End of Term - 21 December

### Spring Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 7 January

Start of Term - 8 January

Half Term, 11 - 15 February

End of Term - 28 March

### Summer Term 2013

Start of Term - 15 April

May Day, 6 May

Half Term, 27 May - 31 May

End of Term 23 July

### Autumn Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 3 September

Start of Term - 4 September

Half Term, 28 October - 1 November

End of Term - 20 December

### Spring Term 2014

Start of Term - 7 January

Half Term, 7 - 21 February

End of Term - 4 April

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details.

Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>

Check the website below for confirmation of collections over the Christmas break

### 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)

10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> December

7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January

### COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January

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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)

Charity Number 229016



6<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**Ramsey Players with their Panto for 2012**

Members are in for a treat - visitors welcome

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

**Margaret Johnson 'Round the World on a Quilt'**

Intrigued? Come and find out what this is about!

Competition this month - most unusual item beginning with 'H'

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

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President: Margaret Geary 01487 832925

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12 Noon on 18 January

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Monday - Friday

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## VOLUNTEER SHOPPER REQUIRED

Do you enjoy shopping? If so Sawtry Day Centre needs you for approximately 1-2 hours on a Wednesday and Thursday morning to shop around Sawtry for or with our elderly members. Transport is provided so there is no problem if you don't have a car.

If you are:

- Patient
- Have a caring nature
- Willing to help a worthy cause in your local community

Then get in touch.

Once a volunteer you are free to contribute more if you wish, but by fulfilling this role it will enable staff to carry out their other duties.



If you feel you can contribute please contact CARESCO on 01487 832105 or pop in during office hours 9 – 12 noon at the CARESCO Centre.



## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



Winter is finally here, but do you know what you're doing for Christmas this year?

CARESCO will be hosting a Christmas Lunch  
on 25<sup>th</sup> December

for people from our local community who will otherwise be on their own – this includes couples or a single parent and child.

**There will be no charge to attend the lunch**  
**Transport available if necessary**

If you would like to come along and join in the fun, please complete the application form available from the CARESCO office and return it

by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012

For more information, please contact the CARESCO office  
weekdays 9 – 12 noon on 01487 832105  
or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.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

7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December  
11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January

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

For more information call 01480 450250  
or email [FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk)

### PETERBOROUGH

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

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

### OUNDLE

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

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

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold  
there must be from the local area and sold by the people  
who grow or produce it. Bought-in produce is not al-  
lowed.

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



## PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

**25<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Contact Pat Ayres**  
**01487 832503**



CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE  
Working together to improve community safety



Stonewall  
UNIVERSITY CHAMPION

### ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

**Sawtry** £depending on availability

As an on call firefighter you will carry a pager and respond to  
emergencies as and when they happen.

In order to be considered you need to:

- Be aged 18 years and over
- Have a good level of all round fitness
- Live or work within five minutes travelling time of the fire station
- Be committed to providing a professional service to everyone in your community.

In return we offer:

- Payment for the availability given
- Uniform and personal protective equipment
- Ongoing training
- Pension
- Paid holiday
- The chance to work as part of a team protecting your local community

We are currently looking to recruit during the following times:

- Monday - Wed 00:00 - 18:00 hrs
- Thursday 00:00 - 17:00
- Friday 00:00 - 23:00
- Sat & Sun 00:00 - 24:00

For further information contact Recruitment on 01480 444500  
Alternatively log onto [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk)

**We are committed to achieving fairness and equality in  
employment and service delivery, therefore we welcome  
applications from suitably skilled candidates from all  
sectors of the community.**

**RECRUITING THE BEST**



## WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



*We meet the on 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**

## LED Catapult Helicopter

Ideal  
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**Get yours at:**  
CARESCO office,  
Most village events,  
and even door to door

**All profits to:**  
CARESCO





## TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group  
Every Tuesday term time 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Toys for all ages 0 to 4 years  
Activities/Crafts/Songs

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE  
Refreshments 10p

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

**For more information call  
Louise 01487 832257**

## Craft Group in Sawtry

Do you love to knit, crochet or sew? Or would you like to learn? If so why not come along to the Sawtry Club on Tuesday evenings.



I love to craft and would like to meet others with similar interests so I'm hoping to start up a regular group where others like me can meet new friends, chat as we work, learn new skills, and share our 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 welcome.

No charge to come along

Drinks including tea and coffee available to buy

**7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday from 8th January 2013 at the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road,**

**For further info contact Carolyn on  
01487 832682**

Hill View Residential Home welcome you  
to their

## Christmas Bazaar



**Saturday 8th December**

**Starting at 2pm**

Part of the festive fun will include:  
A Christmas Raffle, Cake Stall and a  
chance to win a Christmas Hamper

50p Entry (to include a cup for tea and a  
mince pie)

All proceeds to the Hill View  
Comfort Fund



We look forward to seeing you there

**For more information, please  
contact Hill View, 46 St Judith's  
Lane, Sawtry PE28 5XE  
Or call 01487 831709**



## Festive Facts

- ★ US scientists calculated Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

## **DON'T MISS PETERBOROUGH'S BIGGEST CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

*All your festive favourites will be performed by a massed chorus of three superb local choirs*

**Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices (women)  
and Peterborough Youth Choir**

*accompanied by a full orchestra and led by their award-winning  
Musical Director, William Prideaux.*

**When?** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 - performances at 3.30pm or 7.30pm.

**Where?** KingsGate Conference Centre, Parnwell, Peterborough PE1 4YT

**Tickets from £15**

*with bargain offers for Families (2 adults + 2 children – 2<sup>nd</sup> child goes free)  
and for Groups of 10 or more (10% discount).*

*Book on line at [www.peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk)  
or buy at Peterborough Visitor Information Centre in Bridge Street.*

**Book early to avoid disappointment!**



## Sawtry WI In Aid of the WI Hall

### BINGO

7<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Bingo)  
4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

13<sup>th</sup> December

2.30 - 4.00pm

Sandwiches, mince pies, cakes

Tickets £5 each from Margaret Geary  
(832925)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

### COFFEE MORNING

17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

10.30am - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

Contact for events Ann Watson  
01487 834035

Charity Number 229016

## SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB



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

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

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

Held at Sawtry Community College,  
Fen Lane, Sawtry

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

End of Term 19<sup>th</sup> December - Re-starts  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2013

7 - 7.30pm - Beginners' Class

7.30 - 9.30pm - Improvers

£3.50 per session

Contact: Angela Foster - 01487 891283

Keith Geary - 01487 832925

Or Email: johnangie.foster4@virgin.net



## The Sawtry "Last Night of the Proms"

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

Sawtry Community College

Doors open 18.45. Concert starts 19.30.

A music-filled evening performed by the  
RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band to  
celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sawtry  
charity CARESCO.

*Music from Broadway and film such as "My Fair Lady"  
and "Chicago", plus military favourites The Great Es-  
cape and The Dambusters. Come and wave your Un-  
ion Jack flag and join in with the Proms favourites Rule  
Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope & Glory.*

Tickets available from CARESCO,  
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX, Telephone  
01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

Tickets £10 and includes birthday cake and Proms  
Pack of flag, programme and party popper.  
(Family ticket £30 for 2 adults and 2 under 16's)

**BAR AND RAFFLE**



### Festive Facts

- ★ Although now mostly vegetarian, in Victorian times mince pies were made with beef and spices

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

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

### December 2012

Date for December 'Christmas Bash'  
(if going ahead this year),

To be decided at the November meeting.  
Will email members first week in December  
on decision, date and venue.

### 25th January 2013

Annual General Meeting

If the sky is clear you can look through tele-  
scopes at the moon, planets, stars and oth-  
er objects, even see the nearest galaxy to  
us.

For more information please contact: -



**Bernard Dean 01487 832251**

**Dave Woodhams 01487 831921**



**Festive Facts**

★ The tradition of putting tangerines in stockings comes from the 12<sup>th</sup> century French nuns who left fruit, nuts and tangerines for the poor.



**DEMENTIA INFORMATION POINTS**

**Alzheimer's Society**

Leading the fight against dementia

Dementia Information Points aim to provide information and practical and emotional support to anyone with concerns about memory. Whether it is for yourself, your friend or family member the Dementia Information Point is your opportunity to meet with a fully trained member of the Alzheimer's Society to ask questions, and gather information about memory loss, and sources of support and assistance.

We are delighted to announce a new Dementia Information Point in Sawtry. It will be held at **CARESCO** on the 2nd Friday of each month. Next dates are: 14 December & 11th January 9-11.30am

**For further information regarding this service please contact the Alzheimer's Society on 01733 893853 or at peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk**

Other Dementia Information Points are available

**St Neots Dementia Information Point**

is at the St Neots Museum, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Huntingdon Dementia Information Point**

is at the Huntingdon Library on the last Tuesday of each month, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Ramsey Information Point**

is at the Rainbow Surgery on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 10.30am-12.30pm

**St Ives Dementia Information Point**

is at the St Ives Library on the last Monday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Festive Facts**



★ Before turkey, the traditional English meal was a pig's head and mustard.

**Festive Facts**



★ The world's tallest Christmas tree, at 221 feet high, was erected in a Washington shopping mall in 1950.

**Letters ...**



**WELCOME TO WINWICK & HAMERTON**

We are delighted to announce that the Sawtry Eye is now being delivered to the residents of both Winwick and Hamerton. We look forward to receiving news of their future events.

Many thanks to Maggi & Rosemary for agreeing to deliver.

**The Editors**

**Festive Facts**

★ Nearly 60 million Christmas trees are grown in Europe each year.



**THANKS NEIL**

After a number of years tramping the pavements and delivering the Sawtry Eye to the Beaumaris area of Sawtry, Neil Simmons has finally decided to hang up his bag and take a well earned rest.

Our thanks to Neil for his undying cheerfulness even when faced with a large pile of boxes of magazines on a wet day in mid-winter.

Enjoy putting your feet up, warm in the knowledge that you didn't have to deliver in the snow!

**The Editors**

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

*Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'*

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## Letters ...



### GRATEFUL THANKS

Following John's accident in July, we have been the recipients of numerous acts of help and kindness. We have appreciated every one of them and wish to express our most grateful thanks for all the support given to us, not only following this incident, but also on the two previous 'setbacks' we recently experienced.

**John & Jean Garner**

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year the MacMillan Coffee Morning held on 31st October raised the grand total of £305.00. My grateful thanks to all who helped with this by baking cakes, donating prizes or bric-a-brac helping on the day or turning up and buying and enjoying the coffee morning.

Thank you also to the Sawtry Methodist Church who kindly, once again, let us have the hall to hold this event.

Thank you all

**Ann Martin**



### SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY 2012

Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association would again like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this year's firework display successful. Particular thanks must go to the staff at Sawtry Beds, Tilly's Coffee Shop, Coopers Garage and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Mr Bonsall for the work on the bonfire, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, also to the Sawtry Firemen for their attendance on the night, Dave Whiskey for music and public address services and Mrs Jill Bean for first aid cover. Thanks also to East Anglian Galvanising Ltd for making their car park available for use on the night and for sponsoring posters.

The 40 volunteers from Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Angling Society, St Ives Cycling Club and the committee and friends of Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association who helped set up during the day and worked during the evening deserve a special thank you.

Even though £3000 was spent on fireworks and it was a fine, dry evening only 700 members of the public, which is the lowest number ever, came to Greenfield to enjoy the event which means that it lost money for the second successive year. Hopefully if the event is held in future years more people will turn up to enjoy and support it.

**Mike Patchett**

## CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY - THE BELL INN-SAWTRY

*Held on 8th September 2012*

*In Memory Of Simon Costigan*

For a September day the sun clearly had his hat on! We had glorious sunshine all day.

Firstly special thanks to Charlie, Simon's niece for designing the poster for the event and distributing around Sawtry.

There was lots going on all day and into the evening including a cake stall, raffle, darts and pool competition, guess how many sweets in the jar and a food challenge.

Ross, Simon's brother was the star of the event who agreed to have his hair shaved off. This alone raised over £850 through sponsorship. Well done Ross, you did Simon proud! Raz took charge of the scissors and clippers, you won't ever make the next Vidal Sassoon but thanks anyway mate.

Many thanks to those of you who donated raffle prizes and made cakes and special thanks to Vince and Carla at The Bell-Inn for helping such a motley crew plan and organise the event and for the use of all your facilities. None of this would have happened without your support and generosity.

Thanks to Grandad at the Bell Inn, as always setting up and clearing up after everybody and to Nas and Blondie for slaving over the BBQ on such a blisteringly hot day.

Children's bingo was planned but as the waxstrips came out and the T-shirts came off there was no stopping the kids' delight in having a go! Thank you to Marcus and Tommo for being such good sports here's hoping your chests are now recovered!

Lastly thanks to all of you who came and gave your support and donations. Total raised on the day and with all sponsorship money came to £1235.00 which will be donated to Addenbrokes Kidney Patients Association who gave excellent care and support to Simon throughout his dialysis years. We are already planning for next year's event so keep a look out around the village for 2013. Many stories and memories of

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Cont'd... Simon were also shared that day and as it approaches a year since we lost Simon it is apparent that his loss is felt by many. It has been a difficult year coping with the loss of Simon who is clearly loved, missed and respected by many.

### IN MEMORY OF SIMON COSTIGAN - (CHUBBS-COS)

18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011

*Life's not the same without you here, still each day we shed a tear.  
Loved missed and remembered every day, forever in our hearts you'll stay.*  
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### THANK YOU

Following their Safari Walk around Grafham Water last May, the Huntingdon & Grafham Lions recently presented CARESCO with a donation totalling £1653 being the combined total of both money raised by people walking for CARESCO and the donated ten percents given from the totals raised by other groups on the day. Next year's walk will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May when once again the Lions will be inviting community groups to take the opportunity to raise money for their own or other good causes.

At the end of September five Co-opertative staff members (Graham Wallace; Jonathan Groves; Tim Waller; Mark Adams and Steve Want) gave up a morning to paint the Club Room in the CARESCO Centre for which we are very grateful. After eleven years it was in need of a new coat of paint.

As a charity we are very dependent on donations and fundraising to continue to provide our services to the community. Please remember us when thinking of giving to a charity.

**Thank you to everyone involved.**

**PRIZE TO BE CLAIMED**

A message for Kallea – aged 4 who came to the All Saints Church, Winter Faye on November 10<sup>th</sup> with her brother Tommy. You have a prize from "Pots of Peas" game to be collected.

**Could her family please contact Ali Scott 832478 to arrange collection**



### CEMETERIES IN SAWTRY

There are two areas for burials and the interment of cremated remains in Sawtry and at each area the responsibility is split between the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council.

#### All Saints

At All Saints the area around the church, the graveyard, is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council although the Parish Council uses its permissive powers to contribute towards the cost of maintenance. The reasoning behind this is that all parishioners could, in the past, opt to be buried there regardless of their membership of the church or lack of it.

The area to the north west of the church is known as All Saints Cemetery and is the responsibility of the Parish Council. As far as burials are concerned it is virtually full but there is still room for the interment of cremated remains.

#### St Andrews

The wooded area containing graves and fronting the road is St Andrews Graveyard and is currently the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

The area to the rear of the graveyard is St Andrews Cemetery and is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

#### Parish Council Cemeteries

There has in the past been a minor problem with surface water at St Andrews Cemetery in the past and to a much lesser degree at All Saints Cemetery.

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Whilst there is a warning in the conditions relating to burials that the area, due to the underlying strata, is susceptible to occasional groundwater when you see the extensive flooding reported almost weekly in the news and the news that farmers are having problems harvesting crops or that root crops have rotted in the ground because of the inclement weather it is not surprising that the surface water problems at St Andrews Cemetery are also worse than usual.

There are very rigorous rules laid down by the Environment Agency regarding the drainage of cemeteries into local water courses and initial indications are that they would be prohibitively expensive and would prevent the use of large areas of the cemetery. Notwithstanding this the Parish Council has formed a working party to investigate the feasibility of such a solution. In the short term the Parish Council planted some alder trees last winter in a trial to attempt to dry up an area. Unfortunately most of these trees were stolen within a couple of days of planting. They were, however, replaced.

Lastly, it has been noticed that some of the tablets for cremated remains flood during times of heavy rain and this is largely due to the tablets being set somewhat below ground level forming a natural sump for groundwater. The maintenance of monuments remains the responsibility of the owners and the Clerk will be writing to them to advise them of the problem.

## **Sawtry Parish Council**

### **SAWTRY TREE WARDEN REPORT**

You will have seen the news about Ash Dieback Disease which is going to have a major effect on our landscape and wildlife. If you are concerned about any ash trees near you, or have spotted possibly diseased trees in the woods, you can check on various websites for pictures of the symptoms or to report your find— try [www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth) I have a copy of this and will be pleased to show anyone or visit trees. The Food and Environmental Research Agency (FERA – website [www.fera.defra.gov.uk](http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk)) want to hear of diseased trees, or report to <http://ashtag.org> by sending them a photo and location from your mobile phone.



Continuing the sombre theme, I am saddened at the loss of several large trees this year; the weeping willow at the corner of Rockingham Road, which was apparently unsafe, and a veteran elm off St David's Way, which was hollow. Other trees are under threat despite being healthy, as houses built too close to them suffer from subsidence. Even a Tree Preservation Order cannot save a tree when the insurance company demands it is felled. A sad fact of urban life.

On the plus side, the autumn leaf colours have been dazzling, and the sloes plump from the summer's rain.

**Janet Spencer 01487 208676**

### **NEARLY NEW**

Fridays 9 – 11.30am (term time) ~ In the CARESCO Centre

Did we actually have a summer??? Didn't seem like it and our rails are now currently jam packed with lovely warm winter items.

If you haven't already bought a coat for your children, we have quite a few girls and boys in stock priced at £5.

If anyone requires anything specific (from uniform, clothes or dressing up outfits or random items) but can't get into see us on a Friday, then please e-mail us a request at [nearlynew@caresco.org.co.uk](mailto:nearlynew@caresco.org.co.uk) and we can check our stock and let you know. Collection can be arranged at other times.

There are also regular updates of our stock and photos uploaded to the Buy/Sell and Advertise Facebook page for Sawtry.

Our last opening day for 2012 will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and we will re-open again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013. From all of us we wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and we'll see you in the New Year for some bargain shopping!!!



**Nicole, Clair, Gill and Doreen**

## SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2013

Great news !! Keep 22nd June 2013 free as Sawtry Carnival will take place bigger and better. Exciting plans are being made by our new committee. The date for the first formal meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30 at the Sawtry Club, you are welcome to come and get involved - look forward to seeing you.

Look out for the Facebook page 'Sawtry Carnival' and also coming soon on [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)

For stall bookings or more information contact Bev on 07925707821 or [sawtrycarnival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sawtrycarnival@hotmail.co.uk)



## Going Green

Here's a thought: this Christmas we will create 3 million tonnes of rubbish in Britain - the equivalent of 400,000 double-decker buses - just stop and imagine that. Over half of this could be recycled. To have a greener Christmas this year our family are going to try to keep in mind the three R's - **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** - and use them in that order in the preparation; before, during and after Christmas day.

Here are some of our family tips to make your Christmas greener:

Where possible, buy your food locally by supporting our farmer's markets - see page 6 for details. When visiting the supermarket stay as local as you can, saving petrol and supporting local jobs. Also buy Fairtrade products when available as they have environmental standards in their certification.

The debate still rages over real vs artificial trees but current thinking is that the real thing is best environmentally. At home we have a small tree in a pot bought from the farmer's market in Huntingdon several years ago when it was just a few inches high and it's still small enough to be brought indoors for a few days over Christmas. Little Common Farm, just across the A1 grow and sell trees - you can't get much more local than that!

By choosing presents carefully, they too can have less of an impact on our environment. Watch out for overpackaged items. Why not give and receive gift donations - a toilet or goat from Oxfam for example, after all most of us have more than enough stuff.

Decorations are a big source of plastic. Why not use natural materials such as the traditional holly, ivy, mistletoe & fir cones? They can look amazing and don't have to be stored during the year, or go into landfill when we've had enough of them. Make sure any fairy lights are LED and save a fortune on your electric bill too.

It's estimated that 82 sq km of wrapping paper will end up in the UK's bins this Christmas. At home we try to reuse larger pieces, if we can persuade the kids not to just rip it off on the day. Wrapping paper isn't always made from paper these days, so try to find some that can go in the recycling bin after the event.

Christmas dinner can produce a lot of waste as we all over cater every year. Don't let the left-overs go to waste. Pop them in the fridge or freezer for another day and remember to recycle all food waste by putting the peelings into your wormery or garden compost bin and the bones and so on into the compost wheelie bin.

Apparently approximately 1 billion cards are sent every year - that's 17 for every man, woman and child in the country! So in the New Year why not use the special recycling bins at WH Smiths and Tesco stores to raise money for the Woodland Trust.

It is estimated that nationally we could use an extra 750 million bottles and 500 million drinks cans over Christmas. It's important to make sure all those empty cans, bottles and jars find their way to the recycling bin.

In the New Year, any unwanted gifts can be taken to a local charity shop and any Resolutions can be themed to make the world a greener place in 2013 - how about a promise to grow-your-own, or to always carry a reusable bag to save needing a single-use carrier at the shops. Another easy one would be to aim to always switch things off and not leave them on standby and run up that electricity bill.

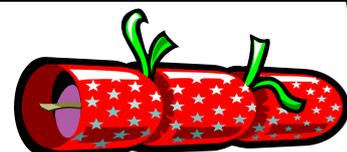
A little thought and preparation can make this year a Greener Christmas, let's make it a good one.

### Eco Apprentice

With thanks to <http://www.ecocentric.co.uk>

### Festive Facts

- ★ The largest Christmas cracker - 45.72 meters and 3.04 meters in diameter - was pulled in Australia in 1991.



# Computer Corner

by Zip Computers of Sawtry

New computer for Christmas? Beware same old problems and scams!

The market place is full of tempting last minute deals, but beware of some typical problem areas to look out for. Be aware - **Celeron** or **Atom** processors run a lot hotter than genuine **Intel** or **AMD** processors. Overheating is a major and well known problem for all laptops, it only takes the laptop to be placed on a settee, bed, carpet, tablecloth etc while in use, and any of these will block the small vents on the base of the laptop preventing cool air circulating. If the system overheats, internal components may be damaged, rendering your PC useless. **Laptop cooling bases** are cheap and can easily be acquired from eBay or Amazon for between £10.00 - £20.00.

Don't let a quick talking salesman sell you an add-on antivirus software; your system will come with an antivirus program ready to be activated. Currently, the best industry-recognised antivirus is completely free - ring for details or advice.

Any computer/laptop you purchase will not be ready to use (set up). The new user will need to work through what can sometimes be a complicated procedure, which can be confusing and difficult to understand and may leave your pc in a annoying and unstable condition. You may wish to have your PC professionally set up, which should cost no more than £35.00 from any reputable PC engineer and should include setting up email accounts, Skype, printers etc. Be clear and precise how you want the PC to run and what programs you want installed – there are over 100 settings that can be changed to improve stability, security and performance. Transferring data from your old PC to your new PC is a simple procedure (Zip Computers are happy to give free advice) but should cost no more than £15.00 should you need professional help.

**Scams** - Christmas is a very busy time for scammers whose prime activity is to take money from you under false pretences. There are far too many scams to list, but by way of advice avoid all phone calls relating to your PC no matter how convincing. **It is not possible for anyone to detect errors on your pc unless they have direct access or have remotely taken over your pc, and you would have to give permission first.** All PCs have errors but more often relate to a unused program or setting which cause absolutely no problems at all. These people make a living out of conning computer owners so can sound very good and genuine: however, as a Microsoft Registered Engineer (MCSE) of some 15 years' experience, I can assure readers that Microsoft/Windows/Metropolitan (or any other police force) etc are NOT in the business of repairing computer faults and would not make random calls or ever attempt to charge for a service over the phone.

***If you do give remote connection permission to a phone caller be aware they will be able to extract all personal/banking/private data in just a few minutes.***

For further information and impartial advice please feel free to call Zip Computers between 6pm – 9.30pm any weekday evening.

## TORT HILL DISTRICT GUIDES, BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

Unfortunately this will be a very short report, as I fell off my branch again and finished up in hospital. However our Units go from strength to strength. There was a good turnout for the Remembrance Service and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sawtry Brownies made their own Poppy to lay at the memorial.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sawtry Rainbows** – have been working towards their Big Munch badge which involves tasting, sniffing and making food dishes and talking about different types of food. They are now busy doing Christmas crafts and looking forward to their Christmas party.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sawtry Rainbows** – T-shirt printing, masks for Halloween, poppies for Remembrance Sunday and bird feeders are all part of their programme. They had a practice mini sleepover and then a proper one in the Junior School which was enjoyed by all.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sawtry Brownies** – have enrolled 3 new Brownies and have been busy making biscuits amongst other interesting things. They enjoyed joining with the 4<sup>th</sup> Sawtry Brownies in a trip to the Gang Show and are now looking forward to going to the pantomime in December.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sawtry Brownies** – have enrolled 5 new Brownies. All the girls passed their Crime prevention badge and are now working towards their Cooks Badge.

Hopefully I will be able to report far more next time and I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

*Wise Owl*

For more information contact 01487 830806

## “LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS” COMES TO SAWTRY

A flag-waving “Last Night of the Proms” comes to Sawtry in February, with a music packed performance by a highly-regarded concert band to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sawtry charity CARESCO.

The Proms concert takes place on Saturday, 23rd February at Sawtry Community College starting at 19.30. A programme of popular and light music will be performed by the RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band, the 40 or so uniformed musicians led by professional Bandmaster Graham Sheldon.

The Sawtry “Last Night” will finish with the enthusiastic rendition by the Band, supported by the traditional singing and flag waving of the audience, of Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and Jerusalem.

The concert will also include the singing of Happy Birthday to Sawtry charity CARESCO, which celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013, and birthday cake for all the audience. All proceeds from the concert go to CARESCO to help it continue its work of supporting the elderly, housebound and socially isolated in Sawtry and the surrounding area.

See ad on page 8 for ticket and contact details.

### NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

#### GOOD NEWS!!

Rhymetimes are now being held on a weekly basis at Sawtry Library on a Wednesday Morning between 10 – 10.30am. All babies and young children welcome so come along and join in the fun.

#### WORKBOOKS AND POSTERS

We now sell a selection of workbooks and posters £1.50 each or 4 for £5. These make excellent presents.

#### BOOKSTART BEAR CLUB

If your child is under 4 years of age and have their own library card they can join this special club. When they join they will receive a Bookstart Bear Club Pack, each time they visit the library they will get a bear paw print on their passport. When they have received 6 paw prints they will a certificate, there are 10 certificates to collect.

#### COMPUTER COURSES

**Want to know how to use a computer free of charge?** We hold basic sessions which include the modules E-mail, searching the Internet and Internet Security on a Tuesday from 4pm. If you are interested please see a member a staff for more information.

#### CHRISTMAS OPENING

This year we are closed from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013. All libraries will be closed over the Christmas period with the exception of Cambridge Central.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE NOW OPEN ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 9.30AM – 12.30PM**

#### 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

**Pam Goodwin**



### NEWS FROM SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL

As I write this article for the Sawtry Eye, the autumn term is beginning to draw to a close here at Sawtry Junior School. We have a lot to look forward too, especially the Lower School Christmas Production. We would love to see you at our performances on the evenings of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, just contact the office for further details.

The Junior School Association is planning the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15 to 5 p.m. Rumour has it that Father Christmas will be making an appearance too! Our Christmas Bingo is being held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 p.m. for a 6.45 p.m. start. Do come along if you are free

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that evening – you will be very welcome. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

The staff have continued to work hard to make the curriculum more creative this term. Lower School have been following the theme of India and have focussed on the remote village of Chembakolli. Upper School have focussed on medieval history and a study of Castles. They began their theme by unearthing the ruins of a castle in the grounds of the school and will end the theme by creating a visitor centre and displaying all their work they have produced.

I wonder if you might be able to help us with next term's topics? We would love to hear from you if you have any experiences from World War 2, Lower School's theme, or Antarctica, the Upper School theme. Perhaps you were evacuated during the war, or even served in the war, or have some war-time memories? Have you been to Antarctica perhaps, or know anyone living out there – maybe a school you could put us in touch with? Please give us a phone call or email us.

Perhaps you might also be able to help me with one other thing. We have three vacancies for Community Governors. It would be really good if these vacancies could be filled. If you think you might be able to join our Governing Body then please get in touch with me, we'd love to hear from you. There is quite a big time commitment of roughly 20 hours a term attending meetings, reading papers, visiting school, attending training courses and writing reports. However, I think you would find it really rewarding and we would love more people from the Sawtry community to be involved in the work of the Junior School.

I realise that I am nearing the end of my fourth year here at Sawtry Junior School. I cannot believe how fast the time has flown. Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2013.

If you want to get in contact with us then we'd love to hear from you. Contact either [office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk), [head@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk) or 01487 830204.

**Steve West, Headteacher**



### Festive Facts

- ★ The chances of a white Christmas are just one in ten for England and Wales and one in six for Scotland and Northern Ireland.



### SAWTRY DAY CENTRE NEWS



It's that time of year again autumn is with us and we hope to have crisp mornings with sunshine and not the warm damp dull weather we have at the moment. There is nothing better than getting wrapped up on a bright morning in your winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves and going for a brisk walk.

Our year at the day centre is drawing to a close as we break up for the holidays on 20<sup>th</sup> December. Our final day is our Christmas lunch, this year we are going to the Eaton Oak at Eaton Ford but before that date we still had a couple of dates to entertain our members. On 14<sup>th</sup> November we took them to Morrison's to do their Christmas shopping and to eat lunch if they want it where fish and chips are always a firm favourite. Then on 28<sup>th</sup> November we had Kate and Brenda coming to sing to us.

Which brings me onto next year's entertainment. As you all know we are always on the lookout for ways to amuse and educate our members so this is a call to our community if there is anyone out there who could spare an hour on either a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon to entertain our members with a hobby or pastime that they do then we would love to hear from you.

This year has been a good one and we all strive to make it better and more enjoyable for the elderly in our community. As always I will repeat the usual mantra that any extra help is always greatly appreciated. Also if there is anyone in the community who you know would benefit from a day with us for yourselves or for someone you care for then get in touch, we are a friendly group and we always welcome new members.

On that note I will close and it only remains to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from all at the Day Centre.

So until the next time usual contacts apply – 01487 832105, [daycentre@caresco.org.uk](mailto:daycentre@caresco.org.uk) or call in at the CARESCO Centre 10 – 2.30pm Wednesdays or Thursdays.



**Gill Robinson, Deputy Manager**

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

On the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of October Holme village held its annual 40's Weekend which was an ideal opportunity for the Sawtry History Society to show off some of its archive. It proved as popular as ever. We have to say a BIG Thank You to Ann Martin who arranged a quiz for us when the speaker failed to turn up on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, she saved the evening.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November Chris Hughes gave a very interesting slide show and talk on R.A.F. Molesworth. Revealing the checkered history to modern day life at the base, and some heartfelt stories of missing airmen and crashed aircraft. The base having changed hands between the R.A.F and U.S.A.F several times from when the base started life on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1916 during World War I and the present day, being demolished or put in care and maintenance. Rebuilt in 1940 during World War II, a variety of planes were based there Vickers Wellington Mk IV, Douglas A-20 and the Boeing B17 'Flying Fortress'. Statistics read, 364 missions, 841 men lost, 747 POW's, 210 lost aircraft, 2 Medal of Honors, and 4 Distinguished Service Crosses. Bob Hope entertained base personnel in 1943 and Clarke Gable were 2 of the famous visitors during World War II.

An aircraft called Spirit of Flak Wolf, fully loaded with fuel and armaments, took off on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1944. It exploded over Gt Gidding and the only crew member not to be found was a Jack McGarry. Several years later a metal detector enthusiast found a piece of metal with T-2 on it and later another the same T-1. On investigations these turned out to be the throttle handles of Spirit of Flak Wolf and were sent to the sisters of Jack McGarry who were then able to have closure of his death, the throttle handles being the last items he would have touched, just one of the many airplanes to crash locally. In the 1980's Molesworth became the home of the mobile nuclear armed Ground Launched Cruise Missiles becoming the target for peace campaigners. Today 2,000 analysts, of all nationalities work at the 3 Intelligence gathering operations

There is no meeting in December, our next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> January, with The Fall of Rome & the Palace of Castor, hope to see you there, and take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

**Q: Why does Santa have 3 Gardens. A: So he can ho-ho-ho.**

**For more information, please contact Sheila Tibbs on 01487 830054**

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### SAWTRY CHORALE

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

2012 will go down as another busy year for Sawtry Chorale with six concerts raising much-needed money for various churches and charities.

In June we performed in Sawtry at the Methodist Church and also in Alconbury at St Peter & St Paul's Church. Our biggest summer concert was in St Leonard's Church, Catworth. This sell-out event was held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Pauline Craig, Fundraising Manager for West Cambs & East Beds, visited the choir in November to express her thanks for the magnificent sum raised of £2053.49.

At the end of November we sang in Somersham at the Church of St John the Baptist in a concert which also featured the Pidley Male Voice Choir. Our Christmas programme of carols and popular seasonal songs was enjoyed by all. 8<sup>th</sup> December will see the choir performing at All Saints Church, Sawtry. Our final concert of the year will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton. We have been invited to perform by Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club and proceeds of the concert will go to the Club's charities fund.

In addition to our fund-raising concerts, in May we welcomed Staffordshire WI Choir & Friends to Sawtry. The two choirs came together at Sawtry Community College to perform a joint concert. Singing with so many voices was an exciting and enjoyable experience. Our visitors had a great time and we have been invited to make a return visit.

At the 2012 AGM, Jeff Wardle was re-elected Chair. In his address, Jeff remembered Audrey Copley and Tony Scott, loyal choir members who sadly died during the summer. Jeff expressed his appreciation for the work of the committee and our gifted young accompanist, Rebecca Rickwood but he reserved his greatest thanks for our wonderful Musical Director, Shirley Allen. He paid a special tribute to her for her dedication, her hard work and her endless patience which mean that, in his words, "We all have a great time and have the enormous pleasure of singing together, just because of you".

2013 promises to be as busy as 2012. We have already been approached about a concert for Christmas! In January we will start preparing our summer programme. We have welcomed several new members during 2012 and hope that more will join us in the New Year.

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Information and details of rehearsal times can be found on our website. Photos of our recent performances can also be seen.

**Hazel Rea**

**Publicity Officer, Tel: 01487 830149**

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SAWTRY

The Chances are you may have bought a Poppy during the Royal British Legion's (RBL) Annual Poppy Appeal in November. But have you ever stopped to think why you buy a Poppy? Or indeed where the money goes and for some, how the Poppy makes it possible for an emotional journey of a lifetime.

It is over 60 years since the end of the Second World War and many will remember the ultimate sacrifice of those who gave their lives in two World Wars. However, there have been more than 70 conflicts since the end of WW2, where our service men and women have been involved.

During the 1900s, Palestine 47, Malaya 48, Korea 50, Cyprus 55, Suez 56, Aden & Radfan 64, Borneo 65, Dhofar 69, Northern Ireland 69, The Falklands 82, First Gulf 91, The Balkans 99, Sierra Leone 2000, Afghanistan 01, Second Gulf 03. Currently Afghanistan continues with no fixed date for withdrawal. British Service men and women are still serving in other foreign theatres, carrying out peace-keeping roles. Indeed there has only been **one year in the last sixty** when a member of HM Forces has not been killed or injured in action.

With the passing of time it is not surprising that very few people know or understand the significance of the Poppy for Remembrance Day. And yet we make more than 35 million poppies, 100,000 wreaths and 400,000 remembrance crosses, all distributed by a force of 300,000 voluntary groups. The poppy is one of the best-known charity emblems in the UK and has become something of a national institution and therefore part of this country's heritage. However, although the RBL is a National Charity, it receives no funding from the Government or the National Lottery to help carry out our vital work.

However remembrance is only half the story as for the other 364 days of the year the poppy is a symbol of hope to millions of ex-service people and their families. Examples of the Legion's work funded by the poppy include Rehabilitation and Employment for the disabled, Residential Care in our seven Care Homes, Holidays for the Severely Disabled, Financial Support for the needy, Specialist equipment for those who require it, Resettlement assistance, help with War Pension claims, Visits to all parts of the globe of service widows to the War Grave of their husband, Retraining and many more welfare based projects.

To be eligible for the help of the Legion you must have been a member of HM Forces (Regular Service, TA, National Service and in some cases the Merchant Navy), also some Allied Nations Forces and Resistance Organisations, Voluntary Aid Services, Home Guard and Bomb & Mine Disposal Units, or a dependant of someone who comes into one of those categories.

The Legion is expending £200,000 each day in assisting those who are eligible for our assistance.

However, the calls upon us increase yearly as more people are leaving HM Forces, many at very short notice, and also as WW2 veterans, National Servicemen and their dependants fall on hard times. We will always be there, as the Nation's Conscience, for as long as we are needed.

If you would wish to become a Poppy Collector, Welfare Helper – full training given and out of pocket expenses paid - or would like to know more please contact The Royal British Legion on 01480-478520 or write to The Welfare Dept, Nelson House, Alington Road, St. Neots Cambs PE19 6YH, or your local Poppy Appeal Organiser, details below.

For the Poppy Appeal 2012 to-date, the residents of Sawtry and the surrounding villages of Holme, Conington, Glatton, Woodwalton, Old Weston, Winwick, The Giddings and Hamerton within the Sawtry Branch area have donated via House to House, Local Commercial Outlets, Schools and Churches, £6073. This, excluding Holme, Glatton and Conington, as I do not have their last year's figures to compare, exceeds the donations made for the same period last year. Therefore, once again your generosity excels.

Again I take this opportunity to thank all who made the donations, large or small and of course the Collectors and Commercial Outlets, without whom the above would not happen.

**We will remember them**

**Allan Fowler, Poppy Appeal Organiser**  
**01487 830806, [allan.fowler@uwclub.net](mailto:allan.fowler@uwclub.net)**





### Festive Facts

★ In 1647, after the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell banned the celebration of Christmas. The law wasn't lifted until 1660.

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Flu Vaccination

It is recommended that all patients falling within the following at risk categories have a flu vaccination:



- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease or asthma which requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination appointments please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

### Dr Uszycka

Dr Uszycka will be taking a three month sabbatical period as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

Whilst she is away her surgeries will be covered by Dr Nina Djuric. Some of you may remember Dr Djuric as she has provided some locum cover for us in the past.

### Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Open as usual
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Open as usual

During the Christmas/New Year period please make sure you order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time and remember that it takes two full working days to process your request.

On behalf of everyone at Wellside Surgery I would like to wish all our patients and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

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



The Sawtry Small Business Partnership are now over 4 years old and in that time have not only helped each other in business, but raised funds for both local charitable causes CARESCO and First Responders. The new Directory of members is printed and should be with you or due to be delivered.

If you are in business or know somebody local in the area that is trustworthy and you can refer them please do. The SSBP works hard to maintain a reputation for reliable members who look after their local residents. Do take a look at [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net) which is owned and managed by the SSBP. There are pages of interest to be found and your opportunity to be part of the site. You may be surprised to learn how much actually goes on in the village and the extent of services available.

The SSBP working for the village and residents.

**Any info call Ralph on 01487 832683**

## PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING

Following this year's hilarious and very successful fundraising 'Race Night' gala was always going to be a challenge for the Sawtry Small Business Partnership (SSBP). Moving the event to the College, opening it to the public and creating a new set of 'race' events would be enough for most people, but these are SSBP members, Sawtry's very own entrepreneurs. They have also set themselves a mini 'Apprentice' style challenge.

Four teams of SSBP members will each use their business skills, connections and creativity to raise as much money for local charities as possible between now and the next race night in March.

These efforts are being filmed and will be presented together with the new 'race' challenges to create another hugely entertaining 'Race Night' gala event. Everyone over 18 can bet on which group they think has raised the most money before the successful 'Sawtry Apprentice' is revealed. Please watch out for our business men and women and give them all the support you can!

The SSBP charity 'Race Night' gala will be held at Sawtry Community College on Friday 22 March 2013. Tickets will be open to the public and available in the New Year from SSBP and CARESCO. All proceeds will be donated to Sawtry First Responders and CARESCO. SSBP is delighted to support these local charities and the tremendous good they do for our community.

**For the latest update, please check out [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)**

## *An Eye on Nature*

As you read this article our two species of migrant thrushes will have arrived from Europe and be taking advantage of the abundance of berries in the woods and hedgerows. Look out for them in the countryside. Fieldfares can be identified by their larger size (bigger than a Blackbird) and their cousins, the Redwings, are about the size of a Starling.

Now is the time to think about our garden birds. We can improve their chances of surviving a hard winter by feeding them in many different ways. Many people feed "their" birds and food that gives them the best chance of survival has lots of energy. Peanuts are great but never feed the salted or dry roasted type. Mixed seed provides food for the different seed-feeding birds and fat balls are a must in very cold weather. If you have Blackbirds and Song Thrushes regularly visiting your garden a special treat to give them are sultanas and raisins. The odd apple goes down well too.

Birds have a natural feather down duvet but this needs constant attention to work properly. Bird feathers only work if they are cleaned and preened regularly so a bird bath is also a must. It will be used even in the coldest weather so keeping the water from freezing is important. Water is also vital as lots of dry food means birds need to drink more.

We can make our gardens more bird-friendly at this time of year. Resist the temptation to tidy up in early autumn as leaving dead plants a little longer provides seeds and more homes for the creatures which insect-eating birds such as Wrens and Robins need.

There are many myths surrounding ivy strangling trees and it is therefore pulled off the trunks as soon as it appears. Ivy does not usually affect the tree, it just acts as a strong support for the ivy to grow up. The spinoff is the brilliant cover the evergreen foliage provides for birds to roost in and ivy is crucial in very cold weather as good shelter. The flowers are a great source of nectar for insects in autumn and the berries ripen late, providing much needed food for birds later in winter when all the other berries have long gone. So, please become an ivy champion.

### **Martin Baker**

For information about the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org) or check out [twitter.com/wildlifebcn](https://twitter.com/wildlifebcn); [facebook.com/wildlifebcn](https://facebook.com/wildlifebcn) or call 09154 713500.

## FAIRTRADE PUTS FARMERS FIRST

The FAIRTRADE Mark on a product means that farmers and workers in developing countries are getting a better deal from trade, including internationally agreed Fairtrade prices and premiums.



For a product to carry the FAIRTRADE Mark on the front of its packaging, any ingredient that can be Fairtrade must be traded on Fairtrade terms. For a chocolate bar this means 100% of the volume of cocoa and sugar (and any other eligible ingredient) must have been purchased on Fairtrade terms, which includes additional Fairtrade premiums paid to farmers, which they invest in programmes to improve their own lives and local communities.

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**Most Fairtrade products are fully traceable**

For most Fairtrade products a review of trading standards in 2009 by the organisation behind the Fairtrade Mark, the Fairtrade Foundation introduced new, stronger rules into the Fairtrade system, requiring these products to be physically traceable. This means they must be labelled and kept separate at every stage of their journey from the farmers groups to the shop shelves.

However, when they attempted to introduce similar rules for cocoa and sugar used in chocolate, it was discovered that there is very little physical traceability in the way the chocolate industry works. Cocoa and sugar are routinely mixed in local mills, factories or at the point of shipping, and complex processes of manufacturing make it very difficult and costly to separate ingredients at every stage of the supply chain. It became clear that simply introducing rules requiring immediate physical traceability could prevent some producers in developing countries from being able to participate in Fairtrade. Given the depth of poverty experienced by many small scale cocoa and sugar growers, and the urgency of their need for better terms of trade, a different solution was needed.

**Fairtrade cocoa and sugar are traced through the supply chain**

In the interests of being able to facilitate Fairtrade market access for cocoa and sugar producer groups, it was agreed that cocoa and sugar should be exempt from physical traceability.

Instead, Fairtrade operates a programme of traceability known as 'mass balance', whereby, even though these beans may be being mixed with others during the manufacture process, the actual volumes of cocoa and sugar sales on Fairtrade terms are tracked and audited through the supply chain. This process ensures that the amount of these ingredients in the final product is matched by the amount sold by the farmers, and that the full benefits of Fairtrade are therefore received by the farmers.

**Farmers receive 100% of the benefits of Fairtrade**

This means that consumers can buy Fairtrade products confident in the knowledge that the full benefits of the Fairtrade system are being received by the producers. In the case of Cadbury Dairy Milk, for example, going Fairtrade did not increase the price for consumers, but has still delivered more than \$6 million in additional Fairtrade premiums by farmers in West Africa as a result of Fairtrade conversion in late 2009.

**Fully traceable Fairtrade chocolate is available too**

Many Fairtrade products do however go further than this. Many companies offering Fairtrade chocolate, such as the 100% Fairtrade company Divine Chocolate and organic Fairtrade brands (such as Green & Blacks, Seed & Bean), offer greater physical traceability, and shoppers wanting this additional degree of traceability can therefore choose these brands. However, even where the original Fairtrade certified cocoa beans have been mixed during manufacture, consumers can still be sure that our rigorous certification system ensures that 100% of the Fairtrade benefit is received by the farmers groups.

**For more information please visit [www,fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) or contact the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7405 5942**

**If you would like to get involved at a local level with Sawtry as a Fairtrade village, please contact Liz on 01487 830345 or Sally on 01487 831771.**

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION**

Imagine it's the night shift. You're a security guard walking the perimeter of the factory units that you and your co-workers have been entrusted with. What would it take for you all to down flashlights, abandon your posts, and walk three miles to an empty garage in the next village?

The news that there's a baby in a cardboard box on the floor of a garage?

Would that be enough? Or would it take a host of angels singing in the sky and telling you that not only had a baby been born, but the baby was the saviour of the world? And by the way you'll find him in a cardboard box on the floor of a garage.

The shepherds in the Christmas story were ordinary folk. They were looked down on by most people, doing a job most people didn't want to do: sleeping out on hillsides, looking after awkward animals for not much money. When it comes to it, though, they have their priorities right. They down staffs and scuttle off to check out whether there is indeed a baby in an unlikely crib. And they tell others. Their lives were never quite the same again.

Except of course that on the surface nothing had changed. The hills were still there, no longer alive with the sound of music. The sheep were still there, still liable to wander off, still vulnerable to the wolves. The wages were still low and the prospects unaltered.

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Cont'd... Except. Except for the fact that everything had changed. Hope had illuminated the horizons of their hearts as surely as light had filled the night sky. There is a God. He has not forgotten us. He is alive. He has intervened. He has a plan. And it changes how I see all of life, even if most of my life does not change.

This is the good news of Christmas. Christmas can be an event which changes nothing – apart from the size of the January credit card bill! But knowing why Jesus came, long ago in Bethlehem, can change everything, even if nothing much changes on the surface. It changes me, it rescues me from the desire to go my own selfish way, it changes how I see my life, my work, my family. It changes my sense of purpose, it promises me a future with God for ever, and his presence in the present. This is the good news of Christmas. Good news that changes everything.

**Revd Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton**

**Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Luke's**  
 serving the  
**Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough**  
 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough. PE2 5XS

**St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry**  
 (Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry)  
 Contact Ann Morris 01487 832143

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

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

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 & Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at  
 St Luke's Church

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

Friday: Mass at 7pm at St Luke's Church

Saturday: Exposition & Confessions at 5pm; Benediction at 5.30pm

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Mass 9-15am, WI Hall, Sawtry
Christmas Eve	Children's Mass 6-00pm, St Luke's
	Carols 11-30pm, St Luke's
	Midnight Mass 12-00am, St Luke's
Christmas Day	Mass 9-15am, WI Hall, Sawtry
	Mass 11-00am, St Lukes
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass 9-15am WI Hall, Sawtry

**For further information please take a look at our website at**  
**[www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk)**

**SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH**

Green End Road, Sawtry  
 Rev Katy Dunn Tel 01480 830314

**Sunday Services**  
 Morning Worship at 10.30am  
 Sunday School at 10.30am

**Special Services**

**Holy Communion Service**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 10.30am  
 Led by Rev Katy Dunn

**All Age Worship**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 10.30am  
 Led by the Youth Fellowship

**Candle Lit Carol Service**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> December—6pm  
 Led by Rev Katy Dunn

**Christmas Day**  
 10.30am  
 United Service at All Saints

**Covenant Service**  
 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 Led by Rev Katy Dunn

***Come and join us***

**Monday United Fellowship**

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm  
 Open to all  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January



**Saturday Coffee Mornings**

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



**ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH**  
**CHURCH CAUSEWAY, SAWTRY**

**SERVICES**

December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Christingle Service
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Nativity Service
		6.00 pm	Service of 9 Lessons and Carols
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion (BCP)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	Midnight Communion

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December	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	United Christmas Day Service
	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Worship
January	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion

**CONCERT BY THE SAWTRY CHORALE**

The Sawtry Chorale will be holding an evening of Christmas Songs and Carols in All Saints' Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at £6.50 each from members of the Events Committee or the Sawtry Chorale.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

A coffee morning will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am - 12.30pm. Entrance is £3 which includes all refreshments. There will be a Raffle and a small Bring and Buy stall.

**SAS KIDS' CLUB**

The Kids Club will meet at 10.15am on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January at the home of Alison Scott (48 Newton Road). After school Kids Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

**SATURDAY OPENING**

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

Thinking of getting married in 2013? Get in touch with the Rector, to find out more about getting married at All Saints Sawtry or St Nicholas Glatton. For loads more about church weddings see [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org).

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR**

Please contact Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 or [wardrosie@btinternet.com](mailto:wardrosie@btinternet.com) with any general enquiries or notices you would like included, or if you wish to have prayers said for anyone.

**Websites: [www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk](http://www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk)**

**[www.achurchnearyou.co.uk](http://www.achurchnearyou.co.uk)**

**REMEMBRANCE**

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

**December:**

Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

**January:**

Private Frederick ROSE	7 January 1916	Winwick
Private Charles JARVIS	21 January 1917	Hamerton
Bombardier Thomas Eric DRING	25 January 1942	Sawtry

**Those From World War 1 Whose Date Of Death Is Unknown**

Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

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**Those From World War 2 Whose Date Of Death Is Unknown**

Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston
John Thomas COLBERT	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

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH**  
**Church Road, Glatton**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

<b>December</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am	Special St Nicholas Service
	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	16 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Family Carol Service
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion(BCP)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00pm	Holy Communion
	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>January</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion

**Charity Carol Singing**

Come and join in carol singing around the village, starting at St George's on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm.

**New Year Lunch**

The annual roast pork lunch will be on 6<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 for a 1pm start in the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 are available from PCC members.

**Afternoon tea and chat**

On the third Wednesday of each month there will be afternoon tea available in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm for £1. This is an opportunity to meet, chat and make new friends over a piece of cake and tea. **Starting on 16<sup>th</sup> January.**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:**

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

**See Glatton website for more information.**  
[glattonparish.wordpress.com](http://glattonparish.wordpress.com)

**CAMBRIDGE THEATRE CHALLENGE**

Would you like to write a one act play for the stage and enter it in a competition where short listed plays are given full performance, judged by the audience, considered for publication and given a written assessment by a publishing company?

The winning playwright will also receive a cash prize of £200

Every play will be read in its entirety by a minimum of two judges and entrants will receive two lots of feedback on request, at no extra charge!

A shortlist of up to ten plays will be drawn up and posted on the Sky Blue website. Local actors and a production team will be assembled by professional directors to rehearse the plays for performance at the Junction Theatre in Cambridge 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013 where the audience will vote for the winner.

Closing date for submissions is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Plays must be submitted on line and full details can be found on our website <http://skybluetheatre.com/newplaywriting.php>



## Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

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

### Christmas Special

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, welcomes you to our Christmas Special on. This year Pat Doody will give an overview of the reserves of Huntingdonshire and George Cottam will focus on Brampton Wood.

**As usual at our Christmas meeting we will provide mince pies and wine and there will be a Christmas raffle. Everyone is most welcome to attend.**

### 100 Years of the Wildlife Trusts

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The history of the Wildlife Trusts is the topic of this month's meeting. Brian Eversham will present a DVD exploring the development of the WLT from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when Charles Rothschild recognized the danger to Woodwalton Fen, to the establishment of nature reserves at the end of WWII, and later the development of the national body and the local Trusts, to today's Living Landscapes report that aims to restore nature and enable wildlife to extend its range in the UK.

**All evening meetings start at 7.30pm**

**At Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB**

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. **Please visit the website for more information [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk) or Phil Clark on 07894708352 or [Philip@philandruth.plus.com](mailto:Philip@philandruth.plus.com)**

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

### CAN YOU REUSE SOME PAINT FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

Do you know a local community or sports group, charity or other good cause that needs low cost paint which also is environmentally friendly?

The Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network (CCORRN for short) is a not-for-profit social enterprise that helps keep materials out of landfill for the benefit of the environment, the local community and charities. Its major current project is the Cambridgeshire Community RePaint Scheme.

CCORRN collects unwanted paint, which otherwise would have gone to landfill, from Household Waste Recycling Centres at March, Milton, St. Neots, Thriplow, Wisbech and Witchford and takes it back to the repaint warehouse in March. The paint is then sorted to ensure quality and colour and part-full tins are mixed to make up full containers, which are then provided to people on low incomes and benefits as well as community groups, charities and housing associations at just £1 per litre. Much of this work is done by long-term unemployed volunteers from Seetec, which provides Government-funded employment and skills training programmes to help individuals find employment or gain qualifications. The volunteers gain valuable hands on work experience from warehousing to customer service skills through the RePaint Scheme and are able to update their CV and ensure that they have current references to assist them in finding employment.

The Cambridgeshire Community RePaint Scheme was launched in 2011, with the help of the famous Dulux Dog and is supported by Cambridgeshire County Council, waste management company AmeyCespa and a number of local councils and companies, including Ridgeons, housing associations and charities. Up to the end of October 2012 it has kept 180,000 litres of paint out of landfill, provided employment for two former Seetec volunteers and the paint has been reused by a range of organisations including March Royal British Legion, Priory Golf Club March, Fossils Galore in March, Benwick Football Club, Waterlees Boxing Club, The Jammin' Project in Wisbech, West Norfolk MIND, Whittlesey Youth & Community Centre, Cambridge Woman's Resource Centre and Momentum Arts in Cambridge. Also schools in Bassingbourn, Cambridge, Snettisham and Waterbeach have reused the paint as well as a large number of individuals.

If you need paint for a charity, community project, school or sports club, or simply need to brighten up your home please contact CCORRN on 01354 607667 or email [repaint@ccornn.org.uk](mailto:repaint@ccornn.org.uk)

**To find out more about CCORRN see their website at [www.ccornn.org.uk](http://www.ccornn.org.uk)**

## EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY THIS CHRISTMAS!

As the party season approaches and we stock our cupboards for the festivities, many of us are also watching the pennies. Everybody likes a bargain, especially when there are presents to be bought, journeys to be made and all sorts of other expenses chipping away at the bank balance.

With this in mind, Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the pitfalls of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers at the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources.

In recent times there has been an increase in the amount of counterfeit and fake alcohol found in the county. Counterfeit alcohol, just like any other counterfeit product, mimics a genuine branded article and tries to pass itself off as the genuine product. Usually the counterfeit product is very convincing and most consumers wouldn't notice any difference in the packaging.

As well as counterfeit alcohol there are drinks designed to look like new and appealing brands. Often these products do not meet the required legal standards of composition – either having too little or too much of certain required ingredients or featuring ingredients that shouldn't be present at all. Often these ingredients can be harmful to health.

Needless to say, these products can be dangerous if consumed and pose a risk to health. For example, people have been known to be sick or suffer dizziness, breathing difficulties, kidney damage, blindness and even death after consuming fake alcohol.

Nobody can tell what's in a bottle of fake drink and so the risks are unpredictable. The simple message is to not buy or consume any drink of questionable source.

**If you see any alcohol that you suspect to be counterfeit or fake, please contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.**

### PETERBOROUGH CHOIRS

Peterborough Male Voice Choir was originally formed in 1935 by workers at Peterborough's Sugar Beet Factory, whereas Peterborough Voices, the women's choir, was formed more recently in 2011. Peterborough Youth Choir aims to give young people, aged 7 – 24 years, opportunities to learn singing skills free of charge, and to perform with the adult choirs in large scale prestigious concerts: it now has around 100 members, split into junior and senior groups.

We welcome new men, women, children and young people, from all walks of life, into our three choirs and would be pleased to hear from any prospective members. Call Peter Larke on 07762 147696 for an informal chat or email [join@peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk](mailto:join@peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk) Alternatively, come along to one of our rehearsals at St Mary's Church, New Road, Peterborough, PE1 1TT:

- Peterborough Male Voice Choir: Monday evenings from 7.45pm – 9.45pm
- Peterborough Voices: Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm – 9.45pm
- Peterborough Youth Choir: Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.20pm



### Festive Facts

- ★ Many parts of a Christmas tree are edible, with the needles being a good – if spiky – source of vitamin C

### GP CARERS SERVICES PRESCRIPTION

This is a free service available to any carer who spends a significant proportion of their life providing unpaid support to family or potentially friends. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has a mental health or substance misuse problems.

The Prescription will give you access to a specialist worker at Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire who will discuss the many options available to you. That may be:

- Information and advice regarding your caring situation
- A short break that works for you, you will help decide what gives you a break
- Consider options for longer term support.

If you think you may qualify for a Prescription, see your doctor and briefly explain your circumstances. If he/she thinks that you may be eligible then they will issue you with a Prescription which you can take away and you contact Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire within 28 days.

## COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

Routes to activities and services



### Who are Community Navigators?

**Community Navigators are local volunteers who help older people find their way to activities or services which they would enjoy or find useful.**

Making the most of local activities and services is a good way to keep fit, active and independent, but not everyone knows what is available. People with health or other difficulties may need a bit of help but can really benefit from activities and services available to everyone.

The Care Network Community Navigator Project points the way to local community activities and statutory and voluntary organisations, so that all older people can find something which suits them.

For more information about the Community Navigator project in Huntingdonshire, please contact:

Saxongate Centre, Bradbury Place, Huntingdon, PE29 3RR  
 hunts.navigators@care-network.org.uk or **Call 07436 809265**

**We are looking for people from the local area who like to chat, have fun and meet others, to become Community Navigators. Brief training and expenses will be provided and you will get satisfaction from sign-posting people to activities and services which will make a real difference to their well being.**

## SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

### Recent Results

**1st Team**, sponsored by Greystones PH

October 06	League	Maccasports FC	2 - 5	Sawtry
13	League	Sawtry	1 - 1	Langtoft Utd
20	PFA Challenge Cup	Sawtry	7 - 1	Caster and Ailsworth
27	Scott Gatty Cup	Huntingdon Town Res	1 - 4	Sawtry
November 10	League	Ryhall Utd	1 - 1	Sawtry
17	League	Hampton Sports	1 - 5	Sawtry

**Reserves**, sponsored by The Bell PH

October 06	League	Sawtry Res	1 - 3	Farcet Reserves
13	League	Thorney Res	2 - 2	Sawtry Res
20	Hunts Lower Junior Cup	Riverside Res	2 - 0	Sawtry Res
27	League	Sawtry Res	0 - 3	Ketton Res
November 03	League	Sawtry Res	4 - 0	Warboys Res
10	League	Sawtry Res	4 - 2	Stamford Bels Res
17	League	Sawtry Res	4 - 1	Parkway Eagles

### Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

November 24	League	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	v	King's Lynn Res
December 01	Scott Gatty Cup semi final	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	v	Stilton Utd
01	League	Reserves	v	Oakham 'A'
08	League	Reserves	v	Wittering FC
15	League	Reserves	v	Riverside Res
22	League	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	v	Ketton Utd
29	League	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	v	Maccasports Fc

League matches KO at 14:00, cup matches at 13:30

For more information, match reports, player profiles, etc. visit the club website at [www.sawtryfc.co.uk](http://www.sawtryfc.co.uk)

**Mike Patchett**

## WINTER RAMBLINGS FROM THE GARAGE

Now the winter is upon us (not much difference from the summer I hear some moan) most of the bikes are safely wrapped up in cotton wool (where some of them have been all year I hear somebody mutter to himself).

We have to give a round of applause to Mr Chris Clarke who, in his first year back at bike racing for quite a while, landed himself the title in the "Ducati Due" Class B series. Next year he moves up to the Class A so we're all hoping for a bit of support from the Club. That means getting the bikes out and attending some of the races. It's a good series to watch as you can get up close and personal in the pits section. Well done Chris...!

Not much else to report really, although I am still riding my bike to work, mainly due to the A14 around Huntingdon which is just a joke at 8.15am. And trying to get out of Stukely Meadows Industrial Estate at 5.00pm in a car is just not worth the effort. I am surprised that the number on bikes on the road for commuting is still so low.

I have to apologise to one of our Club members, Steve Ives, for not mentioning his superb victory at a bike rally we went to September. He was part of a team on a motorcycle trike that competed in dragging another team member (victim) on a sledge round an oval track to try and catch the other competitor who was also trying to do the same. Steve's part in all of this was to sit backwards on the trike shouting words of encouragement to the sledge victim. Well done Steve for going backwards and making a lot of noise, some things never change do they?

I must say it's good to have feedback sometimes, and it was very nice when one of the Club member's better half commented on how much she appreciates my column in the Sawtry Eye. We aim to please so in this issue there are two.

So with that said, I hand you over to Pete with a report on the Sawtry Motorcycle Club European Trip. I was surprised to find no mention of Mark (SMCC Cultural Attaché) after some of the stories I have been told. Perhaps in the future....

**Simon**

### SMCC EUROPEAN TRIP 2012

13 days, 5 bikes, 5 riders. We left Sawtry after work on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September and headed for Harwich to catch the overnight ferry to the Hook of Holland. It was the first time we'd done the overnight ferry and it was a great way of travelling, effectively giving us an extra day's holiday. The plan was to travel through Holland to Germany, on to the Czech Republic, back through Germany to the Black Forest before finally heading back towards the Hook of Holland. We only had a couple of wet days during the trip, the rest were sunny & hot – just right for biking.

So just where did we go exactly? Well, the journey took us to Hameln, Leipzig, Prague, Plzen, Nuremberg, Rothenberg, Seebach (Black Forest) and the Nurburgring. We had some adventures on the way, usually because of a trusty (?) satnav deciding that we ought to go the pretty way! Mind you, we did meet some very helpful (if not puzzled) locals who pointed us back onto the right road!

Despite this, we managed to cram a lot into the 13 days. We visited the Airborne Museum at Arnhem, Colditz Castle, the weird & wonderful Church of Bones (in Kutna Hora, near Prague) and the Christmas shop in Rothenberg. We spent a couple of days in Prague itself so that we could have a day off the bikes and look around the fabulous old city. In Nuremberg, we found a wonderful restaurant which, when we ordered 'large beers', brought us huge glasses (i.e. 2L glasses) full of fabulous local beer!

The only way to describe our time in the Black Forest is "outstanding"! We had found a first-rate Pension in Seebach and ended up staying there for 3 nights as it was so good. The roads around that area (e.g. the B500) are brilliant for biking, so we took full advantage. Good local food, beer and friendly people all added to the enjoyment.

An overnight stop at Nurburg was our last port of call, to allow one (mad) member to do a couple of circuits of the famous Nurburgring.

All in all it was a great trip, visiting some memorable places and riding some great roads. Can't wait until the next one....

**Pete**



## AMERICAN FOOTBALL WEEKLY

### Huntingdonshire District Flag Football League (HDFFL)

Find us on Facebook by searching 'American Football Weekly'. Click 'join group'. It is completely free. American Football is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! And... IT'S FREE!!!

Seen American Football on TV? It is great fun to play. The experienced veterans are there to help you learn the game and improve after every play. Even if you are new to the sport you can make an impact on your team. You can try different positions and even get the chance to play QB (quarterback).

Have you played American Football before, in any form? Our long-term goal is to set up a Huntingdonshire District Flag Football League (HDFFL) – join the Facebook page and see when our next event is happening.

Our venue at present is St. Judith's Field, Sawtry, PE28 5XE.

We recommend ages 14 and up. Bring as many friends as you want. Anyone under 18 must have a signed letter from their parent/guardian stating that they have permission to take part in this Semi-Contact sporting event where competitors are aged 14 and up. Call for more information.

It is completely FREE and it is FUN.

You need to wear:

- Football boots (for traction).
- Shorts or Tracksuit bottoms.
- Any shirt/jumper/jersey.

Join our group, 'American Football Weekly' and confirm your attendance. We usually play once a weekend, Saturdays at 10.45am.

**Darius McDonald**

**Founder of American Football Weekly and H.D.F.F.L.**

**07725 908 356**

**NOW on Twitter @FootballHDFFL**



## TANG SOO DO KARATE AND KICKBOXING

Members of the Dragon Black Belt Academy International and the European Tang Soo Do Federation

Celebrating 30 years in the Martial Arts.

### NEWS FLASH - FREE training for new students for the rest of 2012!

Martial Arts Super Star Grandmaster Richard Bowman is coming to Sawtry April 2013 when we are hosting a seminar while he is over in the UK after his European tour. The seminar is open to everybody and will be based on self-defence so even if you have never done any Martial Arts this will suit you!

**Black Belts Promotions** - Kevin Moor 2nd Dan; Ian Woolley 4th Dan Master; Steve Brown 4th Dan Master; Kate Malyon 5th Dan Master

**Championships** - The last Sawtry Martial Arts Championships was the best ever! Many thanks to all the competitors and helpers. In 2013 we have three Championship events:-

24<sup>th</sup> March - Sawtry DBBAI Open Championships

19<sup>th</sup> May - Stealth Academy Open Championships

24<sup>th</sup> November - Sawtry DBBAI Open Championships

### Class Information

Tuesdays Tang Soo Do Karate & Kickboxing 6pm - 7pm Sawtry Leisure Centre - 5 spaces left

Sundays Tang Soo Do Karate & Kickboxing 10.30am - 11.30am Sawtry Leisure Centre - 7 spaces left

Private classes available

**Recent Promotions & Awards** All students passed their last belt test on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Well done guys!

**Master of the year 2012** Joint Award to Master Ritchie Dakin and Helen Dakin

**Martial Arts Illustrated Magazine Hall of Fame Award 2012** Master Adlington, Master Oldridge

**Instructor** Grandmaster Mark Adlington UK rep.

8th Dan Ki Do, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan Haedong kumdo, 5th Dan Kickboxing

**Phone 01487 830601 - tangsoodo@btinternet.com - Text 07768472384**



# SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



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The Club's end of season awards night was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October where the following awards were presented by representatives from our main sponsors. Congratulations to all the award winners.

### Senior Section

Player's Player:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Brian Chapman
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	James Wiltshire
Captain's Award:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Josh Burgess
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Ryan Burcham
Clubman of the Year		Hayden Smith
Highest Batting Score		Hayden Bream (106no)
Best Bowling Figures		Brian Chapman (5-30)

### Junior Section

Junior Player of the Year		Ryan Burcham
Most Improved Player		Lewis Whitmore
Manager's Award	U15	Alex Metcalfe
	U11	Holly Gregory
Batsman Award	U15	Dan Metcalfe
	U11	Daniel Wolstencroft
Bowling Award	U15	Oliver Potter
	U11	Jamie Partis-Nelson
Fielding Award	U15	Thomas Smith
	U11	Josh Brown
<b>U15 Participation Awards -</b>	Ryan Burcham, Ben Lomas, Kieran Page, James Smith, Liam Littlefair, Lucas Marsh, Connor Parnell, Hayden Cooper	
<b>U11 Participation Awards -</b>	Bethan Smith, Madison Leader, Louise Chance, Joseph Shaw, Lewis Whitmore, Thomas Gargiulo, Mathew Hubbard, Alex Adamson	

The Club will be running 2 senior teams for the 2013 season along with 2 junior teams in the Under 11 and Under 15 age groups. With next season also coinciding with another Ashes encounter between England and Australia, we are looking for more sponsors to help grow our junior section and help provide greater cricketing opportunities to the youngsters of Sawtry and the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in discussing sponsorship opportunities should contact **Ian Fowler on 07545 882994**.

Grateful thanks to our sponsors



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## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

The Club's Race Night and Quiz evenings in October were very enjoyable. Owing to reduced numbers the Dinner/dance was transferred to the Old School hall but the evening went well with a Buffet and a disco. Mr Rayson must be thanked for taking on all the re-organisation to make it a successful evening. The A.G.M. was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Club House. Work on the new ditches to improve the green has not begun yet, but they have been delivered and work should start shortly.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Club has a very good Junior section but we are very keen to encourage adult players for the new season which begins April 2013. The Club has plenty of bowls so you can come and try before you would need to buy!! Ask any Club member you know, or come on a Monday afternoon 2.00pm. Other contacts listed below.

### **DATES FOR DIARIES:**

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Bingo
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch and Draw

On behalf of the Committee may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Secretary Mr M.Rayson Tel No 01487 830720**

**Ladies Secretary Mrs M.Urwin Tel no 01487 830193**





## 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

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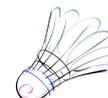
From 7.00pm to 8.00pm

For more information please contact

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Web Page: [www.sawtrybadmintonclub.com](http://www.sawtrybadmintonclub.com)

## SAWTRY COLTS

It's been a fairly quiet period of weather of late, bar one extremely wet Sunday, and the pitches at Greenfield and Gidding have had a decent spell of both watering and sunshine and are looking good for this time of the year.

It's just as well as they get plenty of use with matches taking place morning and afternoon on both days of the weekend. They are a much-used and valuable resource for the village to have, providing countless hours of fun for young and old alike. Greenfield even manages to find time once a year to host the annual fireworks display which hopefully most of you attended recently; many thanks to the Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association for organising that.

It's not only been fireworks off the pitch as a few teams have racked up large victories whilst, unfortunately, a few teams have been well beaten of late. On the plus side the Under 9s had a good 9-1 win against Hampton whilst both U12 boys teams found themselves on the wrong end of some large scores recently although, to be fair, the U12 Blues defeat was in the cup against a good Priory team.

More good news though came when the U7s, newly formed this year, gained their first league victory with a hard-fought 3-2 win against Hardwick. The much-changed from last season U15 Girls (most of whom are playing up a year) also gained their first win of the season with a 1-0 victory away to Histon; this was much deserved after a few near misses earlier in the season when they lost 4-3 and 3-2.

The two other Sawtry girls' teams fared well recently with the U12s defeating Milton in the cup 3-1 and then Estover 2-0 and are well placed in their league in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The U16s also hit winning form with a 2-0 home win against Chatteris and continue their progress up the league table with only one defeat so far this season.

The U11s recent results have shown how unpredictable Colts football can be when a 3-2 win was followed by a 7-0 loss. They were then 8-2 up before their game was abandoned on that wet Sunday mentioned above and then the next week were defeated 6-2; bit of a Jekyll and Hyde month from them.

The U8 Yellows, U10s, U13s and U15 Blues were unable to muster a victory between them in the last month but all were defeated in close matches, many of which could have gone either way.

The U16 and U18s were both victorious over Fenland teams, defeating Chatteris and Wisbech respectively.

Teams are always on the lookout for any new players and in particular at the moment the U16 Girls and U13 Boys could do with a few more players to bolster their squads. Manager's details for them and all other teams are available on the Colts website @ [www.sawtrycolts.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycolts.co.uk).

Festive greetings from all Colts teams, see you all in the New Year when the frost and snow will no doubt have arrived!

**Brian Craig**