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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 2013



Sawtry Junior School Association
invites you to their
Family Christmas Bingo

on
Friday 6th December

Doors open 6.30 p.m.
Eyes down 6.45 p.m.

Raffle and refreshments

All proceeds to contribute towards playground equipment

For more information please
telephone the school office on 01487 830204

SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

Sawtry Ex-Servicemen's Club, Gidding Road

Christmas prize Bingo & Raffle



Thursday 5th December

Eyes down at 7.30pm

All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Royal British Legion Social Fund

Upcoming Events

SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



C.C.C.

Body Shop Party

Friday 6th December at 7.30pm

Sawtry Working Men's Club

All Welcome ~ Free Entry

To raise much needed club funds

Why not pop along and do your Xmas shopping
and enjoy a drink at the same time.

Annual Family New Year Quiz Night

Friday 31st January 2014

Starting 7.45pm

Sawtry Working Men's Club

£10 Per Team (maximum 4 adults Per Team)

Please contact Karen Leader on
01487 832645 /
karenleader@yahoo.co.uk



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 15th December

Starting at 3.00pm

Followed by refreshments



Carols Under the Christmas Trees

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

Thursday 19th December

Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies



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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Weimar

Welcome

to the last Sawtry Eye of 2013.

We are delighted to have a new series of articles starting in this issue from the Sawtry History Society giving us the background stories to the names chosen for the new estate off the Gidding Road. These will continue over the coming year as we welcome people into their new homes in Sawtry. Our thanks to Mr Rowell for giving us the inspiration.

Congratulations to everyone who spotted our deliberate mistake with the bin collection dates in the last issue when we managed to reverse them. Please accept our apologies and we hope you managed to sort it out between yourselves, we'll try to do better next year.

Lastly we would like to take the opportunity to wish you and yours all a very happy Christmas from the Sawtry Eye team.

Have a good one.

Liz

Liz - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Autumn Term 2013
End of Term - 20 December

Spring Term 2014
Start of Term - 7 January
Half Term, 17 - 21 February
End of Term - 4 April

Summer Term 2014
Start of Term - 22 April
Half term, 26 May to 30 May
End of Term - 23 July

Autumn Term 2014
Start of Term - 4 September
Half term, 27 October to 31 October
End of Term - 19 December

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



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

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

9th & 23rd December
6th & 20th January

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

2nd 16th & 30th December
13th & 27th 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 1st Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)
Charity Number 229016

5th December

Jackie Tevlin — 'A Bit of a Cracker'

Jackie is an excellent speaker—visitors welcome

2nd January

Chris Hall—illustrated talk on 'Antarctica'

You think the UK is cold! See this
Competition—most unusual item beginning with 'C'

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

Regular features include:

Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

**President: Linda Lavery / Maureen Westbrook
(01487 830282 / 832841)**



Is open every Friday

(including School

Holidays) at the

CARESCO Centre,

Green End Road, Sawtry

(Behind the Old School Hall)

9.00 - 11.30am

Closed 27th Dec &
3rd Jan For Xmas Holidays

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Coffee, Cake And A Chat

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**Price
£1.00**

**Christmas Quiz
50 Years of Bands**

*Available from the CARESCO Shop or office
Completed sheets to be returned by
5 January 2014.*

All proceeds to CARESCO



**Annual Report
Of CARESCO Ltd**

Copies of the annual report and financial statement for 2012-13 are now available from the CARESCO office or as a download from the website

**For more information please contact
CARESCO – details on page 3**



**CARESCO
Charity Shop
Opening Hours**



Monday – Friday	9 – 4.30pm
Saturday	9 – 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed

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

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Do you know what you're going to be doing on Christmas Day this year? Are you going to be on your own? Would you prefer to be with other people to celebrate the festivities?

Following on from the successful launch last year, CARESCO will once again be hosting Christmas Day for anyone who would otherwise be alone on the big day and would like to join in the fun (couples included). Everyone is welcome to come and be part of the fun including a traditional lunch, Queen's Speech, a sing-a-long and a visit from Santa, pre-booking essential

**For more information or to book your place, please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or
email 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

13th December

Christmas Special: 20th December

3rd, 17th & 31st 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

PETERBOROUGH

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

Organised by Peterborough City Council.

For more information call 01733 452217

or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk

OUNDLE

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

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council

Tel: 01832 272055, email: otc@lineone.net

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

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

SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB



Are you a lapsed line dancer or always thought you would like to learn, well, come to our class and have fun, 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, PE28 5TQ**

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

No classes during the school holidays

Autumn term ends 18th December 2013

Spring Term starts 8th January 2014

7 – 7.30pm - Beginners' Class

7.30 – 9.30pm – Improvers

£3.50 per session

Contacts:-

Keith Geary – 01487 832925

email: wilfred@keithgeary.plus.com



PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

6th December

Starts 7.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry

Contact Pat Ayres

01487 832503

Festive Facts

- ★ The world's biggest ever turkey weighed in at a whopping 86lb. It was sold in 1989 for £4000



SAWTRY WINEMAKERS



Calendar of Events

**5th December –
Social with Peterborough WM**

**18th December –
Christmas Social Evening**

15th January 2014 – Curry Night

**15th February 2014 –
Valentine's Dinner / Dance**

For more information call
Eileen 01487 830020

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our Monthly meetings which are held at the Old School Hall the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.



WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



We meet on the second Thursday of each month

7.30pm until 9.30pm

At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road

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

For more information please contact 01487 830186



SAWTRY WI In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

13th December (Christmas Bingo)
3rd, 17th & 31st January

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

12th December

2.30 - 4pm

Sandwiches, mince pies & cakes

Tickets £5

From Margaret Geary (01487 832925)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

COFFEE MORNING

16th January

10.30am - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

Contact for events

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

President: Linda Lavery 830282

Maureen Westbrook 832841

Charity Number 229016

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

Members please note we now meet at the new venue of the Sawtry Social Club in the village on Tuesday nights instead of Fridays 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Everyone is welcome.

17th December 2013

Christmas Bash

(7.30 pm) 11 Green End Road

Partners and Family welcome. BYO Drinks

28th January 2014

Annual General Meeting

No Speaker Booked

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

For more information please contact: -

Phil Boon - phillip.boon@talktalk.net

Dave Woodhams - 01487 831921



Festive Facts

- ★ More than 60 million text messages get sent on Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MAGIC: PETERBOROUGH'S BIGGEST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Sunday 15th December, 7.30pm.

Broadway Theatre, Peterborough PE1 1RT

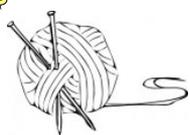
The award-winning Peterborough Male Voice Choir, with Peterborough Voices, Peterborough Youth Choir and Peterborough Festival Brass, present an extravaganza of seasonal favourites, carols and festive music at the Broadway Theatre in association with BKL Productions by Bill Kenwright Ltd.

Now in its third successful year, *Christmas Magic* has become a high point of the festive season in Peterborough and was broadcast by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire in both 2011 and 2012. All your Christmas favourites and more, and something for everyone young and old – not to be missed!



BOOK NOW: Tickets from £15

Available from Peterborough Visitor Information Centre 01733 452336
or online at www.peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk



Craft Buddies

Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to dig out your old unfinished projects and bring them along to our 'knit and natter' group?

We're a small friendly group celebrating our first anniversary in January and we would love to welcome new members.

Meet new friends, learn new skills, and share your 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 crafts welcome, not just knitting

No charge to come along, you don't have to come every week and you can come and go as you please.

Drinks including tea and coffee available to buy at the bar

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday. At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Just turn up or for more info contact

Carolyn on 01487 832682

or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk



Rock House 58

Yaxley & District Royal British Legion Social Club,
210 Broadway, Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambs. PE73NR

Rock n Roll Club

Every Monday night

Only £2 entry

Band night featuring

"Charn and the Rockabeats"

plus DJ The Professor

21st December

Doors open - 7.30pm

Entry £7, under 16's free if accompanied.

Large dance floor....cheap drinks....large car park.... family club



POLEBROOK TOTS & TOYS WITH TOY LIBRARY

At: Polebrook Primary School

Session Dates:

Monday 9th December (1pm to 3pm)

Monday 20th January (1pm to 3pm)

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

Do come along and join us!

If you would like to receive e-mail updates on forthcoming sessions or for further information please don't hesitate to contact Lucy at:

e-mail polebrooktoylibrary@gmail.com

or call 07989 556496



Festive Facts



- ★ The first Christmas celebrated in Britain is thought to have been in York in 521AD



New Class

Beginners TAI CHI

What is it?

An ancient system of exercises that promote wellbeing

When and where?

Tuesdays 11am - 12noon

The Old School Hall,
Green End Road, Sawtry

To come and join in call Helen

on 07985 449096

or email info@qilates.co.uk

After their sell-out "Sawtry Last Night of the Proms"
- they're back.....

The RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band performs

Movie Magic!



Tickets now on sale!

A concert of music from Broadway and Film.

Saturday 22 February 2014. Sawtry Community College.

Concert starts 7.30 prompt. Doors open 7pm.

Tickets £10 includes popcorn. Available from CARESCO shop or office, or by phone to CARESCO on 01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk

Festive Facts

★ Letters addressed to Father Christmas at 'Toyland' or Snow Land' get sent to Edinburgh. However, letters addressed to 'the North Pole' go to their correct destination.



Letters ...



DOG MESS

At about 9.30am on the morning of 5th November I walked down Middlefield Road. Some totally inconsiderate person had allowed their dog to leave a mess of considerable size, on the footpath immediately outside the entrance to the Infant and Junior schools. It was obvious from the trail through the gates that feet and pushchairs had gone through it. Well, they couldn't avoid it where it was left.

To that person responsible I hope this makes you feel thoroughly ashamed, though I doubt you have any shame. To have left this where at least 300 hundred plus children, and parents, walk both to and from school, makes me wonder what sort of conditions people find acceptable. The least you could have done was to come back and clear it up, but it was still there 24 hours later.

Perhaps you would like to justify your (non) actions in the next issue of The Eye.

I won't hold my breath.

This is not from someone who doesn't like dogs, I haven't been without one for over fifty years.

Name and address supplied

ROYAL OAK TREE PLANTING

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Steven Custance planted the Royal Oak Tree and it now sits very proudly on the Village Green surrounded by the specially designed Tree Guard donated to Sawtry Village by Huntingdonshire District Council.

Many thanks to Thomas Morris for their help and support and to Jan & Alan for their help with on the day putting up the balloons and serving the wine.

Delia Riddle Cllr

MACMILLAN THANK YOU

We had a great MacMillan Coffee morning again this year and I would like to thank all of those who attended to support this great cause. Special thanks to Sawtry Methodist Church for the use of their hall to hold the event and to all those folk who donated cakes and prizes for the event. My thanks also to all who helped on the day and to those who unable to attend sent donations.

This all helped to raise the sum of £270 which was a wonderful amount to achieve.

My thanks to all once more and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Ann Martin

Letters ...

CHARITY FUN DAY – THE BELL INN, SAWTRY – 31ST AUGUST 2013

In memory of Simon Adam Costigan

After the success of last year we were eager to do the same again. This year we chose to donate the money to Sawtry First Responders, they are a fantastic small team of women who volunteer their time to provide a vital service to Sawtry and surrounding villages. There was a huge turnout, so thank you to everyone who came along and spent their pennies to make the day a great success. Raising a total of £639!!

The day included a cake stall, raffle, pool and darts competition, Where's Wally game, guess the sweets in the jar, guess the name of the dog, funfair games, bouncy castle and a pub quiz. It all went down a storm and it was such an enjoyable day for everyone and to top it off it was another scorching hot day!

There were so many people that contributed to the day so a big big thank you to all the following: Vince, Carla and all the staff at The Bell Inn for being great hosts. Naz and Blondie for another scrummy BBQ. Dougie and Tony for keeping the all important rock tunes going throughout the day. The girls of Sawtry Carnival Court for looking gorgeous in their dresses and selling raffle tickets. To Ray Groves for letting me make a complete mock of him on my "Where's Wally" game. Everyone who donated raffle prizes; David Miller from Bikesportsnews.com, Sam from Tilly's Coffee Shop, Hayley from Hayley's Pamper Cabin, Lucy from Loopy Lou's, Coopers Garage, Sawtry CO-OP Funeral Services and many many more.

We are grateful to everyone that turned up and contributed. It means so much to us as Simon's family to see so many people come and celebrate him and his life whilst supporting this charity. These big events are always a painful reminder of him no longer being with us but everyone keeps his spirit alive and I'm sure he will be looking down on us proud. We best get our thinking caps on for next year now!

Charlie Rush, Paul Rush & Debbie Costigan

In Memory of Simon Adam Costigan (Chubbs-Cos)

11th January 1972 – 18th December 2011

Always Smiling, Always Bright

Always Remembered, 'Always Right'

SHINE ON YOU CRAZY DIAMOND

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Festive Facts

- ★ The British buy 83 square kilometres of wrapping paper at Christmas.



LOCAL HERO

On Saturday 5th October on our journey back to Essex we were flagged down by one of your Sawtry residents, whose name was Scott. Our caravan had developed a fault which could have resulted in a serious accident if not noticed. As you will appreciate we were not in a frame of mind to exchange details as our main concern was to arrange breakdown services and get off the motorway. Scott returned after dropping off his family to ensure that we were OK and whether we required any more assistance. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Scott for his thoughtfulness and consideration of our situation and perhaps he could contact us as we would like to thank him personally.

Jean & Tony Ellis [01255 860040]

CELEBRATING LOCAL SUCCESS

I just wanted to put a little note in the Eye to let our village know that OFSTED inspected Buttons & Bows pre-school on 12/9/2013 and rated us OUTSTANDING in all areas. That's 3 OUTSTANDING judgements in 3 years and we are delighted. Recognition for the excellent, flexible early years provision and partnership working were congratulated. We feel extremely proud to provide OUTSTANDING early years experiences to our children, families and local community.

I would like to thank my fantastic staff and parents for their continued support.

Many thanks

Julie Howells, Manager

Festive Facts



- ★ 15,000 tonnes of brussel sprouts are bought each Christmas – and on average each person consumes 14.

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'

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3



BRIAN JOHN WOOLSTON

Brian tragically died in a road accident in Canada on 13 September 2013, aged 44 years. Brian and his wife Zoe had lived in Canada for the last 15 years.

Janet and John Woolston, Rosemary Wright & Family, Zoe, Marion and Keith Wyatt and Amber and Becky would like to thank everyone who sent cards and other messages of sympathy and flowers, and everyone that came to the 'Celebration of Life' function held for Brian on Saturday 16th November.

A special thanks to Tony Creaney, Warren Hinch and Gareth LLOYD, They will know why. Also to David Noble of the Greystones P.H. and his staff for the use of the premises.

The response to this tragedy has been overwhelming for us both here in Sawtry and earlier in Canada. We will always remember Brian for his smile and outgoing personality.

John and Janet Woolston

APPEAL FROM SPAIN

We moved from Sawtry to live in Spain 15 years ago. I have just heard from a visiting Sawtry resident that Tony Abbot (Ex fireman from Stevenage) has moved back into the village, and as I haven't seen him since before we moved here I would like to make contact with him.

I would appreciate it if my e-mail address mikeonmars2008@yahoo.co.uk could be passed to him.

Many thanks

Mike Glazier (by email)

HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE

VILLAGERS took the opportunity to look behind the scenes at a funeral home when Sawtry's Anglia Co-operative Funerals branch opened its doors to the public in November.

One of the attractions was the appearance of a horse-drawn hearse. Visitors were also given a tour of the Green End Road premises, including the chapel of rest and coffin display room.

Staff and representatives of local churches were on hand to answer questions and, during the day, funeral administrator and arranger June Underwood presented cheques for £40 to Sawtry Feast Supper Club and £20 to Sawtry Carnival Committee – the results of fundraising by the branch supported by the Anglia Co-operative Community Fund (ACCF).

June said: "Everyone who visited enjoyed the open day and said how pleasant the premises are."



CAPTION: June Underwood on the horse-drawn hearse at the open day staged by the Anglia Co-operative Funerals Sawtry branch.



Festive Facts

- ★ The Queen's Christmas speech was broadcast for the first time in 1957.

1957



FINANCING CARESCO



Where does the money come from?

Now that our charity shop is up and running, we thought it might be useful to let people know how it is going financially and where it fits into the overall picture in providing vital funds to keep us running.

For those who are unfamiliar with the organisation, CARESCO serves the village of Sawtry and its surrounding villages by providing day care for the elderly through a Lunch Club, Day Centres in Sawtry and Alconbury, we also run the Printshop, Coffee Shop and Nearly New, Sawtry Car Scheme and the Christmas Day lunch and we also edit and publish the Sawtry Eye magazine.

Currently approximately £75,000.00 per annum is required to keep these services running. We receive £25,000.00 from Cambridgeshire County Council and approximately £25,000.00 from the subscriptions people pay to use the services.

The other £25,000 has to be found through our own fundraising including grant applications to other organisations. At present, thanks to the amazing support we have received from the local community, the Shop is on target for around £12,000.00 profit this year which will provide almost half of the shortfall of £25,000.00.

As you can see, the Charity Shop is a fantastic help in supporting CARESCO but there is still a need for further fundraising throughout the year including applying for additional grants for both specific items that need purchasing – for example the new flooring in the CARESCO Centre – and for general funds – for example to help cover the electric bill.

Thank you to everyone who has supported any of our fundraising efforts over the years, we would not still be here without you. Look out for our future events too – we need to continue with the fundraising on an ongoing basis to pay the bills.



Liz Coates

General Manager, CARESCO

WHITE CHRISTMAS BING CROSBY



Festive Facts

★ The best selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's *White Christmas*, shifting more than 50 million copies worldwide since 1942.



SAWTRY IN BLOOM



The 'In Bloom' team have been quite active this year maintaining the village sign planters and surrounds. The new planter on the green has been in full bloom during the summer and autumn alongside the re-painted village sign which, with the new slabs has smartened up the area. New bulbs have been planted in various areas around the village and we hope will give some colour in the spring. We also hope to have a good showing of poppies next year (the centenary of the start of the Great War). Two new smaller planters have been purchased and are located next to the

bench opposite the Old School Hall and between the bus shelter and post box on Fen Lane.

Unfortunately earlier this year a small fir tree was taken from the planter in St Andrews Way and replaced by a "full doggy bag" (Not very nice for our volunteers to deal with) and during September some geraniums were taken from the village sign planter on Green End Road.

It really is disappointing for our volunteers and the village when these things happen so let us hope that is the end of such deeds.

On a brighter note we must thank Mrs Ivy Hill for providing us with regular donations of bulbs seeds and plants throughout the year.

As always if anyone is able to help or give some time to assist with our cause please contact me through the Parish Office or by telephone on 01487 830720.

Mick Rayson

Sawtry in Bloom



GOING GREEN

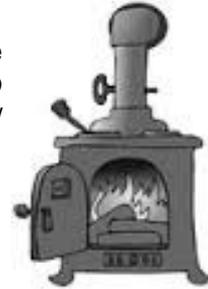
When we had our extension built onto our family home a few years ago we went to great lengths to try to make it as environmentally friendly as possible within our budget. This included paying extra for additional insulation and also a hot water tank that could be plumbed into solar panels at some point in the future when we had the funds. We liked the sound of the free hot water.

Solar panels are so common these days that as their price is slowly coming down so their efficiency is going up. They would appear to be the best option to make our homes greener, but we've had to admit that there are other less exciting but more important jobs which must be done first.

This month we will be taking another step towards our long-term goal when the last of the old rotten window frames with single glaze panes will be replaced by lovely new double glazed ones. There really isn't any point installing solar if all that free energy just leaks out of poor insulation! Hopefully once the work is complete we will be snug and warm indoors, our heating bills will reduce as we're no longer also heating the garden, and our daughter won't be able to complain any longer about the drafts coming in through the hole in her window frame.

Maybe once we're over the shock of paying for the work, we can start saving up at last for those solar panels. By the time that we can afford them, the technology will have moved on again so hopefully our strange roofline and non-south facing aspect will no longer be an issue. I'm certainly looking forward to all that free hot water, but for now just a warm dining room will keep me happy this winter.

We also rather fancy one of those log burners.....



Eco Apprentice

AN EYE ON NATURE

In the midst of our local woodlands quietly grows a slice of social history, the Wild Service Tree. This is no ordinary tree species but has been part of our heritage for a long time. Service trees are abundant in Aversley and Archers Woods near Sawtry. Elsewhere in the Wildlife Trust woodland reserves they are much less common.

The Wild Service Tree is a member of the Rowan or Mountain Ash family but has brown rather than the orange/red berries of the Rowan. They grow quite large especially in Aversley and Archers Woods where the largest is the size of a mature Ash tree.

The leaves are unmistakable, looking a little like a Sycamore but with two very prominent first lobes on the leaf. These two lobes are quite unlike any other British tree leaf shape. The leaves change into brilliant autumn colours in October and before any other tree species in woodland so are easy to spot. Friends and I have been monitoring the Aversley population for over a decade and conduct the survey in autumn because the trees stand out so well when they are changing colour.

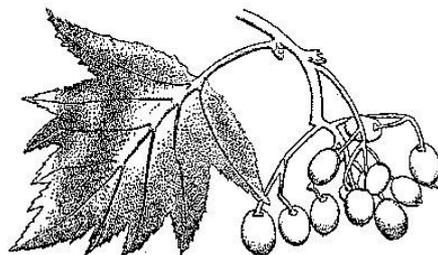
What makes the tree so special, apart from its rarity, is the crop of berries in the autumn. They were sold in parts of London in the past for use in medicinal remedies to treat colic dysentery and for flavouring beer in the brewing industry. Tradition has it that the trees' local name '*Chequers*' comes from the square shaped plates of bark on an old tree. This then gave rise to the name *Chequers* for many pubs. A Chequer tree was often grown next to the pub bearing its name and the berries may have been used by the pub in brewing. There was of course one of that name in Sawtry, now Chequers Cottage (the pink thatched cottage on the Green).

The story of the Chequer tree came full circle in the autumn of 2009 when the owner of the Chequers Pub and micro-brewery in Little Gransden, Bob Mitchell (with the help of the Brampton Wood warden George Cottam) decided to recreate an old fashioned chequers ale. The berries were harvested from the three trees which grow in Brampton Wood and an original recipe Chequers Ale was brewed. The bottle-conditioned ale went down well and this success was followed up in 2012 with another brew, this time on drought as a cask-conditioned ale.

Make a date next autumn to go and explore our local woodland nature reserves to find a slice of history—the Wild Service Tree.

Martin Baker

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



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Flu Vaccination

Patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the 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 haven't had your vaccination yet, please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Change of Computer System

Our new system was successfully installed at the end of October. Thank you all for your patience during this transitional period.

In our last newsletter I advised that the system for booking online appointments would also be changing. We subsequently discovered that we were able to retain our original appointment system so I can confirm that existing usernames and passwords for Appointments Online are still active.

MMR Vaccinations - Update

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

As part of this programme we have invited patients born between 01.01.97 and 31.12.03 to attend for vaccination if their records indicate that they have not previously had any MMR vaccinations. If your child has previously had single vaccines it is still recommended to have 2 full MMRs for full protection against measles and we will be inviting patients who fall into this category in due course. In the meantime, if you are aware that your child has only had one previous MMR you are welcome to call us to book an appointment for the 2nd dose.

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

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Monday 23 rd December	Open as usual (evening surgery)
Tuesday 24 th December	Open as usual
Wednesday 25 th December	Closed
Thursday 26 th December	Closed
Friday 27 th December	Open as usual
Saturday 28 th December	Closed
Sunday 29 th December	Closed
Monday 30 th December	Open as usual (evening surgery)
Tuesday 31 st January	Open as usual
Wednesday 1 st January	Closed
Thursday 2 nd 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



SAWTRY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP

Public Sited Defibrillators

The new box is sited!

The defibrillator has been sited at the fire station in Sawtry. In the event of a cardiac arrest, once the ambulance service has been called, a code will be given to you by ambulance control and you can then access the box and remove the defib for use.

The unit is designed for anyone to use. Please open the defib and follow the prompts.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the awareness evening last month to find out about the box, how to access and how to use the defibrillator. Thank you to the Sawtry Junior School for the use of the hall for the evening.

The Christmas Fayre

Another fantastic event. Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and setting up. A huge and massive thank you to Dave & Jo from Sawtry Marquees, for the use of the tables and chairs and the manpower on the day. A big thank you also to Sam & Chris for all your support on the day and the run up. You helped make the event possible.

We have raised £1015.30. Thank you

New Recruits

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



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Computer Help!

Want to know how to use a computer free of charge? We hold basic sessions on a Tuesday from 4pm. If you are interested please see a member a staff for more information.

New Books

Over the last few months we have had a great selection of new books ranging from Board books for babies to the latest Adult titles. Come along and browse through these new titles. Did you know that if we haven't got any title that you require you can order a copy free of charge from another library.

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 pawprints they will get a certificate, there are 10 certificates to collect.

Workbooks and Posters

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

E-Books

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

CHRISTMAS OPENING

This year we are closed from Tuesday 24th December and re-open on Friday 3rd January 2014. All libraries will be closed over the Christmas period with the exception of Cambridge Central.

OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

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



To renew Books: 0345 045 5225.

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

Pam Goodwin

Sawtry Car Scheme

Operated by CARESCO
(In partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council)



The Sawtry Car Scheme is going from strength to strength with a steady rise in the number of requests for help with transport. Those who have used the scheme have found it very useful and the drivers are wonderful. If you have difficulty using public transport and do not have an alternative, please get in touch with the Co-ordinator to find out more about how the scheme works on the number below.

Drivers - We need you!

Do you like helping people? ~ Have a few hours to spare? ~ Hold a clean driving licence?

With the increase in requests for lifts, we are now looking to recruit a couple of extra volunteer drivers to help us provide transport for people who are unable to use conventional public transport or to make essential journeys by any other means. You will use your own car and received a mileage allowance for expenses incurred. Additional insurance cover is provided. Please note that a Disclosure & Barring Service check will be needed.

To learn more about the scheme and how it can help you, or if you can assist us to provide this valuable service to local people, please call the co-ordinator on:

07810 476979



NEARLY NEW

Nearly New is open every Friday (9-11.30am Term Time) in the CARESCO building behind the Old School Hall off Green End Road, Sawtry.

Lots of lovely items for sale where 60% of the sale price is returned to the selling customer and 40% donated to CARESCO. We have women's and children's clothes, school and club uniform along with household items and toys.

We're always looking for new buyers and new people to sell items for so pop on in for a bargain or two. Our Coffee Shop is also open for tea/coffee and homemade cake on Friday mornings.

If you would like more information, please pop in or contact us at nearlynew@caresco.org.uk



Nicole, Clair and Gill



www.sawtry.net

www.ssbpartnership.org

The SSBP your local non for profit business group has recently grown to over 40 members. Having this many local active businesses we are able to raise much needed funds for local charities plus own and manage Sawtry.net.

www.sawtry.net allows opportunities for local groups and individuals to tell the community about their activities and interests. Local news is very much needed for the site as well as club details and programmes of events. Each local group can have their own page which they can update themselves allowing the local community (and the rest of the world!) to know what is happening within that club or future events.

The site also gives everybody access to local trades and businesses with each SSBP member having a detailed description of what services are available.

A date for your diary is Friday 21st March 2014 when we will be holding our third Super Hero Fun Race night. The past two years has seen the event getting much attention so we are looking to make the third even more spectacular!

Watch out for more information in the New Year.

The Partnership is open to any business large or small and membership is only £50.00 a year. This gives every member marketing opportunities via the website and a Directory which is distributed door to door in Sawtry and surrounding areas.

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

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

THE MULBERRIES

Road Names on the New Gidding Road Development

The names for this estate were chosen by the Developers from the War Memorial and approved by the District Council. Rowell Way, Richardson Drive, Parker Crescent, Hodson Court, Woollard Walk and Stapleton Close. We hope to bring you some information on the names chosen and the service to their country during the two World Wars over the next few issues.

ROWELL WAY (1)



The main road around the new estate named after the Rowell family from Sawtry a large family consisting of brothers, cousins and uncles. Mainly agricultural workers in the surrounding area. Relatives of the families can be found still living in Sawtry and surrounding villages.

Archie and William were brothers, sons of James and Sarah Rowell of Green End Road Sawtry. James was a Threshing Engine Driver. The family consisted of 5 sons and 3 daughters. **Pte. Archie Rowell** was

born in 1888, originally of the Bedfordshire Regiment and later the 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He died of wounds on Sunday 13th May 1917 in France aged 29 and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Private William Rowell, born 1880 joined the 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment (The Shiny Seventh) which was formed after the 2nd call to arms in 1914. The Battalion took part in the storming of Achiet-le-Grand during 15th - 20th March. William was killed in action on Saturday 17th March 1917 aged 37 and is buried in Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery extension, Pas de Calais, France. The loss of 2 sons in such a short space of time must have been devastating for James and Sarah.

To be continued.....

Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell
Sawtry History Society

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

17th October saw Phil Hill give a very entertaining and interesting talk and slide show on Sawtry's hidden past. History that we walk on every single day around the village from the Iron Age, Anglo Saxon and Roman times. He showed detailed aerial pictures detailing ridge and furrow fields, enclosures and historic sites hiding their valuable treasures. A field walk was carried out in September by Phil and members of the SHS who found lots of domestic Roman activity pottery and pottery possibly from Sawtry Abbey. The secrets are everywhere so don't just throw away those stones you dig up in your gardens may be history!

There is no meeting in December; our next meeting is on 10th January 2014 on the subject of The Suffragette Movement, a talk by Neil Mitchell. Don't forget the Sawtry History Archive is open every Saturday morning from 10am -12.00 noon in the Library, so come along a pay us a visit, bring along your old photos and memories.



We hope to see you in 2014, so have a Happy Christmas one and all.

Why did the archaeologist go bankrupt? Because his career was in ruins!

Contact. 01487 830054

SAWTRY SHOW 2014

Show day will be Saturday 13th September next year.

Following an open meeting on 7th November, the new committee will start to prepare next year's Show. Collating ideas for classes is the number one priority. If you have any suggestions, or would like to join the Show Committee, please contact me on 01487 830095. We hope to include a list of Classes in the February/March 'Sawtry Eye', and the full Show Schedule will be available in early summer.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th January at the Old School Hall.

Dick Tuplin (Show Chairman)





Now Available Gift Certificates

The perfect gift

Why not give a CARESCO Charity Shop Gift Certificate this Christmas?

Spend as little or as much as you want on a personalised Certificate for your loved one to use over the coming year in the CARESCO Shop



For more information visit the shop
or call 01487 208026

Not redeemable for cash



Festive Facts

- ★ Boxing Day gets its name from all the money collected in church alms boxes for the poor.



SAWTRY CHORALE

www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

The weather is turning colder and Christmas will soon be upon us. Sawtry Chorale is putting the finishing touches to its seasonal repertoire. Arrangements of traditional carols which may be new to you, a Bulgarian folk melody, a Cliff Richard hit and some well-loved seasonal songs are all in the programme. Add 'Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer' and 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town' and you have a festive musical evening for all ages.

This year we are performing two concerts for Rotary Clubs in support of their charities. There are no tickets available for our first concert in the Town Hall for Huntingdon Rotary Club. However, on Saturday 14th December we are at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.00. Contact zeldagunn@aol.com or ring 01480 869124. Proceeds will go to Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club charities.

On Saturday 7th December we are performing in aid of church funds at All Saints Church, Sawtry, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50 can be ordered in advance by ringing 01487 831055. Light refreshments will be available during the interval.

After the concerts the choir will be taking their Christmas break. Our first rehearsal in the New Year will be on 15 January 2014 at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry. If you are thinking of joining the choir this would be an ideal time to come along as we will all be starting afresh. Visit our website for more details.

A Melodic Christmas and Harmonious New Year to you all!

Hazel Rea
Sawtry Chorale





DAY CENTRE NEWS

Well here we are again at the end of another very busy and successful year at the Day Centre; our membership has increased which just shows the need for this kind of Club.

At this time of year our thoughts turn to our loved ones and at the time all of us will spare a thought for the members we have lost. We have had a few this year and the most recent is Mavis Smith who passed away in October, Mavis was a long serving member of the Day Centre she will be missed.

As some of you may be aware Pat our esteemed leader is leaving us at Christmas. She is giving up her position as Day Centre Manager after 16 years of service although she is still continuing to work as Lyn's deputy at the Lunch Club. Her contribution to the Day Centre has been enormous over the years. The amount of time and effort she has contributed to fund raising for CARESCO as a whole and for the social fund for our members from baking for the afternoon teas to organising the bingo (baking again) and getting prizes for that event every month. She has always been available to both the staff and members to sort out any problems at any time day or night.

On a more personal note I would like to add my own view. She has been kindness itself and nothing is ever too much trouble for her. She has taught me a lot and I will sorely miss her as I am sure everyone else will.

But not to end on a sad note I am sure we haven't seen the last of her (not if our chairman Linda has her way) and I hope she may continue to serve in a voluntary capacity maybe she may come back to us if called upon, I do hope so either here or the charity shop!!!

So we move onwards and upwards onto a new manager as the work must continue, Vicki Goddard is her replacement, she has been in post for a few months now, first coming as a volunteer, she is liked by staff and volunteers and her dedication and commitment to us all is shining through.

So as we near the end of our year and with only a couple of dates for our members to enjoy before we break up for Christmas there is simply one thing to say, that we wish all our members staff and volunteers a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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

Gill Robinson, Deputy Manager, Sawtry Day Centre



SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2014

Despite winter being upon us, the plans are well underway for next year's Carnival. To avoid a clash with the football World Cup the Carnival is moving back into Feast Week and the date is set for

Saturday 7th June. The theme will be **countries of the world cup** (except England because the committee and all the marshals/helpers/ movers and doers on the day will be easily recognisable being dressed in the White and Red of England).

Forms are now available to book your stall so please get in touch if you would like one and start deciding which country your group will chose. Remember stalls are free for local community organisations.

The committee would like to thank June and the folk at Sawtry Co-op Funerals for their generous donation towards Carnival funds which will help with the running costs of next year's event.

If you are interested please contact Jo Blackett on 07944 895114 to find out more or email Joblackett@btinternet.com or sawtrycommittee@gmail.com



Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from

Zip Computers in association with **CARESCO**
A Big Thank You

to everyone who has participated in the computer recycling programme
The scheme has now achieved for CARESCO the sum of £230.00 to date

**For more information about the scheme please contact
Zip computers on 01487 832253 or 07885 280446**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Remembrancetide (fortnight) is now over and I am very pleased to report that from the House to House / Static and Street Collection of Donations we are up on 2012 by £389. The amount donated to these collections, amounts to £4603.95. In total, from the start of the Appeal year (1st October 2013) including donations for Poppy Lapel Pins / Bracelets / Wreaths etc, we have deposited £6014.37, which is only £664 down on the whole of 2012 and we still have donations to come in.

For the 2012 Appeal and for this year's, I have also been looking after the villages of Holme / Conington and Glatton for Bill Ayres, who is their official Poppy Appeal Organiser but currently unable to undertake those duties. I can inform you that the 2013 House to House and Static Points raised £1278 and this is an increase on the 2012 Appeal of £169 and in-fact exceeds the total of 2012 by £2, and again there are still more donations to be collected.

As Poppy Appeal Organiser for Sawtry and District plus temporarily for Holme, Conington and Glatton I cannot express enough just how pleased I am with these figures. I would like to send my thanks to all who have made donations to this year's Poppy Appeal.

Unfortunately I have had it reported back to me by some of our collectors that there have been one or two people who seemed to prefer to be offensive when given the opportunity to donate to a very worthy cause, instead of just politely declining the offer. To those people I can only say that your manner was totally unnecessary and if you do not wish for RBL collectors to knock on your door please provide me with your address and I will ensure that you are not disturbed by them.

To all of those collectors that have gone out on cold, dark, wet nights, **very well done and a big THANK YOU.**

It will have been heard on TV News Bulletins that nationally the membership of the Legion is down and a lot of Branches are really struggling. With regard to the Sawtry Branch, I am pleased to say that we have managed to recruit a few new members of late; however we are still looking for more. In particular we would like to have more younger people joining us and particularly people who would like to get involved with what we do and may even be prepared to take up an Office on the Committee. I am aiming this particularly at our Ex-Service and currently serving members of our Armed Forces and there are a lot living in this village and adjacent ones.

Please remember that the Royal British Legion was set up for Ex-Service personnel in 1921 and has increased its range of benefits over the years. However an organisation such as this cannot survive without a membership, people to administer it in a voluntary way at Branch level and to participate in fund raising.

The 2013 year continues up until the end of September 2014, within which we hope to be arranging a number of events as we have been doing for that last few years, therefore help is always appreciated.

Our next Bingo night will take place at the Sawtry Ex Service and Working Men's Club, on Thursday 5th December, Eyes down at 7.30 pm.

A final reminder to Members of the invitation that you should have received with regard to Saturday 7th December. Should any member have not received such an invitation, then please contact either myself on 830806, Stewart Wylie on 831458 or Tony Nickerson on 831316.

May I on behalf of the Sawtry Branch Committee wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and hope that you all have a prosperous New Year.

Allan Fowler
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Sawtry & District Branch

LIFEGUARD OPPORTUNITIES AT ONE LEISURE SAWTRY



Are you aged 16+ and thinking of a career in the leisure industry or just want to earn some extra cash? Then One Leisure Sawtry has the answer.

During February half term they will be running a National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) course which is a nationally recognised lifeguard qualification.

The centre are always looking for lifeguards to join their team so there could be the opportunity for part-time work afterwards.

The NPLQ course is £225 but funding may be available for some 16+ year olds (please enquire when booking).

Course dates are Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2014 with examinations on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February. A swim test will be arranged prior to the course taking place.

For more information and to book a place please call One Leisure Sawtry on 01480 387800.

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Cont' d... **Build a Rudolph Reindeer**

Build a Rudolph Reindeer just before Christmas at a special craft afternoon session at One Leisure Sawtry. You can make your very own new best friend or a gift for someone you know. Based on the 'Build a Bear' kits, then you can get creative as you personalise it and bring it to life.



The session is for 5 to 12 year olds and takes place on Monday 23rd December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm and only costs £8 per person. The build a Rudolph kit is supplied in the price.

Limited spaces are available so please call One Leisure Sawtry early on 01480 387800 to avoid any disappointment

Boot Camp Elite

Have you got the stamina and willpower to last 3 hours? A festive version of 'Boot Camp Elite' returns to One Leisure Sawtry with instructors Chris Harlock and Carly Irwine for a special 3 hour workout.

The session will consist of a series new workout games and challenges to keep both mind and your body working hard. There is even a free Santa hat and mince pie for everyone!

Boot Camp Elite will take place on Saturday 14th December from 1pm to 4pm and is only £10 for all 3 hours.

Limited spaces are available, to book your place please call One Leisure Sawtry on 01480 387800. Make sure you book early so there are enough hats and pies!

Do They Know It's Christmas?



Festive Facts



★ In Britain, the best-selling festive track is Band Aid's 1984 single *Do They Know It's Christmas?* Which sold 3.5 million copies.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

***'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.'* (The prophet Isaiah)**

What is it like to walk in a very dark place? You feel uneasy, insecure. You can't see where you are putting your feet. Where are you going? You can't see that either.

When someone puts a light on, or you get out of the darkness into the light, suddenly it is easier. You can see the way. You can see where you are going. You are not afraid any more.

At Christmas we celebrate light coming into the world. Light coming into what can seem like a very dark world. Where are we going? Into another bleak, cold winter? Into an uncertain future, with more tornadoes, more hurricanes, more floods? Into an uncertain economic future, years of more austerity.

At Christmas we remember a baby who was born to share our darkness. A baby who came to share human life in all its rawness. A baby born in the dark corner of a dirty stable, with no midwife, no bed, no new baby clothes – only some cloth to wrap round him, and an animal feeding trough for a bed.

But this baby, whose arrival we remember each year at Christmas, brings joy and new possibilities. God sees, cares and stands with those who suffer, and has brought in a kingdom committed to the rule of justice, peace and hope. Jesus brings light into our darkness, light to lighten up the dark places, light to shine the way ahead, light to keep us feeling secure when all around us feels threatening. Jesus is the Light of the World. Each one who receives the gift of Jesus receives his light in their darkness.

It's because this message of Christmas is so important that I'm always saddened by all the pressures to have a 'perfect Christmas'. There is so much pressure in our society to shop and spend, spending a fortune we haven't got, putting pressure on relationships, and making life miserable, often with the children suffering most.

It's not easy to resist the pressures, but giving gifts at Christmas all started with the gifts of the wise men, bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. Giving at Christmas reflects the generosity of God, who has given us Jesus. It's possible to be generous in a way that shows love and affection, rather than trying to buy it.

As usual, there are plenty of opportunities this Christmas to join in singing traditional carols and hearing afresh the story of Jesus' birth. You will be welcome at any of the Christmas services in the churches, and of course at the Sawtry Village Carol Service at the College.

Christmas wishes to everyone – and amid the busy-ness of the season, may we all stop and listen, to hear the angels' song and a baby's cry.

Revd Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton

REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion remember the fallen throughout the year. In December and January 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

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
We will remember them.

St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry

Sunday Mass: 9.15am

Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.

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

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

We are served by the Roman Catholic Parish of St Luke's
26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough, PE2 5XS

Parish Priest: Fr John Minh

01733 370877 Email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SERVICES

December	1 st	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Christingle Service
	8 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	5 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	22 nd	10.30 am	All-age Nativity Service
		6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
	24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion for Christmas
	25 th	Christmas Day	NO SERVICE at All Saints:
		10.30 am	United Christmas worship at Methodist Church
	29 th	10.30 am	Carols for All
January	5 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	12 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	19 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	26 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Come and see the church decorated with Christmas Trees created by local groups and organisations. Open Friday 29th November 6-8.30pm, Saturday 30th 10am-4pm, and Sunday 1st December 2-4pm. Free entry; donations to the Salvation Army. Refreshments available.

CONCERT BY THE SAWTRY CHORALE

All Saints Church is hosting a concert of Christmas Music by the Sawtry Chorale on Saturday 7th December. The concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.50 and available from members of All Saints' Events Committee, PCC or the Sawtry Chorale – or contact the Rector on 830215.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at the Rectory on Thursday 12th December, 10.30am - 12 noon. Entrance is £3 which includes refreshments. There will be Raffle and a small Bring and Buy stall.

SUNDAY CLUB, ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

The Sunday Club will meet at 10.15am on 8th December and 12th and 26th January at the home of Alison Scott (48 Newton Road). After school Adventurers Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 3rd December and 14th January, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. Discoverers (years 3-6) will meet on Friday 6th December, 10th and 31st January, 6-7.30pm in church.

ALL SAINTS HOME GROUPS

All Saints Home Groups will meet on (Thursday) 5th and (Wednesday) 11th December, and in the New Year on 8th and 9th January and then on 22nd and 23rd.

SATURDAY OPENING

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

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR

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

www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk



ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

December

1 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
8 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
15 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
19 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22 nd	4.00pm	Carol Service
24 th	11.00pm	Holy Communion
29 th	9.00am	Carols for All

January

5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
16 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
19 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
26 th	9.00am	Holy Communion

New Year Lunch

There will be a roast pork dinner on Sunday 5th January at 1.00pm in Glatton Village Hall. Tickets at £10 are available from PCC members.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

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

Glatton website for more information.

Glattonparish.wordpress.com

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

All Age Worship

22nd December – 10.30am

Candle Light Service

22nd December – 6.00pm

Christmas Day

United Service – 10.30am

Covenant Service

5th January – 10.30am

Led by Rev Katy Dunn

All Age Worship

19th January – 10.30am

Led by Rev David King

Come and join us

Monday United Fellowship

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm

Open to all

2nd & 16th December, No meetings in January,

Next meeting 3rd February

Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30 – 11 am

including Cake Stall

All proceeds towards the building fund



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire
Local Group

Wildlife Landscapes of the Hebrides

Wednesday 11th December

at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Our speaker, Barrie Mason, is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable naturalist who has previously been group leader of the Bedford Branch of the RSPB. On this occasion, Barrie will concentrate on the Outer Hebrides, particularly the flora and fauna of North Uist, Benbecula and South Uist, including the beautiful coastal machair and orchids on these remote islands.

The Great Fen – Where We Are Today

Wednesday 8th January

at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Louise Rackham, has worked at The Great Fen since 2009 and is currently The Great Fen Education and Community Manager. Louise’s talk will start with a brief overview of the Great Fen project and progress on to show how we are currently restoring the land and our plans for the future.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members.

Please visit the web site for more information or contact Phil on 01487 822835.

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

FAIRTRADE IN NUMBERS

Facts & figures about Fairtrade in 2012

Fairtrade UK Sales

- In the UK, sales of Fairtrade products in 2012 reached £1.5 billion – an 18 per cent increase on the previous year
- 78 per cent of consumers recognise the FAIRTRADE Mark
- One in every three bananas sold in the UK is Fairtrade
- 40 per cent of bagged sugar sold in the UK is Fairtrade certified
- Just over 26 per cent of all roast and ground retail coffee in the UK is Fairtrade certified
- Fairtrade products are now sold in more than 120 countries
- The FAIRTRADE Mark is the most widely-recognised ethical label globally



Fairtrade Producers

- The Fairtrade system currently works with 1.24 million people - farmers and workers - across more than 66 developing countries
- 75 per cent of all Fairtrade producers are smallholder farmers
- There are now 991 Fairtrade producer organisations worldwide
- In 2012, farmers and workers from some of the world’s poorest countries received €65 million in Fairtrade Premium to invest in business, social and environmental projects in their Communities

Fairtrade Campaigners

- Fairtrade is a thriving and growing campaign movement with more than 550 Fairtrade Towns, almost 900 Fairtrade Schools and 170 Fairtrade Universities, and more than 7,000 Fairtrade Faith Groups.
- Chichester Cathedral became the world’s first public building to display Fairtrade and Fairmined certified gold in 2011. A 3ft cockerel was gilded in Fairtrade certified gold and positioned atop the 270ft Cathedral spire
- In February 2013, more than 16,000 Fairtrade campaigners signed a petition asking for a better deal for smallholder farmers. The petition was handed in to Number 10 on World Fair Trade Day

Taken from www.fairtrade.org.uk

General News & Information

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE BULLETIN



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Working together to improve community safety

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking your Christmas dinner. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

**Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/camb sfrs, follow us on Twitter @camb sfrs
To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.**

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL RECYCLERS



Cambridgeshire
County Council

The countdown to Christmas has started, and Huntingdonshire District Council would like to encourage you all to keep the party going by remembering to recycle over the festive period.

We are recycling more at home than ever before, which is great, and we don't want it to be forgotten about during the festivities. Christmas is a time for entertaining, which means we all have more waste to dispose of. In Huntingdonshire, we are fortunate to be able to recycle a wide range of materials within the dry recycling bins or clear sacks, which helps us all to recycle more this Christmas.

Remember to recycle all of your Christmas cards, wrapping paper (paper type only), sweet tins, and the plastic packaging from your gifts within your recycling bin. Don't forget that all food waste, including your turkey carcass, vegetable peelings and any leftovers can be placed in your garden waste bin for composting.

Collections of all waste types will continue throughout the festive period, but your day of collection will change for a few weeks. Collection arrangements are below and you can also download your collection calendar from www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

Normal	Change to
Wednesday 25 Dec	Friday 27 Dec
Thursday 26 Dec	Saturday 28 Dec
Friday 27 Dec	Monday 30 Dec
Monday 30 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec
Tuesday 31 Dec	Thursday 2 Jan
Wednesday 1 Jan	Friday 3 Jan

Normal	Change to
Thursday 2 Jan	Saturday 4 Jan
Friday 3 Jan	Monday 6 Jan
Monday 6 Jan	Tuesday 7 Jan
Tuesday 7 Jan	Wednesday 8 Jan
Wednesday 8 Jan	Thursday 9 Jan
Thursday 9 Jan	Friday 10 Jan
Friday 10 Jan	Saturday 11 Jan

When the festivities are over, recycling continues and here are a few top tips for a green 2014

- Save money and waste less food with great tips and recipe ideas from www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
- Enjoy truly local food sold by the people who produce it from your Local Farmers' market. Find your local market at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets
- Recycle unwanted small electrical items in one of the banks in Cattle Market - St Ives, Bridge Place Car Park - Godmanchester and Tebbutts Road Car Park - St Neots
- Know what materials can be recycled within your bins at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin
- Compost at home – you can buy one compost bin and get another half price at www.ccc.getcomposting.com
- Find out when your bins are collected at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins
- Many unwanted materials can be recycled at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre

Alconbury	9am – 4pm	Sites close at 1pm on Christmas Eve, and are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
Bluntisham	8am – 4pm	
St Neots	8am – 6pm	

Find your nearest at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/recycling

- Recycling Banks for clothes, textiles, DVD's, CD's and books are located throughout the district. Find your local bank at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres

Avoid your blue bin being rejected for collection by keeping out black sacks and textiles

For refuse collection advice please contact Huntingdonshire District Council on 01480 388388

LOCAL RESIDENTS REMINDED TO CHOOSE WELL THIS WINTER

Residents in Huntingdonshire are being reminded to find the right health service for their illness or injury this winter. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who commission health services in the area are asking local residents to familiarise themselves with the range of local health services and which illnesses and injuries they can treat. Last year it cost the local NHS £2million treating people in A&E when they could have used a different service. This could have treated 500 heart attack patients or bought 250 hip replacements. Here's a reminder of what local NHS services can treat.

- Pharmacies can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, and help with stopping smoking.
- GPs can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away. There's also an out of hours GP service which can be accessed by calling your usual GP practice number and following the instructions.
- The Walk-in Centre in St Neots at 24 Moore's Walk can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and stings and strains and sprains.
- Or you can look after colds, coughs, sore throats, hangovers, stomach upsets, grazes can all be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet.



For more information please visit www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/choosewell

SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Recent Results

1st Team, sponsored by Greystones.

September 21	League	Leverington Sports	3 - 6	Sawtry
28	League	Sawtry	0 - 0	King's Lynn Town Res
October 12	League	Sawtry	1 - 2	Oakham United
19	League	Netherton	6 - 1	Sawtry
26	League	Parson Drove 92	0 - 4	Sawtry
November 2	League	Sawtry	1 - 2	Moulton Harrox
7	League	Sawtry	1 - 0	Whittlesey Blue Star
14	Scott Gatty Cup	Sawtry	2 - 1	Ramsey Town

The First Team are currently in 8th place in the Premier Division

Reserves, sponsored by The Bell PH

September 21	League	Sawtry Res	1 - 1	Uppingham Town Res
October 5	League	Sawtry Res	3 - 2	Parkside FC
12	League	Ketton Res	2 - 5	Sawtry Res
19	League	Sawtry Res	7 - 3	Thorney Res
26	League	Sawtry Res	1 - 2	Parkway Eagles FC
November 2	Hunts FA Junior Cup	P'boro ICA Sports A	4 - 2	Sawtry Res
9	League	Farcet Utd Res	3 - 3	Sawtry Res
16	League	Uppingham Town Res	2 - 1	Sawtry Res

The Reserves are currently third in Division Three

Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

November 30	Intermediate Shield K.O.13:00	Reserves	v	Guyhirn FC
December 7	League K.O.14:00	1 st Team	v	Riverside FC
Match Sponsor : Kubic Installations				
14	League K.O. 14:00	Reserves	v	Farcet Utd Res
21	League K.O. 14:00	1 st Team	v	Parson Drove 92
Match Sponsor: AK Cleaning				

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

Mike Patchett

SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

The Club's end of season presentation awards night was held in October where the following awards were presented by our sponsors Angel Spice at Stilton, our President Andy Fowler together with Gill Green who presented the Roy Green Trophy.

Junior Section

First Year Medals were presented to Joseph Boden, Matthew Goode and Harvey Gargiulo.

Under 11 Team Member Awards were presented to Louise Chance, Holly Gregory, Joseph Shaw, Joseph Boden, Lewis Whitmore and Matthew Goode.

Under 11 Team Awards were presented for the following:

Under 11's Batsman award was presented to Daniel Wolstencroft.

Under 11's Bowling award was presented to Thomas Gargiulo.

Under 11's Fielding award was presented to Harvey Gargiulo.

John Pettifor Cup most improved player 2013 was awarded to Alex Adamson.

Roy Green Cup Junior Player of the Year 2013 was awarded to Josh Brown.



Senior Section

Captains Award

Second XI Sam Wright

First XI Ian Fowler

Players Player

James Wiltshire

Brian Chapman

Highest individual Batsman Score 2013 Dave Atkinson with 92 runs

Highest individual Bowlers figures 2013 James Wiltshire with 5-17

Clubman of the year 2013 was presented to Diane Burcham

The Club hope to run 2 senior teams for the 2014 season along with a Junior Under 11's Team and a Junior under 13's 11 aside team, so if you are inspired by the current Ashes Series why not come along to our Indoor Training Nets sessions due to commence in February to join us. Seniors and Juniors all welcome. We are looking for Club and Match Sponsors to help our Junior Section thrive and to help provide greater cricketing opportunities for children living in Sawtry and the surrounding villages.

Anyone interested in joining us for the 2014 Season Senior or Junior or are interested in sponsorship please contact Karen on 01487 832645 or by email karenleader@yahoo.co.uk



SAWTRY'S DRAGON ACADEMY

International Tang Soo Do Karate, Kickboxing and Self-defence Est. 1983

Event Dates

23rd February Grandmaster Eddie Jacobsen to visit Sawtry to hold a Joint Seminar with Grandmaster Mark Adlington

Videos and Photos for you to see

Put - grandmasterKI - into the Google search engine and you will be directed to two web sites.

1/ Facebook with lots of videos and pictures of our students enjoying there training

2/ YouTube with lots of inspiring videos of our Grandmasters, Masters, Instructors and students

If you need motivation then this should get you going!

Class vacancies

Sundays 10.30am - 11.30am Sawtry One Leisure - 7 places available

Come along and enjoy a free class

Get free classes until Feb 2014 if you join us in December!

Championships

Regional Championships Sawtry One Leisure - March 2014

International Championships TBN

Recent Promotions

Sawtry students passed their belt test with flying colours!

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 - Mobile 07768472384 - email tangsoodo@btinternet.com



SAWTRY COLTS

Greenfield is fully utilised at this time of the year with Colts matches taking place every Saturday morning, the men's teams then taking over on Saturday afternoons, with the Colts resuming again for the vast majority of Sunday. The weather has been fairly kind so far and the pitches are holding up well to all this action.

What about all this action I hear you say (I think) – well let me tell you.

The Under 8s and Under 9s (Blues and Yellows) have finished their first round of matches with fairly good results and are now embarking on their second mini-season as the league continue their attempts to achieve some equilibrium in matches by hoping to have teams playing similar-ability teams by the end of the year.

The Under 10s (U10s) have had a bit of an up and down season of late. They started off by winning a couple of matches then lost a couple but are now back on a run of winning a couple again. They sit mid-table at the moment and are through to the next round of the cup. The U12s have had a tough start to their season and still await their first win although it is getting closer as a recent 5-4 loss to Little Paxton would testify, as well as a cup defeat on penalties to Alconbury.

The U13 Blues are currently on a run of 5 wins in a row, scoring 36 goals and conceding only 4. They currently sit 2nd in the league with a game in hand of the league leaders who they host in December. The U13 Yellows are not faring quite so well but did manage their first win of the season with a hard fought 1-0 win against Hemingford that took them off the foot of the table. The U13 Girls, after a couple of heavy losses earlier in the season, have had 3 very competitive games winning one and losing the other two narrowly. The girls are slowly beginning to pick up their form and can hopefully climb the table in the coming weeks.

The Under 15s are currently flying high at the top of the league with a 100% record. Five wins, 33 goals scored and 7 conceded bodes well for the future but they were brought back down to earth losing in the cup. Their upcoming top of the table clash gives them an ideal opportunity to bounce back.

The U16 Blues sit joint top of their league with 4 wins and a draw, their only dropped points coming away to the other joint leaders, Bourne. They are also into the quarter final of the cup. The U16 Yellows have been competitive in every match they have played but have currently lost more than they have won. The U16 Girls have lost heavily twice to league leaders Hampton, one of those being in the cup, and currently sit mid table after a recent 3-1 victory over Wyberton.

The U18 Blues have only played the 4 matches in a stop start season and have yet to claim a victory as their scoring boots seem to have deserted them. The U18 Yellows are unbeaten in their last 3 matches although two of them were draws and sit mid table in a highly competitive league. The U18 Ladies, most of whom are playing up a year, have only had the 3 matches with all 3 of them being losses and a cup defeat means they will be concentrating on the league this season.

So a mixed bag so far with a few Sawtry teams top of their leagues, a lot of them mid-table and a couple bringing up the rear but it is early days.

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

www.sawtrycolts.co.uk



TABLE TENNIS RETURNS TO SAWTRY



After playing out of the village for some years, we now have a regular club night at Sawtry Junior School every Tuesday from 7.00 to 9.30 pm. We currently have three tables and are hoping soon to add a fourth. We still have a team in the Peterborough league but are concentrating this season on becoming established in Sawtry again.

We always welcome new players young or old. So, if you've played before and would like to take up the sport again or even if you're new to table tennis and would like to give it a try, please contact Peter Blundell.



Phone: 831374

Email: peterblundell51@hotmail.com

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

The presentation evening took place at the club house on Saturday 9th November, it was an enjoyable evening well attended with an excellent buffet provided by members. We were delighted to welcome Anne Ashmore Ladies County President for 2013 who presented our ladies with their trophy for winning the County 3wood triples. Well done to M.Bennett, S.Rayson and K.Leader to have county winners from our quite small ladies section is an achievement to be proud of. James Bowers also represented the club at National EBA finals at Worthing as he was runner up in the under 25's county competition.

The A.G.M. was held on Friday 15th November with a good attendance, the outgoing committee proposed to members that Mr Rayson should be made a Life Member for the many years of dedicated service that he has given to the club. The motion was carried unanimously and Mr Rayson was delighted to accept. Mrs Urwin, retiring President, thanks members for their support and wished Bernie Shannon, the incoming President a successful year.

Work on the green surrounds continues and all the workers are to be commended on an excellent result, especially Ian Hamilton who has been No. 1 block layer.

We now look forward to our Xmas social events

Xmas Bingo Saturday 7th December 7.30pm

Xmas Dinner Sunday 15th December

Xmas Eve Drinks Tuesday 24th December



The date for Burn's Night in January has not been set at the time of this edition of the Eye.

On behalf of the Club's committee I would like to wish all our members
A HAPPY XMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Any Queries contact : Mr Rayson tel no 01487 830720

Mrs Urwin tel no 01487830193



SAWTRY BADMINTON CLUB



Are looking for players

To join them

On Wednesday evenings

At Sawtry One Leisure

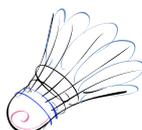
From 8.00pm to 10.00pm

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Including qualified coaching

11 years +

From 7.00pm to 8.00pm



For more information please contact

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Web Page: www.sawtrybadmintonclub.com

