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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 2014

All Saints Church, Sawtry

A concert by:

**Sawtry  
Chorale**



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.30pm in Church

Tickets at £6.50

to include a glass of wine and nibbles,  
on sale from Events Committee members  
or contact Isolde - 831260 or Sue Simmons - 831055

**SAWTRY W.I.**

(In Aid of the W.I. Hall)

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

on

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**2pm to 4.30pm**

at W.I Hall Gidding Road, Sawtry

Handicraft & Gift stall, Jewellery, Cakes,  
Christmas decorations and cards, Bottle stall,  
Homemade Jams, Pickle and Sweets,  
Raffle and Refreshments

**ADMISSION FREE**

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Ann Watson 01487 834035

Charity No. 229016



**FROST FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

**FROM 11AM**

**Carol  
Singers**

**CRAFT  
STALLS**

**VICTORIAN  
DRESS**  
PRIZE FOR BEST  
DRESSED CHILD



**Merry  
Music**

**SANTA'S  
GROTTO**

**MULLED WINE  
AND  
MINCE PIES**

**LOCAL  
PRODUCE**

**FESTIVE  
FOOD**

**at The Greystones, Sawtry**



**Glatton Village Hosts  
Santa**

£5.00 per child (includes present  
& photo with Santa in his Grotto)

**f follow us at "Glatton Village"**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**

**3:00 - 5:00pm**

**Glatton Village Hall**

**Pay at door**

**Meet Santa**

**carol singing**

**children's games (with prizes)**

**mulled wine (or tea/coffee) & mince pie: £1.00**



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**Advertise your community event here**



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# Welcome

After a rather warm Autumn, Christmas seems to be creeping up on us at an alarming rate, but like it or not, the big day will be with us sooner than later!

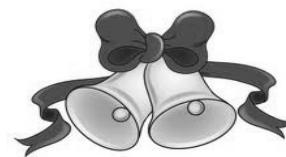
At time of writing we are yet to experience our first true frost of the season, a fact I know our distributors will be grateful for as they pound the streets delivering your copies at the beginning of December. Please think of them as you sit in the warm and read all we have for you in this issue. It can be a thankless task so please try using your own letterbox from the outside and check that it isn't too stiff, or so well protected with draft excluders to allow easy delivery of your magazine. Loosing the skin off knuckles can be a real occupational hazard! A smile and wave can also let your distributor know that you appreciate their efforts. They are a wonderful team.

There are a lot of seasonal events planned by local groups, no excuse not to enjoy some Christmas cheer if you want to get out and join in the fun. Please give them your support.

Have a good one.

Liz

**Liz - Co-Editor**



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## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

### Autumn Term 2014

End of Term - 19 December

### Spring Term 2015

Start of Term - 6 January

Half term, 16 to 20 February

End of Term - 27 March

### Summer Term 2015

Start of Term - 13 April

Half term, 25 to 29 May

End of Term - 22 July

### Autumn Term 2015

Start of Term - 3 September

Half term, 26 to 30 October

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



### SAWTRY WI

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month,  
at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road  
(Wheelchair Access)  
Charity Number 229016

5<sup>th</sup> December  
From Thin to Fat to Fame

*Sue Cadman (RolyPoly)*

8<sup>th</sup> January  
Pictures on the Wall  
*Alan Butler*  
Competition - The Colour Pink



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

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

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

Presidents: Linda Lavery 01487 830282

Maureen Westbrook 01487 832841



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

8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January

### COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December  
12<sup>th</sup> & 26<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.



Is open every Friday

(including School Holidays)

at the

CARESCO Centre,

Green End Road, Sawtry

(Behind the Old School Hall)

9.00 - 11.30am

(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

A Warm Welcome For

Coffee, Cake And A Chat

Call 01487 832105

**For Issue No: 114  
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**Advertisements by  
12 Noon on 9th January  
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12 Noon on 16th January**

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For more information call in or  
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Monday - Friday

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**sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk**



#### Festive Facts

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



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- Payment with advertisement please.
- We can accept payment by BACS (please contact the office for payment details), by cash or cheque (made payable to 'CARESCO')
- Sorry, we cannot accept payment by card.
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#### Situation Vacant

## Volunteers Manager

**Based at the CARESCO Centre, Sawtry**

**This position is for 6 hrs per week**

**Pay rate £7.15, 4 weeks paid holiday (pro rata)**

**Are you able to get on well with people?**

**Self motivated and well organised?**

We are looking for someone to take on overall responsibility for recruiting and managing our wonderful team of volunteers and to maintain the necessary systems & records

**Come and be part of our team**

For more information & application form, please contact:

Liz Coates between 9 – 12 noon weekdays on 01487 832105

Or call in at the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk) or visit [www.caressco.org.uk](http://www.caressco.org.uk)

**Closing date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



**Do you know what you're doing for Christmas this year?**

CARESCO will be hosting a Christmas Day Party on 25<sup>th</sup> December for anyone from the Sawtry area who will otherwise be on their own – this includes couples or a single parent and child

**The day will include: -**

A traditional lunch, entertainment, the Queen's Speech and a visit from Santa

**There will be no charge to attend  
& transport is available if necessary**

If you would like to come along and join in the fun, please complete an application form available from the CARESCO office and return it by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**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

5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January

\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Special \*\* - 31<sup>st</sup> January

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

For more information call 01480 388388  
or visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets)

### 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 allowed.

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



**Tickets £10.00 from CARESCO**

Office: Green End Road, Sawtry, CAMBS PE28 5UX

Telephone: 01487 832105 Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk);

Website: [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

## PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

19<sup>th</sup> December

Starts 7.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Contact The CARESCO Office  
01487 832105



It's coming...!

**Note:** None in December

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
4:30 – 6:30pm

All Saints' Church  
Church Causeway, Sawtry

Crafts for all ages  
Celebrate with bible story  
and songs

Share a meal together

For more information see  
[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)  
or contact Revd. Rosie Ward

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
(With mulled wine)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January

10.00 till 11.30am



\*\* 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Carol Service - 3pm

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

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



For more information  
please contact :  
Sue Fowler  
01832 293215



## **WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB**



**We meet on the second Thursday of each month**

**7.30pm until 9.30pm**

**At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road**

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

**For more information please contact 01487 830186**



## **SAWTRY WI In Aid of the WI Hall**

### **BINGO**

**5<sup>th</sup> December**

**16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm**

**Contact for events**

**Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035**

**Presidents:**

**Linda Lavery 01487 830282**

**Maureen Westbrook 01487 832841**

**Charity Number 229016**

## **All Saints Church, Sawtry**



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**7.30pm**

**Sawtry Old School Hall**

**Food & Raffle**

**Bring your own drink and glasses**

**Tickets £7.50**

**Tickets from: Isolde Whitmore - 831260  
& Events Committee members**

## **Chairman's Challenge - Quiz Night 2015**

**Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Venue: Greystones pub**

**Time: 7:30 pm start**

**Teams: max of 6 per team**

**Cost: £2 per head**

**Come along and have fun / test your knowledge / raise funds for village projects**

**A raffle will be held on the night**

**(Any contributions for the raffle can be handed into the parish office**

**and will be gratefully received)**



**For more information please contact Mel Bywater on 01487 831079**

## **All Saints Church, Sawtry**

### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am to 12 noon**

**at The Rectory**

**Bring-&-Buy and Raffle**

**Ticket £2**

**Tickets from members of the Events Committee**

**Isolde - 831260 or**

**Sue Simmons - 831055**



## **Old School and House Open Day**

**Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UY**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**2 – 7pm**

**View facilities for hire**

**Available for seminars, workshops, Classes and events**

**Fully accessible rooms of various sizes plus kitchen, hearing loop, PA system and parking**

**Refreshments provided**

**Opportunity to discuss options**

**Contact Sawtry Parish Council  
01487 831771 or  
email [admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)**



## Craft Buddies

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

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

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

*Bring along your projects or just come to chat. Anyone can come along, all ages and experience levels, male or female, any type of craft interests welcome*

*No charge to attend, you don't have to join us every week and you can come & go as you please.*

*Drinks including tea and coffee available to buy at the bar*

**7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday**

**At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry**

**Just turn up or for more info contact**

**Carolyn on 01487 832682**

**or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk**



Sawtry Junior School Association

invites you to their

**Family Christmas Bingo**

On

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Doors open 6.30pm

Eyes down 6.45pm

All welcome

Raffle and refreshments

Grand draw tickets also on sale  
(to be drawn on 12<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> prize £100)

Please come along, have some fun and help raise funds for the school

*For more information or to purchase Grand Draw tickets please pop in or call the school office on 01487 830204*

We look forward to seeing you!



## TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday term time

9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE

Refreshments 10p

**Come along and make new friends**

**New members welcome**

**For more information call Charlie  
01487 830341**

## Ladies .....

Give us your support!

Join the

**AGAINST<sup>®</sup>  
breast cancer  
BRA AMNESTY**



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

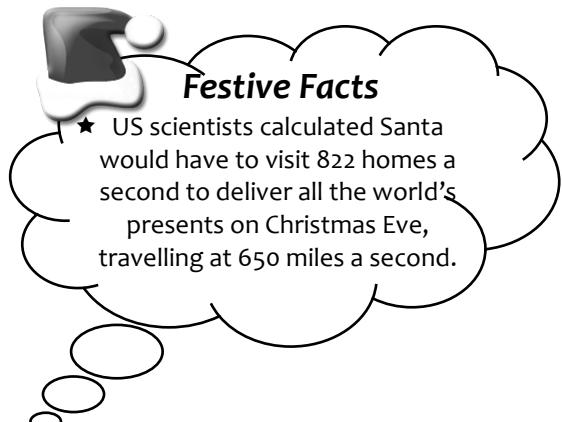
**CARESCO Charity Shop**  
and they will be whisked away to Africa where there is a short supply of affordable bras.

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

[www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk](http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk)

01235 534211

Registered charity number 1121258



### 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.

## 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 14<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 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

*Letters ...* 

### SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY

After earlier rain around 750 people attended the Sawtry

Bonfire and Firework Display organised by Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association, on Sunday 2 November at Greenfield. Thank you to all the visitors who posted favourable comments on the Sawtry Scene Facebook page.

Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association would particularly like to thank Sawtry Parish Council without whose support the event would not have taken place. Also thanks must go to the staff at Tilly's Coffee Shop, Cooper's Garage, CARESCO charity shop and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Ian Bonsall and David Latham for the work on the bonfire, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, 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 tickets and posters, also Jewson Builders merchants for providing two lighting sets for the car park, Agrii Ltd for the pallets for the bonfire, and Luminus for the community scheme grant.

The 50+ volunteers from Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Fishing Club, 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.

**Mike Patchett, Sawtry**

### FLASHING

Please may I make a plea to all fellow motorists?

Now that the nights are dark and car headlights are a necessary in order to see and be seen on the way to and from work, please can my fellow motorists refrain from flashing main high beam in my face?!

I get the sense that such blinding high-beam flashes are an effort to say 'Thanks', more often for my having pulled over (as required) to allow you to make your way along your lane of the road. I understand that sometimes others pulling-over to allow you to continue on your way can seem to be a rarity as so often these days it seems that cars just carry on in the middle of the road whether they have right of way or not, or even room... the times I've found a car heading straight for me when there's no room for an overtaking yet folk drive straight at oncoming traffic instead of waiting behind cars parked in their lane... sigh.... but this business of being blinded really is not helpful at all.

Any car lights flashing could also be interpreted as you've just found the latest pothole, or there's a road hump there... so it's not even automatically clear what you're trying to communicate.

Far from being a Thank You, it's now received as a source of great annoyance and is a potential hazard if I can't see well enough to carry on after being most effectively blinded by the flash of impressively luminous headlights on full high beam at close range.

I note that back in 2012 Lancs police fined a sizeable number of people for 'misuse of headlights'..... and that the Highway Code section 114 offers this:

You **MUST NOT** - use any lights in a way which would dazzle or cause discomfort to other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders

<https://www.gov.uk/general-rules-all-drivers-riders-103-to-158/lighting-requirements-113-to-116>

Many thanks in anticipation of not being blinded quite so much

**Mrs Young, Sawtry**

## DOG WALKING ON ST JUDITH'S, SAWTRY

I see in the Sawtry Parish Council update [Oct-Nov14, Sawtry copies only] that the subject of dogs in St Judith's field has been mentioned again. I wrote some years ago on this subject and as far as I could tell, none of my points were answered. It was instructive to note that the Huntingdon District Council dog orders were placed in all of the notice boards around the village just after my letter was published.

The point of dogs on leads in St Judith's field and dogs fouling are not necessarily linked. The ignorant minority who continue to refuse to clean up after their dogs will just be closer to their pet when they don't pick it up. Having walked my dogs on this field for 15+ years I have seen a huge improvement in the percentage of people clearing up after their dogs and like all right thinking people despair at the few who continue to give responsible dog owners a bad name. Unfortunately until there is a way to enforce the existing laws we will have to rely on the current method of social pressure to make sure that people clear up. This method has had reasonable success to date and one of the advantages of many people using this park to exercise their dogs is that clearing up becomes self policing.

To say that an exercise field has been provided shows little understanding of dog behaviour. If you were to sit on the bench at the top of this field your dog would not run around and exercise itself, it would sit down with you and wait for you to start walking around. Trust me after one circuit both you and the dog will have got bored. This field is very useful however for training young dogs.

Dogs should be kept on leads if their behaviour is likely to take other peoples enjoyment away from a facility that is being used at that time. I feel confident that this does not happen on St Judith's field enough to make this the case. Very occasionally dog / human 'interface' situations occur that may be undesirable, however apologies generally sort the situation. This is what I like to term 'life' and a bit of tolerance from all sides is how you get through it.

So Sawtry Parish Council, I ask: What problem are you trying to solve? Are dogs on St Judith's a problem? If so, to whom? Will keeping dogs on leads solve this problem? If not, maybe you're barking up the wrong tree.

**Mark Campbell (Proud owner of Colin, Trevor and Gary)**

Woodfield Drive, Sawtry

### PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

We've been contacted by a number of distressed residents of Sawtry who are finding that someone is regularly allowing their pet to mess on other people's lawns, some even with fences and occasionally near front doors too not just by the gate. Please be thoughtful and do not allow your dog to mess on other people's property, we are sure you wouldn't like it if it happened to you.

Dog owners, it is your duty to clear up the resulting deposits and please ensure that any children walking pets also know that they have to clear up the mess. The Parish Office can sell you suitable bags at £1 for 100. Help make Sawtry clean and safe for everybody

**The Editors**



### MACMILLAN SAWTRY COFFEE MORNING

Many, many thanks to all who helped make this year's Coffee Morning a great success. It has been our best one yet.

Thanks to all who made cakes, gave prizes, gave donations and who helped on the day. My grateful thanks also to Sawtry Methodist Church who let us have the hall for free for this event. Also a very big thanks to all who attended and helped raise the wonderful sum of £372.81. Hope to see you all again next year.

**Ann Martin**

Sawtry Eye Dec 14 - Jan 15

### SPLISH, SPLASH, SPLOSH - CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 20 swimmers took to the water to raise funds for the Chairman's Challenge and what a day we had. From teenagers to the over eighties we had a splashing time and ended the swim with a water fight!

My grateful thanks to all who took part and to Diane and Sally who did the behind the scenes work

together with One Leisure who provided the pool at no charge. We raised the magnificent sum of £630.00.

Look out for details of the Chairman's Challenge Quiz night in January – page 7

Happy Christmas

**Delia Riddle**

Chairman Sawtry Parish Council

#### 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.



### PUB DONATION

A huge thank you to the staff and customers at the Addison Arms, Glatton for their generosity in raising £160.00 and donating the money to CARESCO. Your support is truly appreciated and the money will go toward helping to funding our ongoing services for the local community.

**Liz Coates, General Manager**



## HELP WANTED

We urgently need some extra volunteers to join the team for our Coffee Shop rota on Friday mornings in the CARESCO Centre. Do you have the time to offer your help to serve customers with refreshments from 8.45 – 11.45am on Friday mornings?

We have a simple menu of tea/coffee and cake to sell to our loyal customers and need a couple of helpers each week by rota to work in the kitchen taking orders, making drinks, serving cake and of course doing the washing up. Cake bakers particularly welcome but not essential!

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Liz Coates on 01487 832105 or drop into the CARESCO office any weekday morning.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WELFARE WORK

### Royal British Legion

#### Sawtry & District Branch

**Allan Fowler:** Once again the residents of the nine villages that form the Sawtry and District Branch area have shown their loyalty and generosity. As it stands at the time of writing, the donations for the 2014 Poppy Appeal are around £1300 in excess of the 2013 Appeal. Once again a big 'THANK YOU'.

At the Annual General Meeting in October I stood down from being the Poppy Appeal Organiser, however, I have continued through this Appeal with my successor, Mrs Carol Stobbs, to help her through the start of the 2014 year, in her new role. I am sure that you will give her the same support that you have afforded myself. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone that have helped and supported me during my time in the role, in particular all of the collectors, for without them, these Appeals would not be as successful.

**Carol Stobbs:** As you will see from the above, Allan Fowler has now retired as the Poppy Appeal Organiser and I have, for my sins, taken over the role.

We have lived in Sawtry for 8 years and I became one of Allan's Poppy Appeal collectors in 2007. During the course of the last year I have become more involved with the Royal British Legion & was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Branch at the AGM in October.

I hope I can look forward to your continued support of the Poppy Appeal. Tel: 01487 834338, Email: carol@sonoma.co.uk

**Stewart Wylie:** As well as providing comprehensive welfare services to beneficiaries, The Royal British Legion also operates a service called **Poppy Calls**. This is a dedicated handy van service which undertakes low level or minor repairs and adaptations to dwellings up to the value of £1,000 carried out by a vetted RBL employed tradesman. The type of work carried out is wide ranging and includes carpentry, minor plumbing work, Aids and Adaptation work (for example the installation of grab rails and access ramps), minor electrical work and general maintenance work.

Poppy Calls is not able to undertake gardening, any boiler or associated gas work repair, repairs to appliances, painting and decorating or outdoor work above 1<sup>st</sup> floor level.

This service is provided free of charge to any beneficiary who is eligible and on a Means Tested Benefit, or is aged 75 or over irrespective of financial status. Work will be undertaken for other beneficiaries but will be chargeable (at very reasonable rates), with a quotation provided. If you require assistance and are unsure what will or will not be undertaken, or just require advice then contact Poppy Calls on 08000320306 or you can contact myself, the Branch Welfare Officer on 01487 831458 or 07780807182

[www.branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/sawtry](http://www.branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/sawtry)

Facebook SAWTRY RBL

**Stewart Wylie**

Welfare Member, Sawtry & District RBL



## CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

Looking for that last minute gift, not sure what to buy? Don't forget our Gift Certificates available from the Charity Shop.

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 shop (not redeemable for cash). Just pop in and ask one of our team for more information. All proceeds go towards supporting the work of CARESCO in our local community.

Contact the shop on 01487 208026 or by email [shop@caresco.org.uk](mailto:shop@caresco.org.uk) or by calling in to:

7 Greenways, Sawtry during opening hours 9 - 4.30pm Mon – Fri & 9 – 12.30pm Saturdays.

## SAWTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL



We have had a busy term here at Sawtry Junior School with lots of exciting activities taking place. Lower school visited Flag Fen and discovered what it would have been like to live in a round house. They also discovered some interesting and amusing facts about toilets, or lack of, in the past! Upper school visited the Anglo Saxon village at West Stow and enjoyed dressing up as Anglo Saxons and discovering more about their way of life.

As a school, on 10<sup>th</sup> November, we took part in the National Remembrance Day assembly. This was broadcast live from the Tower of London and provided a very thought provoking and reflective reminder about why we wear our poppies with pride. On 12<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Team GB Paralympian Sean Rose to school. The children took part in sporting activities and we ended the day with an assembly where we learnt how important it is to never give up no matter what life may put in our way.

Children in Need saw the school transformed into a school for heroes as many of the pupils and staff dressed up to raise money and we are looking forward to donning our Christmas jumpers for Save the Children.

**Jen Howlett – Headteacher**

*You can contact the school on 01487 830204 - Or email [office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk)*

**Website:** [www.sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sawtry-jun.cambs.sch.uk)

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

## SAWTRY SHOW 2015

**The Show date for 2015 will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

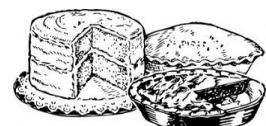
At a meeting of the Show Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, Dick Tuplin, having completed his 3 year tenure as Chairman, had to relinquish the post. Barry Dupée was nominated as his replacement and was duly elected.

During Dick's three years in office the Sawtry Show has continued to grow and prosper and I only hope that, as the new Chairman, and with the support of Dick and the ever loyal committee, I can live up to his example.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Show, which is after all one of the central elements of village life, please contact me on **01487 831281** or come to the next Committee Meeting which will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall. You will be very welcome to come along and find out more.

In the meantime, get planting and crafting!

**Barry Dupée (Show Chairman)**



### 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.



## LOCAL BUSINESSES COME TOGETHER

Hopefully you have received a copy of the 2015 SSBP Directory through your letterbox recently. If for some reason you have not and would like a copy you can collect from the Parish Council Office on Green End Road, Sawtry or The Greystones. Trusted local trades people at your finger tips!

It is very worthwhile taking a tour around our Sawtry.net website. It is for the community and as such requires the support of local groups and clubs. It is free to post your events and we like to see as much local news as possible being sent to us. Even though we are a Business Group our members enjoy being part of the social side which helps everybody to get to know each other. Raising money for local charities is another side to the SSBP and members are very supportive in that way.

**A date for your 2015 diary :** Friday 20th March at Sawtry Club. Our Super Hero Race Night returns this year with a twist! Details available soon.

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@ssbppartnership.org](mailto:ralph.maloney@ssbppartnership.org)

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

[www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)

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## AN EYE ON NATURE

Unseen for most of the time by many of us are a family of wild animals collectively called the mustelids. You will probably be familiar with the badger, otter, stoat, weasel and mink. The other two members of the family, pine marten and polecat are much less common. Apart from the last two, all the members have made their home locally in our county.

The seven members have one thing in common, they produce a musky scent which is used to mark their territories. But there most of the similarities end.

Unfortunately for most of us, the only chance to see a badger is on the road killed by a collision with a vehicle. Badgers usually emerge at dusk to feed and return home before dawn. They are now common having recovered from years of persecution and are part of our wildlife around Sawtry.

Badgers live in family groups in a network of tunnels called a sett. The dominant adults in the family form the breeding pair when sexually mature. This brings them into conflict with cars as they wander widely to establish a new sett. The number in a family group varies widely as does the size of their territory which is marked out by dung pits or latrines. Badgers are very territorial and neighbouring groups will fight if they stray into each other's territories.

Otters are another big success story having recovered from near extinction in the 1960s due to poisoning by the use of aldrin and dieldrin. Their stronghold following the population crash was in the remote parts of the UK. Successful introductions were carried out in various parts of England following the banning of the lethal pesticides. Otters also began to spread back naturally with improved habitat available and cleaner rivers. All counties in England now have a viable population and signs of otter activity right up to the edge of Sawtry have been found in recent years. Otters, like badgers, are largely nocturnal and are very secretive so spotting one on a walk by a local river would be a rare privilege.

Otters navigate along water courses ranging in size from a ditch to major rivers. They sleep in dens, usually under riverside tree roots. These dens are called holts. Like badgers, otters are territorial and use dung to mark their boundaries. The droppings are called spraints and are left in conspicuous places such as on fallen trees or riverside rocks.

Otters now share their aquatic home with the North American mink. First introduced into the British countryside accidentally in the 1930s when they escaped from fur farms, they spread steadily throughout the country causing destruction of our wildlife, particularly the water vole which has seen a massive 98% decline in recent years. Mink can sometimes be confused with an otter sighting but are much smaller, a male being 50cm long compared with a male otter of 130cm.

Our smallest family members, the weasel and stoat are active by day. They are both wide spread in the countryside but seeing them is another matter as they are very shy and small sized making the possibility of spotting them very difficult. But they do have to cross our roads and that is our chance. We usually see an orange sausage travelling at speed. That would be a weasel. The stoat is larger, around 33cm compared with a weasel of 25cm and a stoat's black-tipped tail is the give-away sign. But you have to look sharp and focus on the tail as they too are very quick.

Keep your eyes open on a winter walk and you never know what may happen. Friends had the experience of a lifetime on the River Ouse in broad daylight as they watched a seal and an otter playing tag just yards from where they stood.

### Martin Baker

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

**For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust phone 01954 713543 or visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)**



While you may be thinking about Christmas, your Carnival committee are already busy planning the event for 2015. the date is now set for Saturday 13th June and stalls are being booked as you read this.

Believe it or not, next year will be the 10th Carnival and will be even better than before with more bands and other entertainment for your delight.

The Sawtry Carnival Court will be with us once again and their selection and Crowning night is being planned for the spring when we will be looking for girls full of enthusiasm and personality ready to represent Sawtry for the coming year. Details to follow.

The parade will march around the village before the Carnival proper kicks off so please get involved, join the parade or watch from the pavements then come on down to the site behind the Old School Hall and Sawtry Community College to join in the fun.

**For more details contact Jo on 07944 895114 or email [sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycommittee@gmail.com)**

## GOING GREEN

There's always a temptation to go for the cheapest option. Save precious money on a purchase so that it can be spent on something else. And often it is a good rule of thumb; for normal day to day use, items from the Pound Shop can often do just as well as much more expensive similar items from elsewhere, though there are also times when this isn't true. Thin inexpensive bin bags for example are seldom worth even their low price tag when they rip as soon as you put something into them.

Recently at home we seem to have proved the point with cheap cars too. Last year we bought a car for a few hundred pounds, knowing it would need some work doing on it soon and factoring the cost of that into the purchase, but it has all back-fired if you'll excuse the pun. Our 'new' car has quickly developed another unforeseen problem and this time it's much more of an issue, something not easily solved and we're having to replace the car much sooner than hoped.

A case of what could be called a 'false economy'! We would have saved more money in the long run by splashing out on a better car in the first place, not to mention getting a newer and therefore cleaner more efficient vehicle to use. Although we only do a low mileage, the savings in financial terms – not to mention all the worry and stress of a breakdown – would have made for a wiser investment.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing!

### Eco Apprentice



## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The meeting held on the 18th September with Alan Bottell giving us a slide show on 'Down Memory Lane', certainly recalled many memories and much hilarity as members and visitors saw themselves as children and young men and women, one member pointing out a wall he hit when on his motorbike! The show started with a camera once owned by Percy Slater the local photographer followed by a cottage in Coppingsford in which Charles I once slept. A photograph of the original house and shop owned by Lane and Westerman also prompted a recent story of a postcard being received by Mrs Green addressed to Miss Westerman, the card was posted in 1906 and received on the 29th August 2014. We saw scenes of around The Green, the fair's visit with the Helter Skelter and Carousel, 'The Amicable Hall' which is now the W.I. Hall, the original sign being hidden by the new sign for the W.I. Five gravestones shown in St Andrews Churchyard are now classed as listed buildings, old and new views of All Saints Church, the floods, Prefabs in Park Road, Land Army Huts all brought back memories, the Sawtry Cycle Club also caused quite a stir. Not to be left out views of Glatton, Conington and Holme were also shown. A very good night was had by all.

Phil Hill hosted the talk on the 16th October regarding the results of the Archaeology Pits dug throughout the village in May. The organisation HEFA (Higher Education Field Academy) ran the operation with help from Phil and other members of the village, many schools involved including Sawtry, and Stanground. In Sawtry we look for signs from the Neolithic through to Post Medieval, we have four mentions in the Doomsday book, showing how important the village was. The pits dug were to be 1mtr square and 1mtr deep although few reached this due to the clay which is all around, however 12 pits were dug some revealing very little, one found glass from a bottle pit and others revealing pottery covering a period from 11th to 18th Century. It was a worthwhile exercise and hopes to be repeated next year, continuing with HEFA, so if you are interested in getting involved contact Phil on philip-c-hill@sky.com.

There is no meeting in December. In January 'The Union Workhouse Huntingdon' TBC. So it leaves me to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015.

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

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.

Contact 01487 830054 for more information.

**Sheila Tibbs**



## THE CINNAMON TRUST, SAWTRY

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity for the terminally ill and people in their later years and their much loved, much needed companion animals. We urgently need dog walking volunteers to help a dear little 11 year old Lhasa Apso and a 4 year old Terrier who live in Sawtry.

We'll walk the dog for a housebound owner, we'll foster pets when owners need hospital care, we'll fetch the cat food, even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.

We are always seeking new volunteers even if you can only spare an hour a week we would love to hear from you.

If anyone can help please call during office hours 01736 758707 or via email [volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk)

**Please also check out our website for more details [www.cinnamon.org.uk](http://www.cinnamon.org.uk)**

**Registered charity number 1134680**

## SAWTRY STUDENTS INSPIRED BY FORMER OLYMPIC STAR



Students from Sawtry Community College have been motivated to reach for the heights after attending a talk from Olympic silver medallist Steve Cram.

The talk, held by Escape Fitness and Yorkshire Bank, was attended by college students, SAWTRY COLLEGE Amber Park, Daniel Lornie, Josie Fortune and Devan Wesley. The former Olympian spoke about how to achieve positive success in sport and life choices, with anecdotes and stories that were met with an equal measure of laughs and awe.

A Q&A session and a photo and autograph opportunity followed the insightful talk, before students were then put through their paces in a full-on, no-holds-barred fitness session led by one of the Escape Fitness instructors. A series of prizes were also available to win, with Sawtry student Josie Fortune winning one of the coveted Olympian's trainers.

Speaking about the experience Josie said: "It's been an amazing day. Steve Cram's stories were funny and enlightening, and I've come away feeling more confident and motivated than ever. To win one of his trainers as well was great! It's something really special to take away from a special day."

Jody Lapish, PE Teacher at Sawtry Community College, said: "This has been a great opportunity for our students, and I know they really enjoyed the talk that Steve gave and the fitness session was a challenge they relished.

"At Sawtry we view sport and physical education as an important aspect in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, both inside and outside of school, so opportunities like these involving a great voice within sport are valuable."

**For more information visit [www.sawtrycc.com](http://www.sawtrycc.com) or tel: 01733 207336**

## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



**Rhymetimes** - Rhymetimes are held on a Wednesday morning 10.00am – 10.30am but will now be term time only.

**On-Line Resources** - Did you know you can download e-books and magazines to your I-phone or Tablet. You can also download our **Sorcer Mobile App** to your device and access your account 24 hours a day.

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

**DVD Hire** - DVD'S are now £2 for one week's hire. Browse our catalogue for a wide range of titles at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

**Events** - If you would like to attend an event at any Cambridgeshire Library please visit [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net) or speak to a member of staff. Regular events are held at Huntingdon, Yaxley and Sawtry.

**Book Groups** - Did you know that Libraries provide a wide variety of titles for Book groups. If you would like to attend your nearest Book group or would like to set one up please ask a member of staff. Book groups can meet at your local library or in your own home.

### Christmas Opening Times for Sawtry

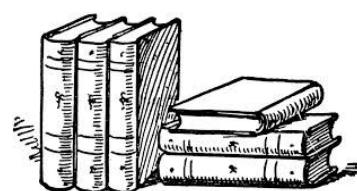
Sawtry Library will be closing at 12.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 at 2pm

### 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

## SAWTRY CAR SCHEME



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

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



## SAWTRY DAY CENTRE NEWS

As we come to the end of another very busy year at the Day Centre, it is time to look back and reflect on what has been an eventful and sometimes challenging time for us.

Sadly as mentioned in previous issues three of our members passed earlier in the year and more recently Monica Gregory, Cyril Johnson, Audrey Johnson and Sydney Coles have also passed away. They will all be missed by everyone at the Day Centre. We would also like to thank Monica Gregory's family and Sydney Coles' family for their generous donations.

As we sadly say goodbye to some of our members we also would like to welcome our new members that have joined us this year and hope to see more joining us next year.

We would like to thank our wonderful team of volunteers who give up their time to help out at the Day Centre and do such a lovely job. Without them we would not be able to run the Day Centre and so we are truly grateful to them all.

We have just had a lovely trip to Van Hage Garden Centre and are looking forward to our Christmas meal at The Apple Cart in December. We have entertainment and crafts booked between now and then to keep everyone on their toes!

On behalf of everyone at the Day Centre we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year and thank you all for your continued support. We are always open to visitors and welcome everyone to pop in for a chat and a coffee so we hope to see you in 2015.

**Vicki Goddard & Gill Robinson, Managers, Sawtry Day Centre**

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



### SAWTRY CHORALE

*Our Christmas programme is complete; our concerts arranged. Come and enjoy an evening of festive music for all ages. We will be singing seasonal favourites as well as modern pieces including:*



- ★ A Medley of Music from 'Frozen'
- ★A Caribbean Noel
- ★The Twelve days of Christmas
- ★Do You Hear What I Hear?
- ★When a Child is Born
- ★Jingle Bells
- ★Silent Night (a new arrangement by our Musical Director Joanna Goldspink)

*We will also be joining with the audience in singing some favourite carols.*

*On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be performing at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton starting at 8.00pm with proceeds going to Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club charity funds. Tickets cost £6 from Watsons, High Street, Kimbolton or contact: zeldagunn@aol.com or 01480 869124*

*On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December come and see us at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Sawtry where proceeds will go to the church funds. Tickets will be available on the door or, for advance booking, contact 01487 831260 / 831055. Price £6.50.*

*After the concerts the choir will be taking a well-earned break. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January we will start rehearsing for our summer concerts. If you think you might like to try singing in a friendly, welcoming group this is an ideal time. Come along to the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry at 7.45pm. We will be pleased to see you. All of our details can be found on our website.*

*Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year . May there always be music in your life.*

**Hazel Rea**

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



### SAWTRY FOOD BANK....COMING SOON!

Plans are well in hand for a pilot food bank to start in Sawtry in January. This will be run in partnership with All Saints', St Benedict's, Sawtry Methodist Church and CARESCO working alongside the folk at the Godmanchester Food Bank who will be mentoring the scheme under the guidelines of the Trussell Trust.

Food banks have appeared all over the country in recent years and sadly there is now a proven need of this facility locally. These banks provide emergency food parcels to people who have been identified by official agencies as having a short-term need for support. This can be for a variety of reasons and experience shows that around 25% of those using banks are in employment!

The hope is to run the Sawtry Food Bank twice a week on Tuesdays & Fridays 3.30 – 6pm from the CARESCO Centre starting on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**.

There will be collection points for food donations at all three churches, the Co-op and the CARESCO Centre. The food will then be taken to the Godmanchester bank and exchanged for ready-made nutritionally balanced food parcels, thanks to the team based there, to be distributed as needed in Sawtry. All donations will be gratefully received so please pop something extra into your shopping trolley for the foodbank collection.

**For more information please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 830345  
or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)**



## THE MULBERRIES (7)

### Road Names on the New Gidding Road Development, Sawtry

The names for this estate were chosen by the Developers from the Sawtry War Memorial and approved by the District Council: Rowell Way, Richardson Drive, Parker Crescent, Hodson Court, Woppard Walk and Stapleton Close. Here we continue to bring you some of the background to those men and the service they gave to their country during the two World Wars (to read earlier articles, you can download previous issues of the Eye by visiting [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk))



#### STAPLETON CLOSE

**Stapleton J Pte.** — James Stapleton appears to have been a regular soldier from about 1907 and served in Bermuda and Jamaica in 1911. He was born in 1888 the illegitimate son of Martha Minnie Stapleton of Sawtry, she later married Benjamin Doughty and had 2 children. James appears to have lived with his Grandmother for some time.

James was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment when on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1917 they reached the Front line, Cyril Section Road, having dug in and connected up the shell holes in a position from 200yds to 500yds from the enemy the relief was complete at 2.30am. On the 18<sup>th</sup> April a defence scheme was drawn up. 19<sup>th</sup> April saw heavy enemy shelling of the communication routes. James was killed in action on this date.

It is worth remembering that animals were used extensively in WW1 for lots of different purposes and in this action five pack animals were killed. The Battalion was later relieved by the Cheshire Regiment. James is commemorated on Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

To be continued.....

**Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell, Sawtry History Society**

## SAWTRY W.I. REPORT SEPT – Nov. 2014



If you happened to be walking past the W.I. Hall one particular evening in September you may have wondered if the hall was undergoing a major overhaul. But no, it was ladies using wooden boards and hammers – flower pounding. This involved laying flowers and leaves on fabric and then hammering - good way to relieve any stresses! We had some very good results, some of the prints were lovely, others (like mine) not so. There were mixed opinions on this one, some loved it, some found the noise a bit overwhelming.

In October Dr David Wilkinson from 'WATERAID' presented a slide show and film about the valuable work this charity does. We take for granted our right to good clean water at the turn of a tap. As we know this is not so in many parts of the world. WATERAID provide help for local people to locate fresh water, then build and maintain simple pumps to extract it. This is helping to prevent the many illnesses contracted by drinking contaminated water from dirty rivers and streams. The women and children in particular are benefited by these schemes as it is usually they who have the task of walking many miles carrying heavy pots of water to their families. Being able to draw water in their own village frees up valuable time, so the children can attend school and the women find work.

November and the month of our AGM. Once business was completed we had a light-hearted quiz. Our speakers 'Riverford Organics' had cancelled as they were experiencing staffing problems. Hopefully Members still enjoyed the evening, as usual we had many light-hearted moments so it wasn't all serious stuff!

We are looking forward to our December meeting when we have Sue Cadman of Roly Poly fame, come to speak (who can forget their dance routines in the Les Dawson shows?).

You will see under our other notices that we are preparing for our Christmas Bazaar on the 6<sup>th</sup> December we do hope that you can come along have a homemade mince pie and a cuppa and grab yourself a bargain.

**Maureen Westbrook (still half a President)**

## BURGLARY WARNING FOLLOWING A SPATE OF BREAK-INS

POLICE are encouraging people to use the online interactive house to help protect their property following a series of burglaries across the county. There have been a number of break-ins throughout Cambridgeshire in the past couple of weeks and police are encouraging people to be vigilant.

Detective Inspector Dave Steward said: "Burglars will look for any insecurities in your property so residents need to take steps to prevent themselves becoming a victim. We have a great deal of crime prevention information on our website, including the interactive house, which we urge everyone to look at to get the best possible advice. I would also urge anyone who sees anything unusual or suspicious in their neighbourhood, to call the police on 101."

For more information on how to secure your home visit the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website [www.cambs.police.uk/GetCloser/Burglary](http://www.cambs.police.uk/GetCloser/Burglary)

**Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously on 0800 555 111.**

# WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



## Flu Vaccinations

Patients falling within the following at risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Diabetes
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Chronic heart disease
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Chronic liver disease
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- Chronic neurological disease
- 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 fall into one of the above categories, and would like a vaccination, please contact our Reception Team on 01487 830340.

We are also participating in the national programme to offer the flu vaccination to all children who were be aged 2, 3 or 4 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. We are in the process of writing to invite this group of patients to attend.

## Friends and Family Test

As of 1<sup>st</sup> December all general practices will be conducting the NHS Friends and Family Test. This is a way of gathering your feedback so that we can continually review our service. The test is based on one question – How likely are you to recommend our GP practice to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment? You will also have the opportunity to tell us the main reason for selecting your answer. All of our patients are welcome to answer this question and you can do so as frequently as you wish. Response cards will be available in our waiting room and there will be the opportunity to participate online via our website.

## Online Repeat Prescription Requests

In order to meet new contractual requirements we will need to introduce a new online system for patients to use to request repeat prescriptions early in the New Year. In order to sign up, patients will need to complete a registration form and may be required to provide documentation to verify identity. Registration forms will be made available in the waiting room in due course and an electronic copy will also be available to download from our website. Once complete, you will need to hand your form in personally at reception and provide identification if requested.

We anticipate the new system being operational from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The existing system will remain operational alongside the new system until the end of February in order to give patients plenty of time to register for the new system.

## Christmas and New Year Opening Time

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Open as usual	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Open as usual (evening surgery)	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual (evening surgery)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open as usual
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Open as usual
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Friday 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**

**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.

## EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Do you feel lonely or isolated in your own home?

Or know someone who is?

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

Our new Good Neighbours scheme is beginning to get off the ground as our first group of volunteer befrienders are ready to start visiting their new friend. All befrienders will be DBS (CRB) checked before they are able to start.

If you would like to know more about becoming a befriender, or would like someone to pop in regularly for a chat and a cuppa, please contact Emma on the number below.

**Emma Byrne** - Good Neighbour Co-ordinator

Email: [gns@caresco.org.uk](mailto:gns@caresco.org.uk) or call 07840 015969



## CARESCO ADOPTS BRA RECYCLING FOR BREAST CANCER CHARITY

**CARESCO** is joining the Against Breast Cancer bra recycling scheme that benefits women everywhere by providing an eye-catching pink bra bank in the Sawtry-based charity shop where unwanted bras can be deposited.

Recycling bras prevents them from being dumped into UK landfills each year and Against Breast Cancer recover £1000 from every tonne donated. The scheme directs textiles to Africa where they help create local commerce and the scheme is also helping to create jobs in the UK.

The aim is to support another charity by providing a point of collection in our own charity shop while also helping the environment and reduce landfill. Our customers already generously support us by donating their unwanted items to the shop which all helps to raise vital funds to support the range of CARESCO services available to our local community. The bra bank is just one way we can encourage people into also supporting another worthwhile charity.

Funds received from the scheme are put to work by Against Breast Cancer to support the research they are conducting into breast cancer, now affecting 1 in 8 women in the UK.

**Anyone wishing to find a local bra bank or who wants to use the postal recycling scheme for bras, mobile phones, ink cartridges can go to [www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk](http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk) for further information or call Emma at Against Breast Cancer on 01235 534211.**

## REPORT FROM CLLR DARREN TYSOE

I am writing this update in November 2014, the day after the November Sawtry Parish Council Meeting. The main news item was the planning application for 80 homes at Glebe Farm, land east of Gidding Road. Many residents have written to the District Council to object. I spoke against the application, as did your other elected representatives. The Parish Council recommended refusal, with the final decision to be held at the District Council's Development Management Panel in the near future – possibly as soon as this December. Among the reasons put forward for refusing the application were the need to assess the full impact of the Mulberries development on the village's infrastructure before extending housing further up Gidding Road; and the key issue of further flooding in the village if the application went ahead.

The other large planning application was a detailed application for 43 homes at St Andrews Way, Sawtry. All of your elected representatives spoke against this application. As well as flood risk, the issues with this site included its poor design, problems with access on St Andrews Way, safety concerns around balancing ponds, noise from the A1; as well as spoiling one of the remaining rural spots in the village. The District Council agreed to defer this item until the Middle Level Draining Board had responded to the level of flood risk and mitigation. They have since written to the District Council to repeat their opposition to the application on both the Middle Level Commissioners behalf and on behalf of the Sawtry Internal Drainage Board. There was also a strong feeling that the Local Plan for Huntingdonshire should be fully adopted before considering large applications in a piecemeal way. It does seem that Sawtry has been under renewed pressure lately with these planning applications. This could be as the Local Plan will be delayed for nearly a year so developers are pressing ahead with their plans. Residents and elected councillors have been united in their opposition to the developments citing clear justifications for refusing them. This includes the pressure on the schools, roads, the surgery, the urbanisation of the village as well as the very real risk of serious flooding.

### Councillor Darren Tysoe

Member for Sawtry and Executive Councillor for Operations and the Environment, Huntingdonshire District Council

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## RAF WYTON BAND RETURNS FOR PROMS

The RAF Wyton band returns to Sawtry on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February for a lively concert of music for the Sawtry "Last Night of the Proms". The concert is in aid of CARESCO and will be held at Sawtry Community College.

Led by bandmaster Graham Sheldon, the band will give a concert of military and popular music....accompanied of course by Graham's impromptu remarks and jokes, and his playing of the popular "Post Horn Gallop".

There will be a bar and raffle.

**Tickets are £10 from the CARESCO office, Green End Road, Sawtry and can be reserved now. Call in during office hours (9-12 noon weekdays), phone 01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk).**



### Festive Facts



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

## JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Christmas is a time for entertaining, which means we all have more waste to dispose of during the holiday season. In Huntingdonshire, we are fortunate to be able to recycle a wide range of materials within the wheelie bins or clear sacks, which helps us all to recycle more this Christmas.

Collections of all waste types will continue throughout the festive period, but your day of collection will change for a few weeks. Please be aware that you can download your collection calendar from [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins) which will clearly show these changes, or check the table below:

Day	Revised Day of Collection
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

Glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and foil, jam jar lids, envelopes, junk mail and flyers, biscuit and sweet tins, plastics including bottles, pots, tubs and trays, newspapers and magazines, milk and juice cartons, cardboard and packaging card and after the twelfth night your Christmas cards! Are all accepted as part of your **recycling collection**.

As part of your **Green waste collection** garden and food waste, including all cooked and uncooked food and bones are accepted. If you have a real Christmas tree, remember to put this alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop in half.

The **Household Recycling Centre** in Alconbury collects a range of materials for recycling, including electrical goods, batteries, glass bottles and much more. Find out what materials are collected at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

There are **textile banks** dotted around the district for your unwanted clothes and shoes. Good quality or not, nothing is wasted.

*'We're Dreaming of a Green Christmas' this year so join us by giving some of these top tips a try*

- If you're having a party, recycle all the glass bottles, drinks cans and plastic bottles within your recycling bin.
- When you're unwrapping your gifts think about keeping the wrapping paper and cards to use as next year's paper and gift tags.
- Charities, schools and hospitals will be grateful of unwanted or duplicate gifts.
- Home compost all your fruit and vegetable peelings to create compost for your garden.
- Use Christmas leftovers to make other dishes like turkey curry. Find leftover recipes at [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)
- Give rechargeable batteries with Christmas presents to reduce waste from single life batteries.
- Instead of buying Christmas decorations try making your own from everyday household items
- If you have an artificial tree, pack it away carefully so that it can be used again next year.

## Update from Cambs County Council

It has been a busy few months at Cambridgeshire County Council and we are facing some very serious and challenging decisions going forward. Next year Cambridgeshire County Council has to save £32.6 million after having saved around £70 million over the last two years and £31 million this year. This makes to some very uncomfortable choices for Members over all the services going forward.

Which leads me into the discussions of the new development proposals in the village at St Andrews Way and Glebe Farm. Given we are making these savings/cuts call it what you like, it is clear to me that the pressures on amenities, County Council services, School places, social care teams, infrastructure (drainage) is now close to the maximum. I see these proposals to build more houses as a senseless money grabbing opportunity by developers from our cash strapped and under resourced councils. Until we have a better infrastructure and stabilised local services I want to reassure residents that I am objecting to these new building proposals in the village. Albeit it will be a District Council Planning decision that makes the final choice. Please write to your local HDC planning officer to raise your objections. Sitting back and complaining after the event won't help anyone.

I have been busy working with the Children and Young People Committee at the County Council and I am currently working on the Cambridgeshire Child Poverty Strategy. It is suggested that there are in the region of 16,000 children living under the poverty line within Cambridgeshire and we need to get all partners and stakeholders working together to get this down.

As a Member of the Fire Authority and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny committee I have been working on various papers which include examination of the costs and designs to the New Parkside Fire Station in Cambridge. I have also explored the resilience of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) during the recent national Strike action. I'm pleased to say that CFRS is a very professional organisation doing what appears to be a great job. It's at this point that I would also like to praise our local retained firefighters in Sawtry for their dedication and self-sacrifices.

Having served in the Marines many years ago I attended the Remembrance parade in the village to commemorate our fallen heroes. It was a fantastic turnout on a beautiful sunny morning. I would like to thank everyone involved but I would especially like to thank Mr Alan Fowler who is stepping down this year in his role at the Royal British Legion (RBL). Alan has worked tirelessly for the RBL and I want to thank him publicly for all his hard work.

I'm very sorry for the depressing opening to my article. Personally I would just like to encourage you all to volunteer, support our local charities and businesses in Sawtry because the reality is that services won't be as good as they perhaps used to be. We have great people in this village and without you Sawtry wouldn't be the same.

I will continue to help residents with any Cambridgeshire County Council issues that you might have so please don't hesitate to contact me. I don't profess to have all the solutions but I will be willing to do my best to help you.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas

**County Councillor Simon Bywater**

**07984 637553 / 01487 831079**

### Festive Facts



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

### SAWTRY IN BLOOM

The autumn work and planting has been taking place over the past few weeks. All the village sign sites and planters have been re-furbished and prepared for the winter.

Although we do not enter the Anglia in Bloom competition any more we like to think we have maintained a reasonable standard in trying to keep the village areas looking colourful, neat and tidy for all to enjoy. Thank you to Sheila Harland and Susan Rayson for their time and efforts throughout the year. Also again a big thank you to Ivy Hill for her kind regular donations of bulbs and plants, along with caretakers Alan and Steve from the Parish Council.

It was very pleasing to see the comments in the last issue of the Eye, thanking the team for their efforts. Also during our time out and around the village some people came up and thanked the team personally.

One negative however, was that only three weeks after being re planted, and for the second time, someone saw fit to "remove" the miniature conifer tree from the sign planter in St Andrews Way.

Please do not do this, whoever you are, if you are in need of a shrub or plant and really can't afford to buy one, please contact me and I will gladly give you one free of charge.

**Mick Rayson, Sawtry in Bloom team**



## **SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH**

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX  
**Rev Katy Dunn - Tel 01480 830314**  
**Sunday Services**  
Morning Worship at 10.30am  
Sunday School at 10.30am

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

- All Age Worship**  
14<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am  
Led by the Youth Fellowship
- Carols by Candlelight**  
21<sup>st</sup> December – 6.00pm
- Christmas Day**  
United Service at All Saints – 10.30am
- Covenant Service**  
4<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am  
Led by Rev Katy Dunn
- All Age Worship**  
18<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am  
Led by Pauline Zahner

**Come and join us**

### **MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP**

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all

**1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

### **SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

**9.30 – 11 am**

including Cake Stall

In aid of Building Project Phase 2.

## **St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry**

**Sunday Mass: 9.15am**

**Women's Institute Hall**

**Gidding Road, Sawtry.**

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

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

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

Parish Priest: Fr John Minh  
01733 370877

**Email:** [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk)

## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry  
[www.all saintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.all saintssawtry.org.uk)

### SERVICES

December			January 2015		
7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Christingle Service		10.30am	All Age Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	All-age Nativity Service	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Communion for Christmas			
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	United Christmas worship			
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Carols for All			

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at the Rectory on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Entrance is £2 which includes refreshments. There will be Raffle and a Bring and Buy stall.

### CONCERT BY THE SAWTRY CHORALE

All Saints Church is hosting a concert of Christmas music by the Sawtry Chorale on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.50, available from Isolde (831260) or Sue (831055), or the Sawtry Chorale – or contact the Rector on 830215.

### WINTER QUIZ NIGHT

All Saints is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Old School Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 include food; please bring your own drink and glasses. Raffle.

### MESSY CHURCH

There will be no Messy Church in December. Messy Church will resume in January, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 4.30—6.30pm.



### ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

After school Adventurers Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 13<sup>th</sup> January, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. Discoverers (years 3-6) will meet on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6—7.30pm in church.

### SATURDAY OPENING

All Saints is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, for space to pray, or enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

### CHURCH NEWS

Would you like to know more about what's happening at All Saints' Sawtry and St Nicholas, Glatton? *Church News* is delivered each month, and includes details of church services and events, exploration of topical concerns, news from the Church of England, and a page for children. An annual subscription is £4.50, collected early in the year. If you would like to start having the magazine delivered, from January 2015, please contact the distribution organiser for Sawtry, Gill Bradley (830448) – or for Glatton, Gillian and Joan Denton (830268).

### **FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR**

**Contact Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 or [wardrosie@btinternet.com](mailto:wardrosie@btinternet.com) with any general enquiries or enquiries about baptisms or weddings, if you would like a visit, you have any questions about the Christian faith, or to ask for prayer.**

## 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

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## 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

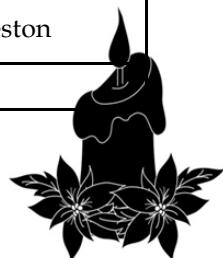
Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

### 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 NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### December

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	St Nicholas Day Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
21 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Family Carol Service by Candlelight
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 pm	Christmas Eve - Midnight Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Christmas Day United Service (@ All Saints)

#### January 2015

4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion

### Christmas Services and Carol Singing

Please join us over Christmas at one of the many and varied Christmas services listed above. We will be singing carols around the Village on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at 7.00 pm at St Georges.

### New Year Lunch

A New Year Lunch will be held on 4 January 2015 in the Glatton Village Hall starting after the 11.00 am Morning Service. Tickets can be obtained from the PCC members at £10 a ticket.

### Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 17th December and 21st January 2015 in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:

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

See Glatton website for more information: [www.glatton.org.uk](http://www.glatton.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

What sort of present do you enjoy getting- one you expect, or a surprise? Nowadays we often ask people what they'd like; children make Christmas lists, or we say 'Here's the money, get yourself something you want'.

Of course, that way we avoid a lot of blunders - the unwearable Christmas jumper, a garment chosen by a relative whose tastes you really don't share!

On the other hand, perhaps we've lost some of the magic of Christmas. The unexpected present is rarer than it used to be. Most of us love it when someone has gone to the trouble of thinking of what we really would like. It's a lot of fun to get a gift that's a total – but pleasant - surprise.

God is very good at surprises. He's the past master of producing the unexpected. The beauty of a rainbow in a grey sky; a flock of birds suddenly wheeling and soaring above us or seeing that first snowdrop pushing up through the cold soil. The list is endless, and full of delight.

And, at Christmas, he sent the greatest surprise of all..... a baby born in a stable who would change the world.

Everyone is welcome at any or all of the church services detailed in this issue - we look forward to seeing you!

**Katy Dunn, Methodist Minister**

## IT'S A WINNER!



Divine, the only Fairtrade chocolate company in the world to be 45% owned by the farmers who supply its cocoa, is celebrating after its Milk Chocolate with Toffee & Sea Salt was named as the UK's Favourite Fairtrade Product at a reception held to mark 20 years of Fairtrade in the UK.

One person summed up its appeal as, "tastes good, feels good, does good." But for one fan, Divine's Milk Chocolate with Toffee & Sea Salt is almost too good. "Can't eat just one square. It's the whole bar every time actually," he said.

Members of the public nominated their favourite Fairtrade product for the award, with big-name global brands, supermarket own-label goods, and products consumed out of home all getting votes. But the public reserved most support for 'Fair Trade Organisations' – ethical companies such as Divine, that were created with the purpose of making trade fairer and whose products are 100% Fairtrade.

Fairtrade benefits 1.4m farmers and workers in more than 70 developing countries, by ensuring they receive a fair, stable price for their produce, better working conditions, and a Fairtrade Premium that can be invested as they choose, in their business or in projects to benefit their community, such as classrooms, clinics, clean drinking water or climate adaptation programmes. In 2013, UK shoppers bought an estimated £1.7bn of Fairtrade products, which resulted in over £26m of Fairtrade Premiums being paid to producers.

Twenty years ago, there were just three products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark: Green & Black's Maya Gold chocolate, Cafedirect medium roast coffee, and Clipper tea. Today, the FAIRTRADE Mark is the most widely-known ethical label in the world and UK shoppers can choose from over 4,500 Fairtrade products including tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate, bananas, sugar, cotton, gold, cut flowers, wine and cosmetics.

**Look for the FAIRTRADE Mark on your shopping. It's your guarantee that disadvantaged farmers and workers in the developing world are getting a better deal.**

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

## FRESH WARNING OVER HOAX POLICE CALL SCAM

POLICE have renewed a warning over fraudsters posing as police officers following more calls. FOUR women from Huntingdonshire were the latest victims after they were targeted in early November.

They were all called by men claiming to be police officers from Hammersmith and Croydon police stations. One victim was told that a male in custody had given their address and another reported that she was asked to give her card details over, as they had been cloned.

After becoming suspicious a victim contacted the Metropolitan Police, who confirmed that the name and collar number did not exist.

In all cases no money has been taken from the victims accounts.

Never give any bank cards, cash or valuables to anyone at the door or on the phone, even if they say they are from your bank or the police. The fraudsters can be very persuasive and often victims don't realise they have been scammed, always make sure you have ended the call before dialling 999.

To report an incident in action always call 999, if it is after the event call Action Fraud on 0300 1232040.

## The Garden Month by Month

**My plant for December:** *Phalaenopsis*. Moth orchid. *epiphytic* orchid. A very beautiful Orchid indeed with its impressive moth shaped flowers, large leathery leafs and what's more it's an easy orchid to grow too. It needs little care and attention, **N.B** All orchids hate to be over watered especially with cold water. Give them a bright spot not in direct sun at c. 65f. Special orchid compost must be used. In my experience it is best to feel the weight of the pot before watering again as the surface of this particular compost will be and look dry! Feed with orchid fertilizer. **Tip:** Do not cut out the flowering stem, as new stems with more buds will emerge. Just remove any browned stems back between two nodes (swellings on the stem).

**Jobs of the month:** - Prune Grapes, apples & pears this month. Plant deciduous trees when weather permits. Bring in prepared potted bulbs for indoor flowering. Service petrol mowers, clean tools for next year.

**My plant for January.** *Lonicera fragrantissima x purpusii*. Hardy. D. Shrub. Origin. N.

**Hemisphere. Sprawling habit.** My shrub exudes its beautiful but slightly spicy scent in early winter. I bring some indoors for the Christmas table. It has one of the most intense fragrances in the garden in winter and carries in the air on a warm day. It's an easy plant to manage, only prune to keep in bounds or to prune out old flowering wood as this shrub loves to sprawl.

**Jobs of the month:** - If any paths and walk ways are iced over they will become slippery and dangerous, sprinkle them with sand, use sharp sand this can easily be brushed up later and used for parts of the garden that are poorly drained also remove any moss or algae too.

**The Gardener**



JustGiving has recently revealed the top ten most generous towns in the UK. We weren't surprised to hear that top of the list are Bedford and Cambridge, donating over £2.5million between them!

Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire make up half of the area covered by East Anglian Air Ambulance; we also carry out our lifesaving emergency medical work in Norfolk and Suffolk.

EAAA receives no direct government funding, so the £7.6million needed to run our service this year comes directly from charitable donations and the local people who generously support us.

There are lots of ways you can donate to EAAA, the simplest of those is by using our text to donate numbers. If you would like to make a text donation, Text EAAA to 70300 to donate £3 or Text HELI to 70500 to donate £5.

However, it isn't just financially that you can support us, many people choose to donate their time instead. We greatly appreciate all the time that our volunteers give up for EAAA, without them our work would not be possible.

Trevor and Bridget Crow, from Cambridge, have been volunteering for the charity for 6 years. Trevor said: 'We are both in our 70s and volunteering for EAAA keeps us active and gives us something to do in our retirement'

'We have been to some fantastic events including the Duxford Air Show where we worked at the EAAA merchandise stall. It has been a great opportunity to meet some new people and visit different places. We have found some lovely pubs!'

If volunteering is not for you and you would like a quick way to help the charity, why not follow us on Facebook and Twitter?

Together, we save lives.

**For more information please visit [www.eaaa.org.uk](http://www.eaaa.org.uk) or call 08450 669 999**

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### DO YOU WATCH FREEVIEW TV (TELEVISION THROUGH AN AERIAL)?

The arrival of Fourth Generation (4G) mobile phone services in the Huntingdonshire area may cause problems with Freeview TV services, leading to a loss of sound, blocky images, or loss of some or all TV channels.

Only people watching Freeview TV will be affected while those who watch TV via cable or satellite are unlikely to experience any problems.

at800 is the organisation that has been set up to help overcome any problems and may have already sent a postcard to those households which may be affected, warning viewers that Freeview TV reception could be disrupted. Some of these households may be entitled to receive an at800 filter - free of charge.

The at800 filters make the TV less sensitive to 4G transmissions and enable viewers to carry on watching Freeview as normal. They are relatively small, need no batteries or external power supply, and will normally plug into the lead between the TV and the aerial. Each type of at800 filter has been tested to ensure it works correctly in the UK and all come with instructions on how to fit them.

To enable viewers to find out what support is available and how to access help, at800 have set up a **Contact Centre**. To get in touch, viewers should call

- a) **0333 31 31 800** (Calls from landlines and mobiles are included in free call packages and inclusive minutes. Outside of call packages, calls from landlines are typically charged between 2p and 10p per minute and calls from mobiles typically cost between 10p and 40p per minute).

Or

- b) **0808 13 13 800** (Free from landlines. Calls from mobiles vary in cost - check with your provider).

**For more information, please visit [www.at800.tv](http://www.at800.tv)**

### Festive Facts



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

### Carols Under the Christmas Trees

In front of the Old School Hall,

Green End Road, Sawtry

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies





## Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

The Wildlife Trust will present a miscellany of two short talks plus a light-hearted wildlife quiz. Amy Robinson, who is the Wildlife Trust's Ouse Valley Education and Community Officer, will start with 'The Hidden Wonders of Godmanchester Reserve'. Our chairman, Pat Doody, will then summarise the results of this year's Brampton Biodiversity project.

We are also introducing a quiz for this Christmas edition, plus the usual raffle, wine and mince pies.

### HEDGEHOGS

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Natasha Ennew, who has many years' experience in caring for hedgehogs, is the Manager of Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital, which is a leading centre for the rescue, rehabilitation and release of hedgehogs. Natasha will tell us about the curious habits and lifestyle of these shy animals, and advise on what can be done to halt the alarming decline in their numbers over recent years.

Meetings are at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Anyone interested in wildlife is welcome to attend. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free.

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

Registered Charity No: 1000412



### SAWTRY COLTS

Now the fireworks are over it's time for football to get back on Greenfield, weather permitting, as it was a familiar story of waterlogged pitches in the middle of November as I write this.

The newest Colts team, the Under 7s (U7s), as is normally the case at this age group have some mixed results. A few big losses interspersed with a few big wins - at least one of those wins was when they played for the first time in their new kit, sponsored by GB Heating and Plumbing, when they defeated Warboys 9-2.

The U9 Blues two matches yielded a 2-2 draw with Huntingdon and a hard-fought 3-2 win against St Ives. The U10 Yellows have 4 wins and 2 defeats of late, beating Gransden, Brampton and Alconbury in the League and Offord in the Cup. The U11s have recorded 2 wins, 3 defeats and a draw in their recent matches. They are yet to win at home so not quite fortress Greenfield at the moment then.

The U12s are currently unbeaten in the league winning their first 3 matches by 7-1, 4-2 and 13-0 margins so far. Their only blip came when they lost 7-2 in the cup to Huntingdon although, as they currently sit top of the U12 league with 6 wins out of 6 that result is none too shabby. The U13s are another team with mixed results. They currently sit just below mid table with 2 wins, a draw and 4 defeats to their name.

The U14s Blues after promotion are finding things a little tougher this season. They have registered just the one win from their games but have already played the top two so let's hope they can pick up a few more wins to move up that table. The U14 Yellows after an opening day victory have only managed to claim the three points once more so far this with a convincing 3-0 win against Godmanchester. Four defeats have left them in the lower half of the table.

The U14 Girls have only played 3 league matches to date, a win away to Swavesey, and two defeats to current league leaders Estover. An excellent 6-2 away win in the cup at Newmarket means they are into the quarter-finals of the cup.

The U18s have had a promising start to the season with only the one league defeat from 6 matches to date, going down narrowly to Werrington despite being 1-0 up at half-time. They are also progressing well in the cup and are through to the quarter finals.

The U18 Girls have played two league matches, both defeats but had a fantastic 2-1 win, away in the cup at Estover, where the girls never gave up and came back to claim victory with 2 goals in the last 10 minutes. With their opponents pulling out the league they now find themselves in the semi-final of the cup.

Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this winter as the last two winters have meant many teams had 5 or 6 weeks of no football, be it frost-ridden or sodden pitches.

Have a great festive period, catch you in the New Year.

Brian Craig

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

# SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

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

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

## Recent Results

### 1st Team

Sept 20	League Premier Division	Sawtry	1 – 1	Pinchbeck Utd
27	League Premier Division	Sawtry	3 – 7	Thorney
October 4	League Premier Division	Uppingham Town	3 – 5	Sawtry
11	League Premier Division	Sawtry	2 – 0	P'boro ICA Sports
18	PFA Senior Cup	Sawtry	0 – 1	Oakham Utd
25	Hunts Intermediate Cup	Brampton	3 – 2	Sawtry
November 8	League Premier Division	Holbeach Utd Res	4 – 3	Sawtry
15	League Premier Division	Sawtry	6 – 2	Deeping Rangers Res

### Reserves

Sept 20	League Division 2	Netherton Utd 'A'	2 – 1	Sawtry Res
27	League Division 2	P'boro ICA Sports Res	6 – 1	Sawtry Res
October 4	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	1 – 5	Stamford Belvedere
11	League Division 2	Thorney Res	1 – 1	Sawtry Res
18	League Division 2	Spalding Utd Res	6 – 4	Sawtry Res
25	PFA Challenge Cup	Coates Athletic Res	4 – 1	Sawtry Res
November 1	Hunts Junior Cup	Sawtry Res	0 – 5	St Ives Rangers
8	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	8 – 0	Guyhirn
15	League Division 2	Ketton Res	2 – 1	Sawtry Res

### 'A'

Sept 20	League Division 5	Parkside 'A'	2 -11	Sawtry 'A'
27	League Division 5	Whaplode Drove	3 - 2	Sawtry 'A'
October 4	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	4 - 1	Holbeach Utd 'A'
11	League Division 5	Holbeach Utd 'A'	2 - 2	Sawtry 'A'
18	League Division 5	Parkway Eagles Res	3 - 1	Sawtry 'A'
25	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	6 - 1	Coates Athletic 'C'
November 1	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	2 - 2	AFC Stanground Res
8	League Division 5	Sawtry 'A'	0 - 6	FC Peterborough

### Ladies

Sept 21	Championship South	Cambridge Rangers	4 - 1	Sawtry Ladies
28	Championship South	Little Paxton Ladies	3 - 1	Sawtry Ladies
October 5	Championship South	Sawtry Ladies	6 - 1	Cambridge Rangers
12	Championship South	Little Paxton Ladies	2 - 2	Sawtry ladies
19	Championship South	Milton Ladies	0 - 1	Sawtry Ladies
26	Championship South	Sawtry Ladies	A - A	March Town Utd Ladies
November 2	S-Tech League Cup	Riverside Rovers Ladies	13- 1	Sawtry Ladies

### Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

November 29	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	v	Peterborough Sports 'A'
	League Shield	Sawtry 'A'	v	Eye Utd
30	Championship South	Sawtry Ladies	v	Little Paxton Ladies
December 6	League Premier Division	Sawtry	v	Coates Athletic
7	Championship South	Sawtry Ladies	v	Milton Ladies
14	Championship South	Sawtry Ladies	v	March Town Utd Ladies

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

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

**Richard Patchett, Chairman**

Sawtry Eye Dec 14 - Jan 15

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Now that the bowling season is finished it was so good to see so many people, members and social members at our winter events. Our bingo, race night, and quiz night were very successful. The presentation evening was also well attended and it was good to remind ourselves how well the Club had done at County and National level. Mr Jim Hatton's family presented a cup in his memory for the Club's Men's 4 wood Champion.

The A.G.M. was well attended on 20<sup>th</sup> November and Mick Rayson has kindly remained as Secretary but with some members taking over some of his duties, we hope this arrangement will work well. Mr K. Bowers is the new Club Chairman and Mrs S. Deller is our new President we wish them a successful year.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bingo	7.30pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and draw. Please contact Mr K. Bowers 01487 832854 for reservations.	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Drinks	7.30pm

### Contacts

**Mick Rayson - Tel No 01487 830720**  
**or Maureen Urwin - Tel No 01487 830193**



## TANG SOO DO KARATE AND KICKBOXING

Members of the Dragon Black Belt Academy International and the European Tang Soo Do Federation  
**Sawtry Sunday Classes**

Family Martial Arts Classes 10.00am – 10.45am Sundays

Advanced Martial Arts made simple for everyone 10.00am – 11.30am Sundays

Advanced Stretching for all sports 11.30am – 12.00pm Sundays

New Yoga class is now running on Tuesday 11.30am – 12.30pm all welcome

### New Promotions

Andy Brock and Rachel Frame passed their next belt – well done!

### Events and local seminars

Christmas Championships 14th December

**Instructor Grandmaster Mark Adlington,**

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

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

**Facebook "Mark Adlington"**



### Festive Facts

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



## SAWTRY BADMINTON CLUB

Are looking for players to join them

On Wednesday evenings - **At Sawtry One Leisure**

From 8.00pm to 10.00pm



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