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## FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 15 December

2.30 - 4pm



At Sawtry WI Hall,  
Gidding Road,  
Sawtry PE28 5TS

Entry by ticket only - £4.50

**Sandwiches, Mince Pies, Cakes  
Coffee, Tea, Crafts, Books & Raffle**

Everyone Welcome

Contact Ann Martin on 01487 830442

*Raising funds for our WI Hall*

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229016

## SAWTRY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**All Saints Church  
Church Causeway  
Sawtry PE28 5TD**

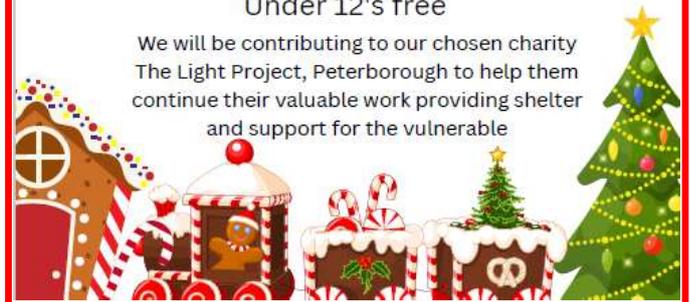
**FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022**

**7:30 PM**

**Mulled wine, Mince Pies & Raffle available at  
the interval**

Tickets £10 available on the door  
or from 07870 248897  
Under 12's free

We will be contributing to our chosen charity  
The Light Project, Peterborough to help them  
continue their valuable work providing shelter  
and support for the vulnerable



## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN



### 5K FUN RUN SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

- \* £10 entry including a Santa suit, mince pies & mulled wine!
- \* 10am start from The Greystones (*The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST*) to run / walk around the village
- \* Under 16s free, including a Santa suit
- \* All proceeds go to CARESCO

[sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/santa](http://sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/santa)

## SAWTRY VILLAGE CAROLS

**Monday 12 December  
Starting at 6.00pm**

Come and join us  
by the village Christmas tree  
on The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

***All are welcome  
please be aware of the traffic***

Followed by refreshments at Greystones  
*with thanks to Jimmy & Lisa Goff  
and Sawtry Co-operative Food Store*

***Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council  
For information call 01487 831771***

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

**WISHING ALL OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2023**

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***ADVERTISE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT HERE***

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to [sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk) with the subject 'Make a Date' or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours). We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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Please check with the individual group concerned.



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*Providing transport for local people*

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Bookings are accepted at the discretion of the volunteer Co-ordinator and are dependent upon the availability of volunteer drivers. Please give as much notice as possible, the more notice we get the more likely we will be able to accommodate the request.

We are a small team of dedicated volunteers who would welcome some extra drivers who can be available weekdays and have access to a reliable car.

For more information, please call

**07810 476979**



**CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET**

On sale now

**£1.00 PER COPY**

Available from the CARESCO Charity Shop and the CARESCO Centre

All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO

**Prize: Hamper of Goodies**

Closing date: Friday 20 January



The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5UX  
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Cambs PE28 5UX

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# Welcome...

It seems so long since we had a 'normal' Christmas thanks to the pandemic, but hopefully this year we can fully enjoy the Season once again.

We've details in this issue of lots of local activities to help get you into the mood. However, we are also bearing in mind the current economic challenges we're all facing, so we have some useful information which may be of help as well. This includes the first 'warm spaces' being made available in Sawtry for anyone who wishes to be in a public space for a while and to enjoy the warmth, refreshments and activities on offer (see Sawtry WI on page 10).

With a happy Christmas and healthy New Year to all our readers, advertisers, contributors and our wonderful distribution team from Sawtry Eye.



Be good to each other

**Liz - Co-Editor**

## CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

On 3 December 1982 at an open public meeting in Sawtry a group of proactive residents agreed to form a new organisation called the "Sawtry & District Care and Resource Organisation", AKA CARESCO.

At the end of November the current CARESCO team celebrated the 40th anniversary with some folk who had been involved over the years. Without the energy, enthusiasm and leadership of those who set up the organisation, especially Marjorie Dybeck, CARESCO would not be what it is today.

You can read more about our beginnings and development over the years by visiting the Our Story page on our website, or by calling into the CARESCO Centre and asking for a copy of the 'yellow book', Marjorie's account of those early years and the people who got involved.



Our thanks to anyone who has ever been a part of CARESCO over the years, volunteers, service users, staff, trustees and customers!



For more information please call 01487 832105

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

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES



**Autumn Term 2022**  
End of term 21 December



### Spring Term 2023

**Start of term 4 January**  
*Half Term - 13 to 17 February*  
**End of term 31 March**

### Summer Term 2023

**Start of term 17 April**  
*Half Term - 29 May to 2 June*  
**End of term 19 July**

**NB** Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday dates and may not match those set by Cambridgeshire County Council. Schools have a number of training days available to take in addition at their discretion. Please contact your local school for more details.

Information taken from [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)  
12 & 26 December  
9 & 23 January

### GARDEN WASTE (GREEN) & RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)

(Week Beginning)  
5 & 19 December  
2, 16 & 30 January

To find out your exact dates or for more information visit <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>



Your Kind of Music presents

## 'Stilton in Tune'

I am pleased to report that, despite the current financial situation, we will be continuing with our concerts next year. There is no event in January but we commence our 2023 programme in February, we sincerely hope that you can join us at some time:

**Sunday 4 December** Chris Stanbury

**Sunday 5 February** Tony Stace

**Sunday 5 March** David Harrild

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA  
Finishes around 5pm with 30 minute refreshment break and raffle

Entrance £10 with refreshments included.

### Support live music!

More details will be provided on Facebook pages for the area.

*For further details please contact*  
**Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600**  
*or email [tony.oliver5@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.oliver5@btinternet.com)*



## SOUNDS GOOD

Come and join us for all things musical and the spoken word

We meet on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month,**  
from 1.30 to 3pm  
At the CARESCO Centre

**9 December**  
**13 & 27 January**

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*Please contact the*  
**CARESCO office on 01487 832105**  
*for information*

*There is a charge of £2.00 per session,*  
*refreshments included*



## SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY

### Pre-Loved / Jumble Sale

Proceeds to Sawtry Foodbank

### Thursday 8 December

At the Academy Main Hall  
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

3pm - 6pm

*Clothes for all ages / Shoes / Blankets*

***Come and pick up a bargain!***

***Donations can be left at***  
***our Reception***  
***or Sawtry Academy Leisure***  
***01487 830701***



**Saturday 17 December, 4.00 - 6.00pm**  
**Saturday 21 January, 4.00 - 6.00pm**

At All Saints' Church,  
Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5RD

**Bible themed activities and crafts, story and song, followed by supper.**

**Messy Church is for all ages and families of all shapes and sizes!**

***If under 16, you will need to bring an adult with you***

To find out more, contact Ali Scott  
[childrensministry@allsaintssawtry.org.uk](mailto:childrensministry@allsaintssawtry.org.uk)  
or go to our website  
[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

**Otherwise just turn up!**  
**No charge, but donations welcomed**

***We look forward to seeing you!***

## SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets once a month, on the third Thursday of the month, at the Sawtry Social Club in Gidding Road, 7.30pm start.

The members have a variety and a wide range of different makes and types of cameras.

So if you would like to join us you might have a bridge camera or a small digital or maybe use the camera on your phone, it doesn't matter all are welcome. You must download your images to a USB stick.

If you would like to join us, please email me at sawtrycameraclub@gmail.com and each month you will be sent the subject title for the monthly meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Neville Diss**



## CHATTERBOX

**Drop-in sessions  
for family carers**

A friendly drop-in  
where you can get help.



Chat & relax  
over a cuppa.  
Guest speakers  
& Carers  
Assessments

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
between 2.15 - 4.15pm**

**Come and join us**

**12 December  
9 & 23 January**

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

**For more information email:**

**office@caresco.org.uk  
or call the  
CARESCO Office  
01487 832105**

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## SAWTRY CRAFT BUDDIES

We meet every Thursday evening  
at Sawtry Social Club  
From 7 - 9pm



**\*\* No meeting on 29 December or 5 January \*\***

We are a small social group who love to craft.  
There are hot & cold drinks  
available to buy at the bar  
and excellent lighting for working in

Bring your own craft or just come for a chat



**Any queries please contact  
Karena on 01487 830601**



## CHARITY SANTA RUN

Sunday  
4 December

[sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://sawtrywalktorun.co.uk)



## SAWTRY WI HALL Available for Hire

Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS.

Regular or occasional events welcome

Recently refurbished, accessible,  
clean and bright kitchen, new fridge,  
outdoor space, excellent lighting, Wi-Fi

Capacity 70

**sawtrywihall@gmail.com  
Instagram: Sawtry\_WI\_Hall  
Sawtry WI Hall | Facebook**



## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - ADVENT STUDY

*It's a Wonderful Life* is one of the most popular and heart-warming films ever made. Come along and join us for sessions throughout December (*Sun 4, Mon 5, Mon 12 and Mon 19*) to unpack this classic tale and what it has to do with the birth and life of Jesus.

**A warm welcome to everyone**



## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays  
10 December & 14 January

10.00 till 11.30am

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

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



**For more information  
please contact :**

**Sue Fowler  
01832 293215**



## SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN & TRADITIONAL LINE DANCE CLASSES

This style of dancing is suitable for all ages and fitness-levels, bringing with it physical and mental benefits and is a great way of making new friends.

I am a dance Instructor and Choreographer with 25 years experience and a member of the Best Western Dance Academy.

I run classes for Beginners, Improvers and Intermediates in the Old School Hall, Sawtry and Glatton Village Hall. I organise socials and holidays for my dancers and am available to teach at events.



**Line Dancing**

**For more information contact**

**Julie Gillmore**

**On 07939 070 406**

**Jcgillmore@sky.com**

**Or ask to join**

**Sawtry Steppers on Facebook**

## CARESCO CHRISTMAS BREAK

To give our wonderful teams a well-earned rest over the Christmas period, most of our activities will be closed from Friday 23 December and will reopen from Tuesday 3 January.

There will be a couple of exceptions, our Charity Shop will be open until midday on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December for those last-minute bargains and of course our Christmas Day Party on the big day.

Happy Christmas to all our lovely volunteers, trustees, service users and staff, see you in 2023!



Save The Date

## QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of our minibus fund

On Friday 27 January

At Sawtry Social Club  
Starting at 7.30pm

Teams of 4-6 players  
£2 per person to enter



Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168  
or email [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk)

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



## PUMPKIN TRAIL

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Pumpkin Trail, all the entries were brilliant. The event was sponsored by Rob and Wendy Suter of Sawtry Cars and they provided the prizes to first, second and third and also gave out tubs of sweets to everyone who entered. Rob and Wendy judged the entries and it must have been difficult to choose the winners as they were all so good. The winners were:-

1st - 11 Tinkers Lane

2nd - 4 Parrot Drive

3rd - 7 Woodfield Drive

On our way around the village we saw lots of wonderful pumpkin displays that weren't on the trail - maybe next year think about joining in and taking part, you never know it could be your display that wins.

Jacqui, Fundraising Manager, CARESCO

Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168  
or email [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk)

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



## SAWTRY SPRING SHOW



We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Spring Show in March 2023.

It will be a very much reduced, fun- sized version of our Autumn Show, with only twenty classes to enter, of which six will be children's classes.

The whole Show will be centred around Spring flowers and Spring celebrations.

Entries will be judged, with certificates and small prizes given out, but points and trophies will not be awarded. There will be no charge or booking for entries.

The mini Show will be held at the Old School Hall, and full details of classes and how to enter will be available in the New Year.

The big Autumn Show will be back in all its glory in September 2023. The Schedule for that will be available early next year, so you will have plenty of time to plan your entries.

If you need more information, you can either contact me at the email address below or visit our new Facebook page.

Carolyn Watts Chairman  
[Watts204@hotmail.com](mailto:Watts204@hotmail.com)



## SANTA'S SLEIGH

Huntingdon Round Table will be visiting Sawtry with their Santa Sleigh on:

Wednesday 14 & Monday 19 December

You can track his progress  
on the day at:

<https://huntingdonroundtable.co.uk>



ROUNDTABLE  
Huntingdon and District Round Table No. 410

## LITTLE SAINTS



Every Thursday in term time

9 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)  
Methodist Church Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

A safe play space to enjoy adventures with 0 - 5 year old's and all those who care for them.

From each session you can expect: Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments, Singing, Prayer and lots of fun!

If you care for a little one as a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder, come along and join the fun.

£2 donation per family

For more information please contact  
Alex Dyball

[littlestssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestssawtry@gmail.com)  
or call 01487 506217

## UNWANTED CALLERS

Since 2019 Able Community Care, a Live-in Care Provider, has been offering older people and people with a disability, a free door sticker to deter unwanted callers.



It is a fact that older and vulnerable people are targeted by fraudulent traders, workmen and fake 'professional' people advising they are from the Water Board, Gas Board, etc.

As many people have told us, this sticker on a door does mean they walk back down the path.

If you know of an older person who would like to have one, please email us at [info@ablecommunitycare.com](mailto:info@ablecommunitycare.com) telling us how many you would like and the address to send them to.

[www.ablecommunitycare.com](http://www.ablecommunitycare.com) 01603 764567  
Nationwide Live-in Care Provider since 1980

## TREE OF LIGHT

Write a message to a loved one on a wooden heart and we'll hang it on the tree on the Green for you.



**£2.00 per Heart**  
all proceeds to CARESCO

Available until 19 December from the CARESCO Charity Shop  
7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR



With thanks to  
Sawtry Parish Council

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## HOLME WI

October is Members Night, when our members take over our meeting and organise the guest speaker and refreshments. They organised indoor skittles and there was a quiz to do whilst we were waiting our turn at the skittles. It was a fun evening, and everyone enjoyed themselves, there were some delicious cakes and scones for the interval as well, all made by our ladies.

November is our Annual General Meeting (AGM), so there was quite a lot of business to be discussed. However, we found the time for a lovely guest speaker, Clive Beeke. Clive gave us a talk about *The Ramsey Tunnels*. Clive has spent many years researching the tunnels and it was an extremely interesting talk about the tunnels that run under the Great Whyte.

Originally, the Great Whyte was an open watercourse, with small boats called Fenlighters, sailing up and down moving goods and people. In the 1850s it was decided the watercourse would be covered, or culverted, and eventually it became tunnels. There is one main tunnel with two smaller ones running alongside the main one. The whole exercise was to aid the flow of water, especially in time of flooding. The main tunnel chamber is directly under the clock, or 'Dummy' as the locals call it, and originally the flowing water was used to turn a propeller which in turn ran the clock. However, there was a flaw in this plan, it turned too quickly during flooding and didn't turn at all in the summer during droughts. This mechanism has now been removed although the workings can still be seen. It was an excellent talk by Clive of a very interesting subject, it was accompanied by lots of maps and photographs, which were fascinating, especially the ones showing all the old bridges that crossed the watercourse. Clive is now working on Ramsey Abbey, so we can't wait to see what he finds out about this ancient monument.

Our ladies at Knit and Knatter have been very busy, and another parcel of baby clothes and blankets is being sent off for children fleeing the Ukrainian conflict.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month, anyone interested in seeing what we get up to do come along to Holme Village Hall, we open our meeting at 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to contact us  
please email [Wiholmevillage@gmail.com](mailto:Wiholmevillage@gmail.com)  
or call 07711 224437 (evenings)

**Alison McGuinness, President**

## SAWTRY, TORT HILL DISTRICT

### Volunteers needed in Sawtry

Can you spare 1 ½ hours on a Monday?  
(it does not even have to be every week!)

1st Sawtry Rainbows and 4th Sawtry Brownies  
need your help!

### Volunteer with us and you can....

- Empower girls to realise their potential
- Meet new people & make new friends
- Try New things
- Get involved in the local community
- Learn new skills
- Have fun!



[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk),  
[torthilldistrict@gmail.com](mailto:torthilldistrict@gmail.com),  
or call 07342 046564  
or 07704 875881



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT Christmas Holiday 2022

CARESCO's Community Support team are taking a well-earned break over the festive period.

Our last day before Christmas will be  
**Friday 23 December**  
and we will be restarting on  
**Tuesday 3 January**

Please ensure your prescription is ready at  
Boots, Sawtry **by** Friday 23 December,  
so we can deliver it to you before we close.

Final small local shopping trips must also be done  
**by** Friday 23 December.

**Merry Christmas**  
and a happy, healthy 2023

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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS



## CHRISTMAS BINGO



Thursday 8 December

Eyes Down 7.30pm

Raffle & prize for best Christmas top



All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch

Registered Charity No: 219279



## ON YOUR OWN FOR CHRISTMAS?



*Do you know what you're going to be  
doing this Christmas?*

*Are you going to be on your own?*

*Would you prefer to be with other people  
to celebrate the festivities?*

CARESCO will once again be hosting our Christmas Day Party for people in the Sawtry area who are going to be by themselves this year. Would you like to join in the fun? Space is limited, so early applications are recommended. Transport can be provided.

*For more information and an application form,  
please get in touch with  
the CARESCO office*

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*on 01487 832105 or  
office@caresco.org.uk*

## HOLME YOUTH CLUB

Our night out at Laserforce in November was very well attended with 40 members having a very lively and active evening. Many thanks to the parents who provided the transport.

We had originally planned to go to Laserforce in December but it was already booked so had to move to November. Because of the change of date there will be no Youth Club on 3 December as the hall is in use for other things. Our final session this term will be 16 December and we will be back on 6 January.

We continue to have a really good attendance with between 30 and 40 members each week putting a lot of strain on the supervising parents as we need to have at least five in attendance each week. If you feel you would be able to spare a couple of hours one Friday evening each half term (once every 6 weeks) whether you have children who are members or not, we would really welcome you as one of our volunteers.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme School. We cannot accept anyone who does not meet this criteria as we are only able to accommodate 40 each week and currently have 60 on our membership list.

*For further information please consult our  
Facebook page @HolmeYouth  
or website [Holmeyouthclub.co.uk](http://Holmeyouthclub.co.uk) or email  
[holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com)*



**Renee Mitcham**

## JUST SING!



On Friday 9 December at 1.30pm Sounds Good will be having an Open House session singing well-known Christmas songs. We invite you to join us.

Singing is good for you, it gives your lungs a good workout and lifts your spirits. It doesn't matter what kind of voice you have, even if you think you can't sing, come along to the CARESCO Centre and just sing!

**Call CARESCO for more information on 01487 832105**

## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY



We are now opening the Archive on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in Sawtry Library from 9:30 to 12:30. All are welcome to search census records and view old documents relating to our area or just look at old photographs of Sawtry and its institutions.

Our September meeting was about *The Emperor Carausius* (nothing to do with Star Wars) with a return of one of our popular contributors, Paddy Lambert of Oxford Archaeology. A tale in which Marcus Aurelius Mausaeus Carausius (died 293) was a military commander of the Roman Empire in the third century. He was a Menapian from Belgic Gaul, who usurped power in 286, during the Carausian Revolt, declaring himself Emperor in Britain and northern Gaul. He held power for seven years, fashioning the name "Emperor of the North" for himself before being assassinated by his finance minister.

In October, just in time for 5 November, Stuart Orme curator of the Cromwell Museum returned, the subject being *The Gunpowder Plot*. The talk was packed with facts about the events leading up to the planned explosion along with the background of the conspirators. Guy (Guido) Fawkes, a soldier who had fought in Spain topped up the barrels of gunpowder stockpiled under the House of Lords as the opening of Parliament had been delayed, he worried that the original stock could have degraded. So a total of 36 barrels were prepared for detonation. Had they exploded, the area would have been flattened and everyone in the buildings killed along with many of the surrounding population, an equivalent disaster for the time to that of the 9-11 attack on the Twin Towers.

Please visit our website [www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk) where you can read our local history articles. There is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.



**The History Society meet at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month  
in the Methodist Church, 9 Green End Road, PE28 5UX.**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441  
[www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk)**



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## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### Did The Environment Act Change Anything? on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm

Matt Jackson is the Conservation Director for the BCN Wildlife Trust. He will be updating us on the implications of the Environment Act on the Trust's current conservation work and future plans. This being our Christmas meeting we will also be running a raffle and providing wine and mince pies.

### That Sinking Feeling – Huntingdon by the Sea? on Wednesday 11 January at 7.30pm

Pat Doody was a leading member of the Local Group Committee and he is still our newsletter editor and works independently as an Ecological Consultant. Pat has a wealth of experience in nature conservation, with a particular interest in coastal ecology and this is sure to be a very interesting and informative talk.

Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, PE28 4TB - Admission charge £3.50.

For more information please contact George on 01480 450809 or [george.cottam@virginmedia.com](mailto:george.cottam@virginmedia.com).

*Everyone is most welcome to attend*

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck



#### DID YOU KNOW?

James Pierpont's 1857 song Jingle Bells was first called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving.

## QUINTUPLICATION - PART TWELVE COMMUNICATION

With that five-fold population growth (1963-1993) newcomers needed to know what was going on. Many must have come from towns and we did not want them to feel that Sawtry was *the back of beyond!*

The newly-opened Village College was a hub for much community activity and we *lubricated* this hub by issuing **Eventsheet** from 1971 five times a year to all comers and for anyone who ran events around the area. We have to thank George Chaney (the College Community Tutor) for banding people together for mutual support in the 1969 Community Association. Over 50 organisations became involved and had a voice in affairs.

In 1975 the Parish Council brought out the **Parish Directory**, for every household, listing local organisations and telling people where to get help and support. The Directory included our very first street map which, with continuing growth, soon needed extra roads drawn in. Interest grew and others, particularly advertisers, wanted a look-in. So, there were regular updates. Then, the Parish Church produced a **Welcome Pack** for newcomers.

**Village Voice** was a 1975 trial at a regular village magazine. Then a firm start was made when the Community Printshop opened, printing the **Sawtry Eye** which had been started by the Parish Clerk. The Printshop began as a Job Creation Project in the former Homecraft Building at the County Agricultural Centre. When that Project folded, thanks to a national employment revival, Sawtry volunteers, under CARESCO, took over. Distribution of the Eye to all homes was undertaken by various groups including the Scouts (no internet in those days).

As any newspaper shows us communication needs to be two ways. People need a say in things. In Fenland, drainage is always a challenge and in Sawtry, perched on a hillside, rapid runoff from rain could be a serious worry. New villagers soon found this out, and they had a champion in George Chaney. Between retiring from the College and becoming Parish Council Chairman, he spoke up strongly for public participation, particularly on this, his favourite subject. His mantra: *'The Creative use of Conflict'* enraged many. But it got things done.

A growing village has to meet many needs besides adequate housing, and people are right to point out those needs. The Parish Council sought to establish strong links around which people could voice their concerns. They produced **Annual Reports**, from 1977, long before these became commonplace elsewhere, so that people could know what the Council was doing. Each committee (Planning, Allotments, Rural Amenities, Church & State, Feast, Health, Directory, and Major Emergency) gave account of itself as did the District and County representatives. Our local MP John Major, a regular and supportive visitor, also contributed a page each year. And all were welcomed to the Annual Meeting to ask questions and participate.

And, when issues got pressing, like the need for sports fields or a slow-down on housing, there would be a well-attended Public Meeting!

So, it was not only drainage that brought us together!

**Maurice Dybeck**

**Former Sawtry resident  
and first Warden at Sawtry Community College**



# SAWTRY WI

Charity number 229016



Sawtry WI in partnership with All Saints Parish Church will be providing 'Warm Spaces' this winter funded by Sawtry Parish Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. The funding will be used to provide a welcome, food and a warm space and is open to residents struggling this winter. Warm Spaces will be provided on the first Saturday of each month for six months. The first Warm Space will be held on Saturday 3 December 12 - 3pm at the WI Hall, 6 Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS. An evening Warm Space is also planned and will be advertised soon on social media and on village notice boards.

Sawtry WI continues to offer social groups open to anyone in the community to drop in for a cuppa and chat: Weekly Knit & Knatter group, Monthly daytime Sewing, Patchwork & Quilting group, Monthly evening Craft and Chat group. Monthly evening meetings with speakers are held on the first Thursday of each month and women of any age or background will be given a warm welcome to attend twice as a guest at no cost. On 1 December we have a festive flower arranging, in January there will not be a meeting and in February Anne-Marie Hamilton MBE will be talking about the joys of being a Farmer's Wife and her services to the farming community.



Our Festive Bazaar was a great fundraising success and we thank the community of Sawtry for supporting Sawtry WI. Tickets for our Festive Afternoon Tea on 15 December at 2.30pm are now on sale at £4.50. If you would like tickets, further information or a copy of our programme please contact us (see front cover for details)

Sawtry WI meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm at our WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

**Jacqui Svensson, President**

**For further information contact Jacqui 07841 647345 or Rosemary 01487 830243  
Email: [sawtrywi@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrywi@gmail.com) Instagram: [Sawtry\\_WI](#) [Sawtry WI | Facebook](#)**

## HUNTS WASTE BUSTERS TOP TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY, GETTING CREATIVE & REDUCING WASTE THIS CHRISTMAS

The Hunts Waste Busters believe in sustainable living, making minor changes to reduce our carbon footprint. We have compiled a few thought-provoking ideas, that can assist you in reducing your waste this Christmas, in addition to saving money and creating memories.

**Buy Pre-Loved** - There is an abundance of ways to seek presents that are pre-loved, finding the ideal gift at a fraction of the price. Support local charities or make use of modern websites, apps or local buy and sell pages, saving you money and rehoming a good product whilst reducing the amount of unwanted gifts / clothing sent to landfill. The best present may be right around the corner from you...

**Creative Menu** - Save money by utilising end of life food or leftovers to create a unique meal, reducing your food waste as well as trying something new. The internet is full of festive food ideas and recipes with the ability to input your available ingredients to make a dish that not only tickles the taste buds but impresses guests with your cooking skills. If you don't get through it all, freeze it for a later date, giving you a much-needed night off cooking. Remember all food waste including peelings and even bones, can be put into your garden waste bin, which is processed for composting.

**Make Your Own Decorations** - You may find the least expensive way to decorate is right under your nose, with items such as twigs, fir cones, and holly and willow wreaths being just some of the examples, our great outdoors has to offer, to create the ultimate in Christmas decorations. Many examples, tutorials and inspirational ideas can be found online, offering a great conversation starter for any guests.

**Make Your Own Reusable Calendar** - Advent calendars are a major contributor to plastic waste over the festive period, with the bulk having plastic inserts that cannot be recycled with ease. Say NO to disposable and YES to reusable, making your own tasty treats, offer another fun activity for children or a perfect opportunity to show off your creative side.

**Recycle, Recycle and Recycle** - Always check if what you are throwing away can be recycled. For any items not recyclable through your recycling bin, check your local supermarket, most have dedicated recycle points for items such as soft plastics and batteries, making it easy to bring with you when doing your food shop. In the case of many electrical stores, they will also accept e-waste such as TVs, PCs, laptops and phones. Remember, placing batteries in your kerbside bins can cause fires in the collection vehicles.

**Inspired?** We hope you are... every small change makes a difference to our environment. All we can ask this year is to THINK, ACT, CHANGE and assist us in reducing waste, maximising recycling and creating a sustainable Christmas ethic that can live on for generations. From all the Hunts Waste Busters Team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Sustainable New Year.

**Facebook – [Huntingdonshire Recycles](#)**

**Twitter – [HDC Recycles](#)**

**Instagram – [Recycle For Huntingdonshire](#)**

**[wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)**





**SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB**  
**Christmas Bingo**  
**On Saturday 10 December**  
 Eyes down at 7.30pm  
 Plenty of Christmassy stuff to be won  
**All are welcome**



**SAWTRY FOODBANK**  
**HARVEST DONATIONS**

A huge thank you to all the local organisations, particularly the schools and churches, and the individuals involved who made such generous donations through the many harvest celebrations this autumn. You have helped to stock up our shelves ahead of what is going to be a challenging winter and we are grateful.

In 2022 we have given out food parcels to local residents every week of the year. We ran our Summer Scheme, giving food support to local school children for six weeks through the holidays and we will be giving Christmas hampers out to the local community too. We want to say a huge thank you to local residents and community groups for all their donations to the Foodbank in 2022. Your support, during difficult times has been amazing and our Foodbank could not operate without it.

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



**SAWTRY**  
**INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

**Tuesdays 2 - 4pm**

in Sawtry Methodist Church Hall,  
 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Have you tried indoor bowling? Come and have a go. We are open to new members, no experience necessary!

**For more information contact Dorothy on 07565 543189**



**SAWTRY SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION**

The SSLA thanks everyone who supported the bonfire and fireworks event at Greenfields on 6 November. A huge number attended and the ticket money will be used for the provision of improved sports facilities.

Grateful thanks to all the businesses and organisations who sold tickets and to the members of sports clubs and those members of Sawtry Parish Council who helped on the night.

We apologise that the company running the firework display started a few minutes early. This was out of our control, but the fireworks themselves were spectacular.



**SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL**

What an exciting half term we are having in school! Christmas Show preparation is already in full swing and it is wonderful to hear those traditional carols and modern twists drifting down the corridors once again.

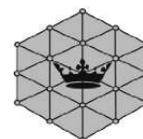
As always our Autumn Term is packed with exciting events including Christmas Jumper Day, School Dinner Day, our Carol Concert at All Saints Church and decoration making day. This year for our reward day we have a magic show which we are all looking forward to!

As the weather gets less and less cheerful we have had more children coming to school by car. Alongside Buttons and Bows Pre-School and Sawtry Junior Academy, we strongly advise the local community to use the Old School Hall car park to ease congestion and improve safety measures around the schools. As always, if you have any travel concerns, please contact us.

Finally, in collaboration with the entire Infants School team and our governing body I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our Head Teacher, Mr Robichaud. Leon Robichaud took over as Head Teacher in April 2020 and is leaving due to a family relocation. We thank Leon for all that he has done for our school over the past two and a half years and we wish him the best of luck. Your new school is lucky to have you and you will be missed.

In January I shall be taking on the role of Interim Head and the governing body will be hiring a new Head Teacher in due course. I look forward to updating you with more Sawtry Infant School News in 2023. For now, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Yasmine Trace, Deputy Head Teacher**



**Contact us on 01478 830678 or just pop in and talk to someone in the office.**

**GROUP WALKING**

It is widely considered that getting outdoors and going for a walk, whatever the season, is a great way to boost your health and happiness.



Taking part in a group walk with a trained leader offers the additional benefits of socialising while not having to plan a route nor running the risk of getting lost! There are any number of walking groups in the area, from small informal groups to planned programmes.

Of the latter, **Wellbeing Walks** (run by Huntingdonshire District Council) organises outings on weekdays which mostly cover 3 to 4 miles and last approximately 1 hour. Walks are free to join. Pre-booking is encouraged but not required. Further details can be found on the District Council website at: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/>

**Huntingdonshire Ramblers** is part of the national group. Walks typically take place at weekends but many are arranged on weekdays and evenings, particularly in summer. There is a programme throughout the year offering a variety of routes in the countryside around Huntingdon, across Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area. They are mostly rated leisurely or moderate but the volunteer leaders are always on the lookout for a hill or two to climb. Distances vary from 4 to 14 miles (7 to 23 km). Booking is not required and the walks listings explain when and where to meet and what to expect. New walkers are welcome to go along and try one or two of the walks for free before taking out Ramblers' membership. Visit the Hunts Group website at: <https://huntsramblers.org.uk/> or email [huntsramblerpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:huntsramblerpublicity@gmail.com) for further information.

Whatever arrangement suits you, tog up, step out and enjoy!



## SAWTRY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HAVE YOUR FINAL SAY!

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready to receive your comments and suggested amendments – a final opportunity to pass an opinion.

You can view the draft Plan on the Parish Council website (<https://www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk>) from 5 December or in print at four 'drop-in' sessions held in the Old School Hall as follows:

Date	Times	
Saturday 10 December	10am to 1pm	2pm to 5pm
Friday 20 January	2pm to 5pm	7pm to 9pm

This issue of the Eye includes a loose leaf 'Response Form' which may be completed with your comments and returned to:

**The Parish Council Office, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY  
or 1 Tinkers Lane, Sawtry.**

**Collection boxes will also be situated at: The CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, the Co-op Food Store, Glatton Road, John Green, newsagent, 96 Green End Road; or the drop-in sessions.**

You can also write a letter and deliver it to the above locations.

The quickest way to reply is by the online Response Form accessible through the Parish website or the link: <https://forms.gle/4Jp1RZyYaxZUr5az8>

### **Replies must be made in writing and by midnight on 28 January 2023**

Your replies are important as our Neighbourhood Plan would influence planning decisions and open the door to many improvements in the use of land up to 2036, such as: creating more community and leisure facilities, increasing and enhancing our green spaces, restoring the historic centre of the village, providing a wider range of shops, mitigating the effects of climate change, encouraging business development, enlarging public car parking space, and even extending St Andrew's cemetery for our growing population!

Finally, a major benefit in obtaining our Neighbourhood Plan would be a significant improvement in Parish finances from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

So, please read the draft Plan and provide comments.

***If you have any queries, please email: [john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)***

### ***AN EYE ON NATURE***

Our wildlife has suffered a huge shock this year. All of us basked in hot sunshine week after week through the summer with virtually no rain. The natural world was stressed and confused. My sparrows needed peanuts throughout the summer and my meadow wilted in the constant heat.

You may have noticed what happened in the autumn too. I looked out of my bedroom to see white on my rowan tree as it flowered again and was in berry. The general public have also noticed bazaar happenings including a photo on tv of a horse chestnut tree with fresh brown conkers and in full bloom again. There were also lots of photos of what is called a 'false autumn' where the trees and shrubs shed their leaves due to extreme stress as they tried to save themselves from dying out beyond redemption. I lost one dogwood, but the other only shed its leaves then when rain eventually fell, the shower was enough for it to grow little green leaves.

As I write in early November, we have had several days of torrential rain, so what the winter will be like is anyone's guess. Next spring will be different again and we will have to wait to see what has survived.

Our summer was not all doom and gloom though. Wildlife which loves hot sunny weather flourished and there were a lot of hummingbird hawk moths well into October. As I finished this article, a red admiral butterfly was having a late drink from the valerian which was still flowering. Thank goodness I left them alone this autumn for the butterflies and bumble bees before they hibernated.

***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)**





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## CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

**Saturday 10 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

Always a high-point of the festive season in Peterborough, *Christmas Magic* has delighted audiences from across the city and beyond for over a decade. Expect to hear stunning arrangements of Christmas classics, all performed against the glorious backdrop of Peterborough Cathedral!

Featuring performances from city choirs Peterborough Male Voice Choir and Peterborough Voices with Peterborough Festival Brass and soloist Karen England of The OperaBabes, there will be a 2.30pm matinee for the whole family to enjoy as well as an evening performance at 7.30pm. With something for everyone young and old, *Christmas Magic* is

guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit, so be sure to bring the kids and the grandparents too!

Tickets from £18.00.

Christmas definitely is the most wonderful time of the year, so book today, and be part of Peterborough's favourite Christmas celebration... it wouldn't be the same without you!



**Christmas Magic is organised by Peterborough Male Voice Choir and Peterborough Voices**  
tickets at [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk)  
or by phone on 0333 666 3366 (fees apply)

**BOOK NOW!**

## SIMON & ROSS DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

We have had a busy, and often very frustrating, couple of months since we last wrote to you.

As well as giving Sawtry a strong voice our biggest role is scrutinising, challenging, and holding the new and often inexperienced administration to account; at Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and Simon also does the same role at Cambridgeshire County Council.

**Swimming Pool** - It was very sad to hear that Meridian Trust have taken the decision to moth ball the swimming pool at the end of December 2022. Swimming is a vital life skill for our young people and losing the pool disadvantages the tax payer of the Sawtry district. Unfortunately the current climate is a "perfect storm" with energy bills going up; shortage of vital supplies; Covid insecurity and attendance, which has led to claims the pool no longer be financially viable. Taking the required capital from the education budget, to cover the deficit, is something Meridian can't do. Please be reassured we are continuing to explore any available options.

**904 Buses** - We were very disappointed to hear the Stagecoach decision to reduce the 904 bus timetable. This bus is often a lifeline for residents connecting Sawtry and surrounding villages to Huntingdon and Peterborough. The 904 has become unreliable and clearly a last bus out of Huntingdon at 4.45pm not fit for purpose when people need to work or attend appointments. We believe this isn't acceptable and will continue to lobby on your behalf.

**Pets as Prizes** - On a far more positive note, we managed to get our motion to ban pets being given as prizes on HDC land. This was supported across the chamber by all parties. By doing this we are sending a clear message, thank you to all the residents who raised this issue/idea with us.

**Simon & Ross**

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or 07806 569223

# WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



## Covid Booster Vaccinations

Thank you to all those patients who chose to attend one of our practice based Covid/Flu clinics. If you are eligible and still need to have your Covid booster, please contact 119 or go online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> to book an appointment.

## Annual Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for flu vaccination but have not yet had yours, please contact us on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our practice nursing team.

## Additional Appointments Available for Our Patients

At the time of writing this, the first weekend of out of hours appointments being provided at the Alconbury hub has just taken place. The clinic was fully booked and we were pleased that many of these appointments were used by our patients. Appointments at the hub can be booked via our reception team. You can request an out of hours appointment if this is more convenient, alternatively you might find that we offer you an out of hours appointment if we are unable to offer you an appointment at the practice due to the pressures of demand.

## Cambridgeshire & Peterborough General Practice Response to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care Thérèse Coffey's Statement around GP Access - September 2022

General Practice nationally is facing unprecedented pressures, these are not always being well reported to patients via the media. Unfortunately we are no exception to this current situation. Our Local Medical Committee has put together a helpful document to help patients understand what is happening in the local area. You can access a copy of this here - [GP-Access-September-2022-Poster.pdf \(cambslmc.org\)](#) I would like to assure you that we are working extremely hard to ensure that patients are provided with the services they need.

## Hospital Appointments

We are aware that our colleagues in secondary care are also working under exceptional pressures. As a result, there can be considerable delay between being referred and getting an appointment. If you need to get in touch to chase up an appointment please use the numbers below:

- **Hinchingsbooke Hospital** – 01480 847444
- **Peterborough City Hospital** – 01733 673555

## Seasonal Opening Hours

Friday 23 December	Open as usual
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve	Closed
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Monday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Tuesday 27 December Bank Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	Open as usual

Thursday 29 December	Open as usual
Friday 30 December	Open as usual
Saturday 31 January New Year's Eve	Closed
Sunday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Monday 2 January Bank Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 3 January	Open as usual

During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow at least two working days for your request to be processed.

On behalf of us all here at Wellside Surgery, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our patients, and their friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

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



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## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Sawtry Library offers a range of services and activities. You can use our free pcs to access the internet and you can print and photocopy for a small charge. For children we run regular sing-along sessions as well as a Lego Club. Along with a wide range of books in the library you can also use your free library account to access e-books, e-audio, newspapers, magazines and reference databases such as Encyclopaedia Britannica. You can also research your family history for free with Ancestry.com.



### Christmas Rhymetime - Wednesday 21 December, 10.30 - 11.00am

Get into the festive spirit with our Christmas Rhymetime. Sing along with lots of Christmas songs and rhymes with your little ones. FREE drop in event for children under 5 years old.

### Chinese Lanterns - Saturday 14 January, 10.30 - 11.30am

Join us to make Chinese lanterns to help celebrate the Chinese New Year. Suitable for children aged 4+, £1 per child. Booking Essential.

### Rhymetime - Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00am (term-time only)

Come and join in with some popular songs and rhymes at our weekly Rhymetime sessions for children under 5. FREE drop in event.

**Lego Club** - Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Drop in anytime throughout the session, Suitable for children aged 4+, 50p donation appreciated.

### Bus Pass Assistance

Is your Bus Pass up for renewal? Do you need to apply for your first Bus Pass? If so, pop into Sawtry Library and staff there will be happy to help you complete the online application form.

### Social Media

Please look at our social media pages for information, updates and events. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

### Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm; 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

**Paul Smith,  
District Library Assistant,  
Huntingdon, Yaxley and  
Sawtry Libraries**



## HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

How lovely it is for our volunteers to have a resident of the village walk past and say "Thank you, you are doing a great job" or drivers giving us a thumbs up instead of a rude gesture. Also to have someone say they had received a letter and were sorry and now ensure they drive within the limit even if Speedwatch are not on duty, shows we are achieving our aim even though these numbers are low.



Our teams try to do one session on a different day each week at various times during daylight in an attempt to keep our village safe and pleasant. Unfortunately the percentage of vehicles passing through the village who feel 30 mph is not a reasonable speed for them as they are in a hurry still remains between 10% and 20% especially in the early morning and late afternoon. We would appeal to all those who regularly drive through the village to keep within the speed limit out of respect for the residents of whatever age.

If you feel you can spare an hour and a half a month and would like to support our efforts please contact us and we can organise your training with Cambridgeshire Police and add you to our growing list of volunteers.

**For further information please email [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com)**

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGES**

## Pop Up Cinema at All Saints' Church, Sawtry

### Saturday 10 December

10.00am - Pop-Up Cinema  
*Paddington (PG)*  
with refreshments (FREE)

### Wednesday 21 December

7.00pm - Pop-Up Cinema  
*Narnia (PG)*  
with refreshments (FREE)



### Christmas Eve

### Saturday 24 December

10.00am - Pop-Up Cinema  
*Grinch (PG)*  
with refreshments (FREE)

1.00pm - Pop-Up Cinema  
*Snowman and Friends (PG)*  
with refreshments (FREE)

For more details see page 18 or visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)



## SAWTRY CHORALE

Our rehearsals for the Christmas season are well underway and we are all looking forward to our first Christmas Concert at All Saints Church Sawtry. This year under the direction of our new musical director, Ollie Hamilton-Box, we will be performing some well-known classics and some lesser known Christmas tunes.

Our concerts are scheduled for All Saints Church Sawtry on 2 December at 7.30pm and we are looking forward to seeing our friends and if you can't make this concert, we will be performing our second concert at St Andrews Church, Alwalton on 9 December at 7.30pm.

Since we returned from the summer break, we have seen our numbers swell which is extremely heartening and gives us great confidence for the future. If you feel inspired to sing, we are always looking for new members, why not join our four-part harmony choir? We don't insist on formal auditions and you don't need to read music. Come along to chat to the musical director or contact us through our website, Facebook page or by email. You will receive a warm welcome!

We meet every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Hall, 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX from 7.45 – 9.30pm.

If singing is not your thing, but you are interested in supporting us, get in touch, we would value your support.

This year, Sawtry Chorale are supporting The Light Project in Peterborough to help them continue their valuable work, providing shelter and support for the homeless.



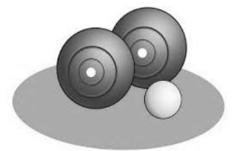
**For more information, please call 07870 248897  
email [sawtrychorale@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrychorale@gmail.com) or visit [www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk)**

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Not a huge amount to report since the season closed. That said the 'Autumn work' has been carried out on the green, and the green put to bed, although as the grass still grows, work on it continues. Work is also continuing on refurbishing the men's changing rooms, and toilets.

At our very recent AGM we said thanks to Dorothy Binge for her year as Club President, and welcomed in our new President for 2023, Malcolm Scott. We hope you have an enjoyable year Scotty.

The new Committee will now begin planning for events next year, but we start with holding our Christmas Bingo on Saturday 10 December. Eyes down at 7.30pm and plenty of Christmassy stuff to be won. All are welcome.



**Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 07989 503740**

**Visit our Facebook Page - search 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**

**Our website :- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us>**

**Or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**

## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN

As 2022 comes to an end, Sawtry Walk To Run will host their annual Santa Run on **Sunday 4 December**. It's a 10am start at The Greystones. £10 for a Santa suit plus post-race goodies including mince pies and mulled wine. We hope to get 100 Santas running or walking round Sawtry to raise funds for CARESCO. There will be a table in the Greystones for people to make donations to the Sawtry Foodbank. Check our website or Facebook page for details or email [sawtry.santa2022@gmail.com](mailto:sawtry.santa2022@gmail.com) to book. Thanks to Lisa & Jimmy at the Greystones for hosting. For anyone who can't get enough of Santa, we will be helping the Round Table with their annual Santa Sleigh on **Wednesday 14 & Monday 19 December**.

By the time of reading, two teams will have completed the cold and muddy 4 leg, 39-mile Hereward Relay from Peterborough to Ely and our Beginners course will almost have come to the end of its 10 weeks. Well done everyone who has participated in those.

Come January, a new Chair will take over the Club. Nona, the founder and Chair of five years, will be stepping down along with Nib, the Club's qualified coach. David Bartle will take the role of Chair and with a newly extended committee, the Club will continue to thrive and cater for all levels of ability and fitness. Sawtry Walk To Run was always about getting people fitter mentally and physically and so whether you think you can't run or you have run thousands of race miles in marathons and ultras, there is a section of the Club for you.

All groups meet outside Sawtry Academy Leisure at 7.15pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at St Judith's on Sundays at 9am. Just come along to see if you like us and want to join or contact Fiona Hurst our membership secretary at [fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

**More info at**

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

**or our Facebook page: Sawtry Walk to Run**



*Running - it's much more fun than you might think!*

## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS....

...yet we have the brilliant time of advent to journey together first. During this time, we continue to offer you a warm welcome to all our services and special events and in addition to traditional carol services, the return of our Pop-Up cinema and other much-loved events, we have something new joining us. This year all around the Benefice you will see our special Holy Family set. This is a special nativity set purchased in Assisi Italy, where St Francis first introduced the idea of nativity sets in our homes and Christmas displays. Diane and I, along with others, had the delight of being in Assisi on a pilgrimage during October this year and this special nativity set travelled around with us. They now continue their journey, travelling around the parishes, visiting the local schools, nursing home, points of interest, businesses, and some people's homes and on their journey encouraging all those they meet to pause and think about the very first Christmas and the birth of Jesus. If you want to follow their journey or spot them on their travels between now and Christmas - take a picture and pop it on our Facebook page, just search 'Holy Family - Sawtry, Glatton, Holme and Conington' and follow us.

We would like to invite you to join our Holy Family on this special journey. We have an exciting Advent and Christmas planned across all our churches with something for everyone including Messy Christingle, Noisy Nativity, Pop-Up cinemas, Candlelit Carols and Midnight Communion. Everyone is welcome at any of the churches across the villages and we would love to see you at any of the events or services. For all the details please see the full list of activities on page 18 or visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk). It doesn't matter where you are on your journey with God - come and rest a while and hear the incredible story of the first Christmas, often accompanied by festive nibbles, good coffee, mulled wine and hot chocolate!

With many blessings this special season

**Reverend Becky and Reverend Diane**



REMEMBRANCE

## REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion  
remember the fallen throughout the year



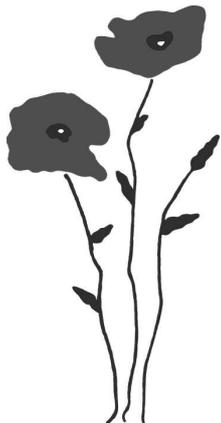
REMEMBRANCE

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

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

Those from World War 1 whose date of death is unknown	
Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

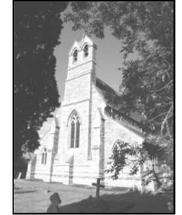
Those from World War 2 whose date of death is unknown	
Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston



*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.*



**ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY, ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON  
& ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON  
PARISH CHURCHES  
BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



For latest service information and online service links please visit [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

<b>Date</b>	<b>All Saints', Sawtry</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Glatton</b>	<b>St Giles, Holme</b>
Sunday 4 December	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - BCP Morning Prayer	--
Saturday 10 December	10.00am - Pop-Up Cinema <i>Paddington (PG)</i> with refreshments (FREE)	--	--
Sunday 11 December	6.00pm Traditional Carol Service	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Saturday 17 December	4.00pm - Messy Christingle	--	--
Sunday 18 December	10.30am - Noisy Nativity	7.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service	9.00am - Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 December	7.00pm - Pop-Up Cinema <i>Narnia (PG)</i> with refreshments (FREE)	--	--
Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December	10.00am - Pop-Up Cinema <i>Grinch (PG)</i> with refreshments (FREE) 1.00pm - Pop-Up Cinema <i>Snowman and Friends (PG)</i> with refreshments (FREE)	--	--
Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December	11.30pm - Midnight Communion	11.30pm - Midnight Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion
Christmas Day Sunday 25 December	10.00am - Churches Together Christmas Special	--	--
New Year's Day Sunday 1 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - BCP Morning Prayer	--
Sunday 8 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 15 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 21 January	4.00pm - Messy Church	--	--
Sunday 22 January	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 29 January	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion	--	



BCP\* A much loved traditional service using the 1662 prayer book



# SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Open Saturdays  
from 9.30am to 11am

Drop in for light refreshments,  
a chat with friends  
all proceeds to the church

We would love to see you!



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

There is a service either in the building, online,  
(using Zoom), or both every week

### SPECIAL SERVICES

*All-Age Nativity*

Sunday 18 December at 10.30am

*Candlelit Carols*

Friday 23 December at 6.00pm

*Christmas Day*

Churches Together Christmas Special  
at All Saints, at 10.00am

*Covenant Service*

Sunday 15 January at 10.30am

For details and how to login via Zoom  
and for other services please check our website  
or call 01487 830345

Come and join us, all are welcome

## MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

No meeting in December

For more information, please contact

Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857

Email [jjamesbamber@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesbamber@gmail.com)

or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook - [SawtryMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryMethodistChurch)



## WHAT THESE TIMES MEAN FOR US

I can hardly believe that this is the December and January issue of the Eye – where does time go? Very soon Christmas and New Year will be upon us and I wonder what those times will mean for us?

A number of years ago now I read a story which though I'm not sure whether or not is true its message has always stayed in my mind.

All the preparations were made – the home had been prepared, the food laid out and the guests were arriving. As people came their coats and presents etc. were laid on a bed. When the time for the christening arrived someone asked 'Where's the baby?' A frantic search was undertaken to no avail. Eventually someone said they had seen him on one of the beds. The bed which was covered with coats and presents was cleared and the little boy was found – the chief reason for the guests coming had been forgotten and neglected! Before we dismiss the story and condemn the characters within it this Christmas, is it possible that we might bury the Christ-child under tinsel, wrapping paper, food and trimmings and so miss the point of His coming? 'For God so loved...' is why He came, a truth each of us are invited to realise for ourselves, and share in a way that encourages others to begin their own search for Him.



Beyond Christmas as an annual event, it is a gift which can shape everyday as these lyrics from a Dale Evans song remind us: 'Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.'

If you would like to explore the impact of the Christ-Child gift for your life please do approach any of our churches in your village – we would love to meet and share with you. With love and prayers for Christmas and 2023,

God bless, **James**



## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

As 2022 draws to a close, it has been a fantastic year for Sawtry Cricket Club! We move into 2023 with five junior and four senior teams, including a midweek league team for the first time, as well as a Development Team to provide further opportunities to our oldest Junior players.

November saw us hold the club AGM, where we were able to reflect on 2022, announce officers for 2023 and present our objectives for the 2023 season. One of these objectives includes making headway into creating a Women's and Girls' section to the Cricket Club.

The AGM also saw the resignation as treasurer, of Richard Spencer. He has had involvement in Sawtry Cricket since 1974, and has shown great commitment, both on and off the field, in that time. We recently recognised his achievement at our presentation night, where we were able to present the "Richard Spencer Clubman of the Year" Award for the first time! We thank Richard wholeheartedly for his dedication to Sawtry Cricket Club.

We are currently hosting Winter Training for both adults and juniors at Academy Leisure. The adults are training on Thursday nights between 5 - 6pm, Under 15s on Friday nights between 7 - 8pm, and Under 7s, 9s, 11s and 13s between 9am - 1pm every Sunday morning. We welcome any new, current or existing players to these sessions, and the first session is free! Why not come along and get involved in cricket?!

**Should anyone be interested in getting involved in cricket with us, please contact us at [Sawtrycc@yahoo.com](mailto:Sawtrycc@yahoo.com), or find us on social media @SawtryCricket.**



### DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas pudding was originally a soup made with raisins and wine.



It only took Charles Dickens, six weeks to write *A Christmas Carol*.



## SAWTRY COLTS

Unfortunately, due to the warm summer we all had, Greenfield has been unplayable so far this season. The Colts teams, who are not able to play their home matches at Sawtry Village Academy, are therefore currently gracing the fields of Queen's Park in Yaxley as that has become their temporary home venue. Here's how a few of the teams have been getting on, some good, some not so.....

The Under 8 (U8) Yellowsox, after an undefeated start to the season, have been moved up to one of the top leagues for their next round of fixtures. This will see them face some tough opponents over the next 2/3 months. The team have made great progress this season and are thoroughly enjoying their football.

The U9 Yellowsox have also had a strong start to the season with five league wins out of five and two cup wins, whilst employing an equal minutes policy across the squad. Their good form has earned the team promotion to the top division in the Hunts League and they look forward to the challenge and continual development of the players in multiple positions. It's been a real team effort as every player, apart from the goalkeeper, has scored this season.

The U12 Blues have had a mixed start with three wins and three losses to date in the league and, sadly, have also departed both the League Cup and the County Cup at the first round stage. The U13s have played eight in the league, won five, lost two and drawn one with victories over local rivals Stilton and Alconbury. They've picked up some new players this season who have not played competitive football before but they are settling in well and developing quickly into valuable assets for the team.

The U14s have played seven league games and have a record of three wins, two draws and two losses but have been competitive in all their games. The U15s are still seeking their first win after six league games and a defeat in the County Cup. Their form has been better than their results suggest though. After struggling for numbers earlier in the season they now have a few more players to add some competition in the squad.

The U16s are another side striving for that first win, a few heavy defeats have been followed by an improved performance against Whittlesey. They also were defeated in the County Cup in the first round to add to their early season woes.

I'm pleased to announce that Sawtry Colts now have their first all-girls team for a few years. The U11s are competing in the Cambs league so tend to travel a little further than the boys/mixed teams for matches. They defeated Newmarket in their first cup match and now face St Ives in the quarter final. Hopefully we can bring news of further successes for them in the months to come.

Just a reminder that the Colts have their own website - [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk) - each team has their own page and you can also find details of the Development Centre which takes place on Sunday mornings as well as the all-girls Wildcats Centre if you have any budding young football stars.

**Brian Craig - [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk)**



# SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Sawtry Table Tennis Club has only a few more Club Night Sessions before the Club breaks up for the festive season. The Club will be back open as of Monday 9 January.

Mondays are split into three sessions:

- 5:45pm to 6:30pm – Fun and structured session.  
For the Under 11s members and their parents or grandparents to attend. Parents or grandparents can join in if they want.
- 6:30pm to 8pm – Open Free Play (so you can play who you want, when you want, as per pre-covid times).  
For all members Over 11 and above, plus the stronger Under 11 members (by invitation by the club).
- 8pm to 9:30pm - Open Free Play (so you can play who you want, when you want, as per pre-covid times).  
For all members Over 11 and above.

The Club Nights on a Tuesday are slightly different, as this will coincide with the Club's League Match Night. This Club Night is not split into several session, it is one session for the whole duration of the evening, starting at 7pm to 9:30pm. This Club Night is open to a smaller number of members to book onto.

To attend any Club Night session you will need to book in advance. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis.

**League News** - The Club has entered two teams into the Peterborough Table Tennis League. Our "Team A" has got off to a tough start, playing the two hardest teams first. All of our team players are enjoying the tough matches, even though they are not winning many. The standard of play is really high, which is helping our junior members develop and gain confidence. The majority of the opposing teams have been showing some great sportsman like behaviour and giving the team players some great rallies.

Our "Team B" got off to a great start by drawing their first match, but thereafter they have had some tough opponents, only managing to win a few points each match. The majority of our players within our two teams are new to playing in the league so this is a new venture for a lot of them and they are doing really well despite this.

The Club is community-based, where members can play some leisurely or competitive table tennis, this is totally up to them, to decide. The Club is open to anyone over the age of 7 and all abilities are welcome.

**To keep up to date with what the Club is doing check out our website or Facebook:**

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

[@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)

**If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact the Club on via email: [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)**

We have received support from the



Cambridgeshire  
Community  
Foundation

## SAWTRY VILLAGE CAROLS

Monday 12th December at 6.00pm

Come and join us by the village Christmas tree on The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

Followed by refreshments at Greystones

*Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council*

All Welcome



## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Sawtry Golf Society accommodate local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf, if you are interested, please contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632.

October saw the society at Thorney Golf Club for our Annual Captain vs Chairman competition. It transpired we had a full turnout of 36 players for the first time this year, so it was a busy golf course with us all on it. Our chairman fondly known as John "The Guzzler" Lindsey has been undefeated for the past 4 years, winning 3 and drawing 1, but this year our Captain AJ Longford's team were motivated by the threat of eating a traditional Czechoslovakian meal of Carp if they lost, had a resounding victory by 13 points to 5, to end the Chairmans domination of this match.

Onto November where we returned to Rushden Golf Club again with another full complement of 36 players, sadly due to the previous day's incessant rain, the course could not allow trolleys to be used, regrettably we didn't receive the news that this was the case so we had to abandon the game. A few members were able to play by carrying their clubs, with Mark Lindsey winning with 39 points 2 ahead of Dan Coulson and Jack Gadsby.

**Membership is only £15 for the year, if you are interested contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632**





# USEFUL CONTACTS



## Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340  
 Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478  
 Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

## Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072  
 Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers & Y.L.) - 07342 046564 / 07704 875881

## Village Groups

Sawtry Camera Club - 07494 067666  
 Sawtry Chorale - 07870 248897  
 Sawtry Gardening Club - 07598 431308  
 Sawtry History Society - 07584 501534  
 Sawtry Motorcycle Club - 834190  
 Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

## Sport Clubs

Merton Kenpo Academy | MKA - 07753 228439  
 Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740  
 Sawtry Colts - [www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk)  
 Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379  
 Sawtry Fishing Club - 07436 016188  
 Sawtry Football Club - 831403  
 Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632  
 Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581  
 Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613  
 Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 01487 815566  
 Sawtry Tang Soo Do (Karate) - 07783 674797  
 Sawtry Walking Group - 832407  
 Sawtry Walk To Run - 07861 740040

## Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217  
 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680  
 St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough - 01733 230464  
 Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

## Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School - 01487 833010 / 07483 942826  
 Sawtry Infant School - 830678  
 Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204  
 Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

## Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838  
 Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 111 999  
 Police (Non-Emergency) - 101  
 Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

## Other Services

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311  
 Cambs Libraries Contact Centre - 0345 045 5225  
 Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon - 0344 245 1292  
 HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114  
 Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740  
 Sawtry Social Club - 830462  
 Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771  
 Sawtry Post Office - 208460  
 Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797  
 Sawtry WI Hall - 07763 438409  
 Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542  
[www.safelocaltrades.com](http://www.safelocaltrades.com) - 0800 014 1832

## CARESCO

CARESCO Centre - 832105  
 Charity Shop - 208026  
 Green End Day Club - 07743 216746  
 Car Scheme - 07810 476979  
 Community Support - 07873 187843  
 Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863  
 The Cave - 07851 803482

## SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487

If you would like to add a new number to the list or you have spotted a wrong number then let the CARESCO team know on 832105

