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FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 14 December
2pm - 4pm

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

Entry by ticket only - £5.00

**Selection of Sandwiches, Mince Pies,
Cakes, Coffee, Tea & Raffle**

Tickets available from Ann 01487 831397

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COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Monday 11 December
Starting at 6.00pm

Outside Greystones Public House,
(opposite The Green, Sawtry,
PE28 5ST)

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

All Welcome

For information call 01487 831771



Sawtry Parish Council
Serving the people of Sawtry



SAWTRY CHORALE

Christmas Concert

Friday 7.30pm 8th December 2023
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
SAWTRY PE28 5TD

For tickets go to www.trybooking.co.uk/CVHD
or call 07796 972580. Under 12's free



www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

Tickets
£10



CHRISTMAS LIGHT TRAIL

Saturday 9 to 20 December

Join in our free hunt
around Sawtry

To be part of the fun:

1. Trail sheets available from 1st December from the CARESCO Charity Shop and CARESCO Centre
2. Follow the trail around Sawtry
3. Find all the letter clues
4. Unscramble the word
5. Write them on the trail sheet
6. Add your details
7. Claim your prize!



To claim your prize, bring your completed sheet to the CARESCO Centre **Wednesday 20 December** between 3pm and 5pm to receive your prize and join in Christmas craft fun. Hot and cold drinks and cake provided.

CARESCO
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CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry
01487 832105
office@caresco.org.uk

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**WISHING ALL OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2024**

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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 with the subject 'Make a Date' or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours).

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Please check with the individual group concerned.



You are warmly invited to our
Annual Public Meeting
On Thursday 11 January 2024

At The CARESCO Centre
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX
Time 7.30pm

The AGM will be followed by a
presentation from The Healthy You Team

Join us on the night to find out more about the
past year at CARESCO and our plans for the future

Find our latest Annual Report
on our website following the AGM

For more information,
please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105
or office@caresco.org.uk



CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX
www.caresco.org.uk



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 12 January



Contact details:

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

01487 832105

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Welcome...

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Liz Coates who was not only our co-editor for 22 years, but a dear colleague and friend who will be missed by all. A tribute to Liz can be found on page 9.

We have included information on lots of activities that are happening around the villages, particularly church services. Who doesn't fancy a good old carol sing at this time of year?

Don't forget to take part in the Christmas Light Trail, let's light up Sawtry! or enjoy the Pop-Up Cinema on Christmas Eve at All Saints' Church, both of these activities are free to enjoy.

We would like to wish all our readers, advertisers, contributors and wonderful Sawtry Eye distribution team a happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

We'll be back in 2024!

Sawtry Eye Team



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 22 December and will reopen from Tuesday 2 January.

There will be a couple of exceptions, our Charity Shop will be closing at their normal time of 4pm on Saturday 23 December for those last-minute bargains and of course our Christmas Day Party on the big day.

Merry Christmas to all our lovely volunteers, trustees, service users and staff, see you in 2024!



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SCHOOL TERM DATES



Autumn Term 2023
End of term 20 December



Spring Term 2024
Start of term 4 January
Half Term - 19 to 23 February
End of term 28 March

Summer Term 2024
Start of term 15 April
Half Term - 27 to 31 May
End of term 22 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



HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)
(Week Beginning)
11 & 25 December
8 & 22 January

**GARDEN WASTE (GREEN)
& RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)**
(Week Beginning)
4 & 18 December
1, 15 & 29 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'

Our monthly concerts continue and we sincerely hope that you can join us at some time.

Sunday 3 December *Matthew Bason*
Sunday 4 February *David Thomas*
Sunday 3 March *Pete Shaw*

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 on the door with refreshments included
Raffle, with excess proceeds to Magpas Air Ambulance

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



SOUNDS GOOD

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

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

8 December
12 & 26 January

CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information

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

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meeting needs in our local community

CHARITY SHOP



7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR
01487 208026

Join us for late night shopping on
Thursday 14 and Thursday 21 December
until 7.30pm.

We will be closing at our normal time of
4pm on Saturday 23 December and will
reopen on Tuesday 2 January at 9am.

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from
all at the Charity Shop



Saturday 16 December, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Saturday 20 January, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Saturday 17 February, 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
or go to our website: 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 2nd & 4th Monday
between 2.15 - 4.15pm**

Come and join us

No meeting on Bank Holidays

**11 December
8 & 22 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 on the second Thursday
of every month
at Sawtry Social Club
from 7 - 9pm



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
3 December

sawtrywalktorun.co.uk



SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

A few social events to look forward to in the lead up
to Christmas:

- * **Saturday 9 December** Christmas Bingo at 7.30pm
- * **Sunday 24 December** Christmas Eve drinks and games at 6pm

**Any Queries contact
Club Secretary Kevin Bowers
Tel No 07989 503740
Visit our Facebook Page - search
'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**



SANTA'S SLEIGH

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

Wednesday 13 December

You can track his progress on the day at:
www.huntingdonsanta.co.uk



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 their Christmas Day Party at the CARESCO Centre for people in the Sawtry area who are going to be by themselves this year. Would you like to join in the fun? The deadline for requesting a meal at the Centre is the 7 December. Transport can be provided.

If you are unable to attend on the day we are now offering a delivery service at a cost of £10 and we will require payment at the time of booking. The deadline for requesting a delivery is the 14 December.

*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

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:
**9 December & 13 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

For Beginners / Improvers and Intermediate Dancers

Monday Mornings: 10am - 12pm

Friday Evenings: 6.30pm - 9pm

At the Old School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry

New: On the first Sunday of every month we are in the hall at the Sawtry Social Club for a Linedance Workshop / Social from 2pm - 5pm. Drinks from the bar.

You don't have to be a Sawtry Stepper or Linedancer to enjoy these afternoons



Line Dancing

For more information contact
Julie Gillmore

On 07939 070 406

Jcgillmore@sky.com

Or ask to join
Sawtry Steppers on Facebook

LITTLE SAINTS



Every Thursday (term time)

9:00 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

Held in the 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 run by the All Saints' Church, Sawtry.

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

[littlesaintssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestaintssawtry@gmail.com)

or call 01487 506217

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY
8PM START
SAWTRY CLUB

£10 PER TEAM OF 4 PEOPLE

Join our Quizmaster for an evening of challenging questions on all of your classic quiz rounds.

Do you and your friends have the brains to be the best that Sawtry has to offer?

@SawtryCricket

www.sawtry.play-cricket.com

CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Saturday 16 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Christmas starts here!

Join Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices, Peterborough Community Chorus with Peterborough Festival Brass as they perform all your festive favourites against the stunning backdrop of Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 16 December.

With an evening performance at 7.30pm and a family-friendly matinee at 2.30pm there's something for everyone young and old, so bring the kids and the grandparents too.

In the words of one of the singers "It's a real family affair, so bring along your nearest and dearest and I guarantee that you'll leave with a huge smile on your face and a warm fuzzy festive feeling inside!"

Book today and be part of Peterborough's favourite Christmas celebration... it wouldn't be the same without you!

Tickets at www.peterboroughsings.org.uk or by phone on 0333 666 3366 (fees apply)



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Christmas Holiday 2023

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

Our last day before Christmas will be

Friday 22 December

and we will be restarting on

Tuesday 2 January

Please ensure your prescription is ready at

Boots, Sawtry **by** Friday 22 December, so we can deliver it to you before we close.

Final small local shopping trips must also be done

by Friday 22 December.

Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy 2024

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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, microwave, outdoor space, excellent lighting,

Wi-Fi - Capacity 70

sawtrywihall@gmail.com
Instagram: [Sawtry_WI_Hall](#)
Sawtry WI Hall | Facebook

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BREAKFAST CLUBS

SAWTRY

www.afvbc.NET

Welcome to the Veterans
We are a group of members of His Majesty's of a growing Clubs in the UK



Sawtry Armed Forces & Breakfast Club. veterans and serving

Armed Forces and part network of Breakfast and Worldwide.

There are no commitments or subs, just pay for your breakfast.
So come to a great place and meet like-minded people for support, chat and banter.

Our Breakfast Club meets
Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 09.45

at **The Greystones Public House, Sawtry**
Interested? Then please register on our Facebook group *Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club*

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/afvbc.sawtry>) or

Email sawtry.AFVBC@Gmail.com



**SAWTRY
COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Open on the first Saturday of each month
12 - 3pm



*** 2 December & 6 January ***

at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS



There is no charge for food

Come and join us for a meal, a chat and receive a warm welcome

We have activities, board games, magazines and a play area for pre-school children

Free Wi-Fi

Everyone Welcome

Access to support available



Community Meals provided by:
Volunteers from Sawtry WI and other organisations.



Funded by:
local organisations and volunteer contributions

Enquiries and donations 07841 647345

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Sawtry Infant School

Christmas Shopping Event

Thursday 7th December
6-8pm

Handmade crafts - Body Shop - Wobourne
Books - German Sausages - Cakes

Sawtry Infant School, Middlefield Road,
Sawtry, PE28 5SH

FREE entry

Tuesdays

7-8:15pm: Junior (sch years 7 & 8)
8-9pm: Senior (sch years 9-11)

in Sawtry Community Centre, Green End Rd

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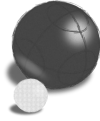
f @ConnectionsBus
@SawtryYNB
07853 795256 (office)
connectionsbusproject.org.uk
Supported by: Sawtry Parish Council

**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**

A MESSAGE AT CHRISTMAS

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



£1.00 per Heart
all proceeds to CARESCO

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

The deadline for purchasing a Wooden
Heart will be Thursday 21 December.



**With thanks to
Sawtry Parish Council**

CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

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

**Christmas Eve
Saturday 24 December**

**10.00am
(with Breakfast Rolls!)**

Snowman, SnowDog And Charlie Brown



**1.00pm
(with Popcorn and Prosecco!)**
Home Alone

Hot chocolate and marshmallows
will of course feature too!!

There is no charge for these
events

For more details see page 17
or visit
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk



All Saints' Church Sawtry
Christmas Tree Festival

**Come and see the Church decorated
with Christmas Trees created by local
Organisations & Groups**

Friday 1 December
6.00pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 2 December
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 3 December
2.00pm - 4.30pm



Everyone is welcome!

*This event is raising money for
Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.
Donations will be gratefully received from
those taking part and from visitors.*



**Refreshments available
at all sessions**



**We Work on
Christmas Day**

by John Osborne

A funny and
moving storytelling
show from Radio 4
regular, John
Osborne.

*Celebrating the
little things we
might not
necessarily
notice about
Christmas.*

Thursday 14th December, 2pm
The Old School Hall
Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon PE28 5UY
Tickets available from the Parish Council Office
37 Green End Road, call 01487 831771
or email admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk
Mince pie and hot drink included in ticket price

Tickets
£5
Suitable for
both adults and
those younger!

Find out more by visiting www.creativeartseast.co.uk

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REMEMBERING LIZ COATES

1 March 1965 - 22 October 2023

Liz was a pivotal member within her church and community and has left a huge legacy at CARESCO. She was one of those special people who did so much for everyone else.

In the beginning, Liz was a CARESCO volunteer; she was Deputy Manager of the Day Centre and became General Manager in 2001 although she wore many other hats during her association with CARESCO.

She also found time to help with important village events like Carnival and Sport 4 All - often eliciting her family's assistance even if it was slap bang in the middle of Wimbledon!

In all that time she would have seen scores of staff, trustees and volunteers come and go and is only just pipped to the post for gold, in terms of longevity with the organisation, by her dear friend and colleague Marina, with whom she worked so closely for many years.

The adage about giving something to a busy person and they'll get it done could have been invented for Liz, for she was tireless in her commitment in all she did for CARESCO. Championing and advocating us and educating us to become more environmentally friendly as a charity. AND, like many working part time, she always put in far more than her allotted hours.

Liz's knowledge of compliance and procedure, the right person to approach about a query or for information; CARESCO's evolution and history, how to fix things when they went wrong or dates you needed to check up on and who said what to whom and when - was matchless. But occasionally even Liz would have to resort to what her friend Linda Dupee, a previous Chairman of Trustees, refers to as '*The Bloomin' Yellow Book*,' copies of which Liz would try to sell off at any given opportunity!

And nothing was ever too much trouble for her. If anyone went to her with a query, she'd stop whatever she was immersed in to point you in the right direction, whether you needed help, guidance, advice - or if it was a Friday - Coffee Shop day -a bacon sandwich.

The traffic through her office or calls to the phone could sometimes be relentless! And she never complained.....perhaps that was down to the secret stash of chilli flavoured chocolate offloaded by Susie, her office compatriot, that kept Liz re-fuelled, ready to face a deluge of inquiries.....

A typical morning might sound a bit like this....

'Good Afternoon, Cambridge County Council here about the grant for.....'

'Hunts Forum here, please could you call us back regarding.....'

'Oh, Liz, can you remember where the bunting is for the party? Wow! You've made some more, that's so pretty.'

'Liz, the Parish Council wanted to know.....'

'Liz, what's the correct procedure for.....?'

'Morning, have you any more tickets left for....?'

'Ummmm Liz, where would I find the policy for....?'

'Liz, thanks for taking the minutes last night.'

'I wonder if you could help Liz, we need to draft an advertisement for.....'

'Liz, what happened last time we did this.....?'

I think you get the picture of the variety and intensity of the calls and questions. Like many other organisations we've had our ups and downs and if things became a bit bumpy now and then, Liz's experience, her steadying influence and unflappability have many times, helped steer us through..... Like the huge task of processing and implementing the reams of information for General Data Protection; or compiling and producing yet another annual report, and unravelling and making sense of all the protocols associated with the impact of Covid, often against the deadline of compiling and editing the Sawtry Eye at which she had been co-editor for the last 22 years.

Liz certainly set the bar for writing reports and applications over the years, and to quote our previous General Manager, Emma, Liz was pivotal in CARESCO's application process for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. And what a huge accolade it was for the organisation when The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Julie Spence, presented it to CARESCO during The Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year, reflecting the contribution made by all staff, volunteers and members throughout CARESCO's entire existence.



In short, Liz has been our oracle, our 'go to' for year-on-year since 2001 and CARESCO and all its staff, volunteers and members - past and present, are the beneficiaries of her legacy and passion for the organisation. We're sure we echo the thoughts of many of us, when we say, quite simply, that CARESCO just won't feel the same without her, and on behalf of all of us who counted her as a friend and colleague, we would like to offer our sincerest condolences to all her family.

THANK YOU

All of Liz's family would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers over the last few weeks. We were humbled by the number of cards we have received and the kind words of tribute that were spoken at the thanksgiving service.

From her first involvement as a volunteer over 30 years ago, Liz loved being part of the wonderful work that CARESCO does in the local community and especially working with the amazing team in the office. We are so happy that she was able to sign off as co-editor of the Sawtry Eye after 22 years in the post and know that others will continue her good work.

So far, well over £500 has been received in Liz's memory towards the work of CARESCO and the Methodist Church. Please direct any further gifts to either organisation. I can do no better than to close with the Bible verse from the book of Micah, by which she tried to live her life: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Matt Coates



SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

We enjoyed a talk on Hinduism and traditions from Indian Kerala at our November meeting and we are making Festive decorations in December with refreshments provided by Sawtry WI Committee. We don't meet in January so our next meeting will be on the first Thursday in February with a talk on Cybercrime & Fraud Prevention planned. All women are welcome at our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm, WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS. We start with a speaker or activity followed by refreshments and some business after which we have a raffle, competition, crafts, books and produce for sale. the Festive Bazaar was a success with tombola, hamper raffle and stalls raising funds for our WI Hall and we thank the community supporting Sawtry WI.

Tickets are now on sale for our Festive Afternoon Tea, Thursday 14 December 2-4pm, great value at £5 each so if you would like a ticket contact Ann on 01487 831397 (see front cover for details)

Sawtry Community Café is held at Sawtry WI Hall on the first Saturday of each month 12-3pm where residents come together to eat, chat and receive a warm welcome.

Our social groups are open to any member of the community. Knit and Knatter held weekly on Wednesdays 2-4pm, Sewing, Patchwork and Quilting held on the second Monday of each month 11am-3pm and Evening Tea, Craft and Chat held on the third Thursday of the month 7-9pm. All members have access to our own on-line college as well as outings, workshops and events at WI Centre in Huntingdon. There is an alternative to attending meetings in person. 'Filoxenia Virtual WI' meets entirely via Zoom, 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month. WI offers the opportunity to make new friends, learn something and get involved in our community.

Please contact us if you would like a copy of our current programme.

Jacqui Svensson, President

sawtrywi@gmail.com
Instagram: Sawtry_WI
Sawtry WI | Facebook



IN MEMORIAM - THE RUSH CHAIR

When my wife Marjorie Dybeck left for the North in 1992 she left CARESCO an old chair. Many people give their time and talents to CARESCO but this time it was just a chair.

Perhaps everyone in CARESCO is like that chair. "Please take a seat and tell us how we can help" must be how many encounters begin. And now we remember Liz Coates who was one of those many stalwarts who have helped CARESCO accommodate the needs of so many people around here.

That chair had a rush seat – a surprising choice for a community office. Like all of us it was not the most durable of materials. But CARESCO accepts all offers and, like people, the chair would not last for ever. But, remember, all those rushes were living growths and, together, they gave us something valuable and useful. Woven together, great things can be achieved.

I guess that Marjorie's chair has long gone, having served its purpose for a few years.

Please give thanks for all the lovely people who, through CARESCO, bring us joy.

MAURICE DYBECK

October 17 2023 (and today is 12 years to the day since Marjorie passed away)

DID YOU KNOW?

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

HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Although the cold weather and short days have curtailed our activities somewhat, our Speedwatch volunteers are still managing to fit in 4 or 5 sessions per month. Obviously, we cannot cover the rush hour times when we have most offenders but even at quieter times of the day we still get a disturbing percentage of drivers ignoring the 30-mph speed limit. Please slow down through our village.

If you can spare an hour or so a month and would like to get involved with our Speedwatch campaign please email csw.holme@btinternet.com to let us know of your interest and we can send you the full guidance notes then, if you are still interested, put you in touch with Cambridgeshire Police to arrange your training.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope safe driving speeds are everyone's new year's resolution. Many thanks and very best wishes to all our dedicated helpers who give up their time to try and make our little village with a busy through road, much safer.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN
THROUGH OUR VILLAGES**



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is now open on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in the Community Centre access via the library from 10:00 to 12:00. All are welcome, search census records & view old documents relating to our area.

In September, Roger Lievers told the story of **The Godmanchester Sterling** an in depth account of the crew, their lives & their fate. A factual talk filled with heroic events of a group of airmen from different backgrounds. I can recommend Roger's book of the same subject 'Sterling To Essen' currently available on Amazon at a much higher price than Roger charges for a signed copy, the proceeds of which all go to charity. He has also written a book entitled Godmanchester At War, both of these are in print, his details can be found on line.

The subject of our October meeting was **The Huntingdon Cyclists Battalions** Presented By Martyn Smith of The Western Front Association was very well attended, some members of the audience had family members that were part of this Battalion that were regarded as cavalry by the army riding bicycles made from gas pipes without brakes. Their first posting was to defend Scarborough on the north east coast, very hilly which must have proved exciting with no brakes.

Several members of 'the team' attended the library on October 25th to hear **It All Starts With You: A Family History Guide** with Carys Fyson from Cambridgeshire Archives. If you are interested in family history we have a great deal of local information in our archive & we now have the details of the service offered by the Huntingdonshire & Cambridgeshire Archives.

Our future programme: January a return visit by Don Chiswell look out for details.

Our membership numbers have recovered since the pandemic, more are welcome, membership subscriptions are due in January. A new programme is being prepared for next year, & we hope to reinstate the open day in the summer.

Don't forget our sister website the details being www.sawtryhistory.co.uk. sawtryhistory@gmail.com

Sawtry Archaeology 'is a sub-group of Sawtry History Society. Further information can be found on the Sawtry Archaeology website at [HOME | My Site \(sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com\)](http://HOME | My Site (sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com)).

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.**

Please note No meeting is held in December.

For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441

AN EYE ON NATURE

I have a question for you? Are you well placed to be a wildlife inspiration to a young person?

When I was growing up in rural Surrey (my village was similar to Sawtry, with countryside a short walk away) my inspiration came from my Mum and Grandpa. I remember walking round my Grandparents farm with Grandpa teaching me about the natural world. Mum was always there too, sharing her knowledge and encouraging me even when it involved mud and yet another soaking in the local stream whilst hunting for Sticklebacks.

I fondly remember exploring my local woods and ponds and how they changed over the seasons. If you find it all a bit daunting saying "I don't know that much, how can I teach my children and young people about wildlife", help is at hand locally. The Wildlife Trust BCN and RSPB can help. Both organisations have brilliant clubs for all young age groups. The RSPB have catered for our children and young adults for 80 years, which speaks volumes and the Wildlife Trust have run Watch groups for many years.

All details on how to contact are below: Let's face it if we don't inspire our children and young people to look after this amazing world then it will be gone. I think we owe it to them, don't you?

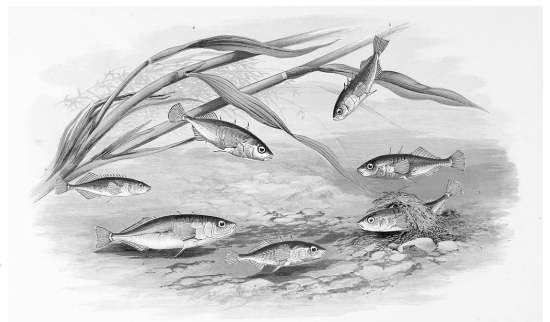
- * Wildlife Trust BCN:
Little Bugs Club, Great Fen. 01487 710420
Head Office: 01954 713543 for Watch groups
www.wildlifebcn.org
Young Peoples Forum (aged 13 - 24): 01954 713543
- * RSPB:
Wildlife Explorers (aged 8 - 12), Fen Drayton.
glynisfenwick@googlemail.com
Wildlife team: 01767 693690

This article is written in memory of my friend, co-editor, Liz Coates who encouraged me to write for the Sawtry Eye 11 years ago! Thank you, dear Liz.

Martin Baker

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

For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust: Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org



SAWTRY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have made it!

At the Referendum held on Thursday 9th November 2023. 88% of the votes cast were in favour of using our Neighbourhood Plan when deciding planning applications in our neighbourhood area.

This result will take immediate effect although it is expected that Huntingdonshire District Council will formally 'make' our Plan on 13th December 2023.

This means that the Local Planning Authority will assess future planning applications in our neighbourhood area using the advice and policies in the National Planning Policy Framework, our Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Plan contains eleven policies describing the type of planning proposals which will now be supported and which were identified as important to the community during the four-year period of its gestation.

Of course, it should be clear that our Plan does not in itself create planning applications.

The Plan will only take effect in practice when developers submit applications which rely on its policies. It should also be recognised that some 11% of the Referendum votes, 59 individuals in number, opposed the adoption of our Plan; however, they and all others, retain the right to object to a planning application on the basis of valid reasons.



A Milestone Event

The making of our Plan has the potential to enhance our community by better land use.

There are also immediate benefits; for example, the Parish will gain financially because the percentage of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received will now increase from 15% to 25%. Seventeen Local Green Spaces have been designated in order to enhance the village scene and protect those areas from further development.

We need to thank all those who have shaped our Plan by contributing views and opinions since 2019 and by participating in the recent consultation sessions - a true community effort.

Viewing the Plan

The Referendum version of our Plan may still be viewed online in the neighbourhood planning sections of the Huntingdonshire District and Sawtry Parish websites; for Sawtry, follow the links:

<https://sawtry-pc.gov.uk> ... Planning... Neighbourhood Planning.

Printed copies of our Plan are available at the Old School House, 37 Green End Road from Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm.

On 13th December, this version will be converted to the Made Plan by very minor amendments and will be publicised online and in print as above.

Finally...

We should repeat the comments from the Independent Examiner who recommended that our Plan proceeds to Referendum: "... there is no reason to doubt that the community's Vision for the Parish will be achieved... It is clear that local residents value the character of the locality and the wide range of facilities that the village provides". Sawtry's many facets "all contribute to making the Parish an attractive place to live and work."

CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

CARESCO is a sizeable charity that is entirely self-funded. We rely heavily on our charity shop, fundraising and grants for income to run all of our groups and services. Donations whether big or small really help us to continue to support local people, so a very big thank you to everyone who donates or supports us in any way either as one-offs or regularly.

We have been very fortunate to receive grants from the following organisations this year which have helped us greatly and would like to thank them for their generous support.

Postcode Places Trust

The Postcode Places Trust is a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Their players are making a difference by supporting a wide range of charities like ours and good causes across Britain and around the world.

www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk

www.postcode lottery.co.uk



The Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a family founded grant-maker that gives money to support a wide range of charities across the UK. In total they donate around £90 million each year to support a wide range of charities like ours that make a positive difference to their local communities.

www.garfieldweston.org



Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation

We were delighted to receive a donation from the Skipton Building Society charitable foundation for our Green End Day Club Christmas Party. This event brings all our attendees from the 4 different days together for Christmas food, drinks, music and fun. We hope our attendees enjoy this free event!

If you know of any organisations that offer charitable grants or donations, we would be very grateful. Please email Dee Pike on grants@caresco.org.uk or call CARESCO on 01487 832105. Thank you all.



Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome Jo Thomas. Jo has worked for the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Welney since July 2022 and prior to that she worked for Natural England, the RSPB and the Wildlife Trust where she was based at Grafham Water for 8 years.

Jo is Waterscapes Manager at the WWT and she tells us that her aim is to bring about positive changes by supporting landowners, farmers and community groups to enhance, restore and create new wetland for biodiversity and other benefits such as flood management, drought resilience, carbon storage and improved water quality.

The Welney site is renowned for its influx of Whooper and Bewick Swans and Pochard over winter and it is also a haven for hare, among many more wildlife. Jo's talk will illustrate how her concepts are already benefiting the wonderful wildlife in our region.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £3.50 and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB

Winter Walk

Sunday 21 January at 10.30am at Lady's Wood, Upwood

We are pleased to announce an addition to our planned programme of winter events. The walk will be led by our own Martin Baker, who is the warden of Lady's Wood, as well as being a long serving committee member. The aim is to look at trees in winter and Martin will guide us on how to identify them, when many of the more obvious clues are no longer available! This is intended to be a family walk, with Martin also filling us in with snippets of general information on the history and management of the wood.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Please meet in the car park at the end of Meadow Lane, Upwood. GR TL251825.

For more information please contact George (01480 450809 or georgecottam@virginmedia.com)

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Registered Charity No: 1000412

SIMON BYWATER

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It's with a very heavy heart, I learned of the sad passing of Liz Coates. Liz was instrumental in producing this very magazine and her warmth and kindness were the heartbeat of our community. She will be deeply missed, and I valued her help over many years. My thoughts are with her Family and Friends.

Sadly, the petition for the reversal of weed spraying was presented at Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Full council and although we didn't get a full reversal on the decision to reinstate safe weed spraying by the CCC, they are going to reconsider it at the Highways committee in Jan 2024. Slow progress but I think there might be a change of heart on this ridiculous idea but not until next year. I managed to speak on the item which has been shared on my Facebook page. I mentioned the impact this was having on Parish Councils, vulnerable /elderly residents in the area especially during the summer growing months.

It was good to see the Sawtry neighbourhood Plan get the public support. This indicated a majority of 88.4% voting in favour of using Sawtry Village Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036 to help decide planning applications within the designated neighbourhood area. The Final Sign off and adoption will now go before members at Huntingdonshire District Council.

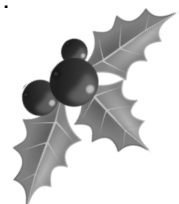
The joint administration running HDC have decided to charge for Garden Waste which will be implemented in April 2024. You will be receiving further information on this "opt in or out" payment scheme over the coming months. There will be an annual cost of £57.50 per year to have your Garden waste collected.

We had a tremendous turn out for this year's Remembrance services around the Ward. Thanks, have to go to "Billy" The Chairman of Sawtry Royal British Legion who has worked tirelessly for many years committing a huge amount of his time in supporting many local events.

Finally, I want to wish you all, a joyous Christmas filled with warmth and cherished moments. May the New Year bring renewed hope, prosperity, and countless opportunities for shared happiness. Let's embrace the spirit of togetherness, and may the coming year be filled with love, laughter, and new beginnings for us all.

Cllr Simon Bywater
Sawtry and Stilton Division, Cambridgeshire County Council

07984 637553





SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL

Community Carol Singing will take place on Monday 11 December outside Greystones Public House opposite the Green. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided along with carol sheets and we look forward to seeing you there.

In partnership with Creative Arts East and funding from the District Council the Parish Council have planned an event for Thursday 14 December 'We Work on Christmas Day' – see separate advert on page 8.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and voted – the plan was passed with an 88.4% majority from 518 votes. The Parish Council would like to acknowledge all the hard work Cllr Potter undertook to produce the plan and thank him for his time and commitment.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the 2023 Fireworks at Greenfields. It was a great success due to everyone working to bring it all together and very well supported by the community.

The Remembrance Day parade and service were also well supported and again thank you to everyone involved in the community to mark this event.

We are inviting groups, individuals and businesses to get involved in our entry for Anglia in Bloom 2024. This competition is to encourage communities to participate in horticultural and environmental initiatives making a difference to their local surroundings. Please contact admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk for more details and how to get involved.

20mph Funding – Cambridgeshire County Council. There is an opportunity for the Parish Council to apply for funding from this initiative. We would, however, like to know your views on this before we consider making an application. Please forward comments directly to clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk.

We have two vacancies for Councillors, if you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact the office for details of how you can be co-opted. The Parish Council meet on a Wednesday at 7.30pm, 11 times a year with additional sub committees meeting quarterly.

The Parish Council would like to recognise the dedicated work of Rolly Laxton during his 49 years of service to the community.

Our website www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk offers information for parishioners.

Steve Browning - Clerk to Sawtry Parish Council
37 Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5UY
Tel: 01487 831771

Office Open: 9.00 - 1.00 Mon - Fri

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

At the moment Youth Club attendance has to be restricted to 24 each week as we just cannot get enough volunteer helpers to allow any more. We very much appreciate the half dozen wonderful helpers and the committee members who keep everything going but would love to add more names to the list. If you would like to join us for a somewhat noisy couple of hours on a term time Friday email us on holmeyouthclub@outlook.com and we will add you to our list. It really is a rewarding experience to see these young people having fun in a safe and friendly space they can call their own.

With Christmas and the end of term looming we have plans for our termly night out – 8 December should see a party of youngsters have a fun filled night out at Flip Out. Once again, we thank the volunteer drivers very much for ferrying them down there.

Our last session before Christmas will be 15 December and the first one in 2024 will be 12 January.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme CofE Primary Academy. If you meet this criteria and would like to find out more check out our Facebook page, Web Page or email holmeyouthclub@outlook.com or just pop down to the Village Hall one term time Friday between 6.30pm and 8.30pm and see what's going on.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone, especially members, committee members, volunteer helpers and all the parents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Our Facebook page @HolmeYouth
Website Holmeyouthclub.co.uk
Email holmeyouthclub@outlook.com

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Join the NEW GARDEN WASTE Subscription Service

Huntingdonshire DISTRICT COUNCIL

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£50

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How do I sign up?

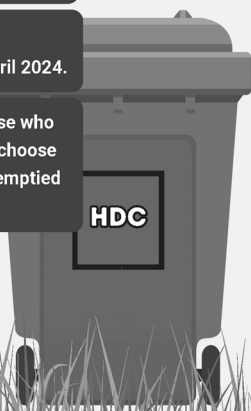
Our garden waste service is changing to a chargeable service. Find out more and sign up

1 from December 2023 at: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/gardenwasteservice, scan the QR code below or call 01480 388584.

2 Pay an annual fee of £50 for a garden waste bin for a 12-month subscription from April 2024 to March 2025.

3 You will receive a subscription sticker to put on your garden waste bin prior to April 2024.

4 The service will start in April 2024, for those who have subscribed. For those residents that choose not to, your garden waste bin will NOT be emptied after April 2024.





SAWTRY CHORALE

In November we presented a combined concert at the Commemoration Hall in Huntingdon with Huntingdon Male Voice Choir, which was a bit of a departure for us, but one that we hope to repeat. Both Choirs sung to a very receptive and appreciative audience, which we enjoyed immensely.

Well... Christmas is fast approaching, and we are making some finishing touches to our music for what we hope will be a really enjoyable season for all. Our repertoire for this year's concerts has been curated by our MD Ollie to suit your wide and varied tastes, and we're sure you'll enjoy listening to, and of course joining in with, some well-known Christmas carols.

If you haven't had an opportunity to join us before, or are new to the area, please come along, enjoy some Christmas cheer. We are particularly looking forward to our concert on the 8 December, when we will be returning to Sawtry Parish Church.

Our forthcoming Christmas concerts are as follows:

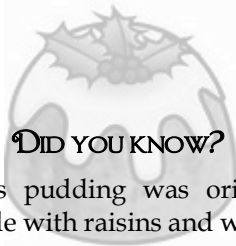
- **St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton, PE7 3RF - Friday 1 December at 7.30pm**
- **Sawtry Parish Church - Friday 8 December at 7.30pm**

As reported last month, Sawtry Chorale is extremely well subscribed right now, but are always looking for new members to swell our ranks, if you feel inspired to sing, 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 (www.sawtrychorale.co.uk), Facebook or by email at sawtrychorale@gmail.com You will receive a warm welcome! We meet every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Hall in Sawtry from 19:30 - 21:30.

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

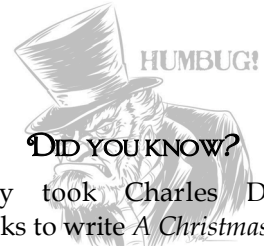
We'd like to wish everyone, and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

For more information, please call 07870 248897, find us on Facebook, email sawtrychorale@gmail.com or visit www.sawtrychorale.co.uk



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*.

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Annual Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a 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.



Seasonal Opening Hours

Friday 22nd December	Open as usual
Saturday 23 December	Closed
Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve	Closed
Monday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Tuesday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Wednesday 27 December	Open as usual

Thursday 28 December	Open as usual
Friday 29 December	Open as usual
Saturday 30 December	Closed
Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve	Closed
Monday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Tuesday 2 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**

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.



Digital Buddy Sessions - Every Wednesday from 2.00-3.00pm

If you are not confident using computers or need help finding information online or completing online forms, then come along to one of our buddying sessions. Our volunteer will be able to teach you basic computer skills and show you how to do simple online tasks. No need to make an appointment just drop in.

Christmas Crafts - Saturday 23 December 10.00am-12.00pm

Get ready for Christmas by making some paper plate wreaths and mobile tree decorations at Sawtry library. For children aged 4+, £1 per child. Booking required.

Christmas Closure

Please note that Sawtry library will close at 12.30pm on Saturday 23 December for Christmas and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024. We would like to wish all our customers a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

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 - Saturdays 10.00am-12.00pm

Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning. 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



SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL

It has been a busy half term at Sawtry Infant School with Reception Nativity rehearsals and Christmas carol practising well under way! It is so magical hearing those classic Christmas songs floating down the corridor once again.



We have lots of exciting things planned on the lead up to Christmas including Christmas Jumper Day, a trip to the church to see the Christmas Tree Festival, our Y1 and Y2 Christingle and of course, an end of term party! After all the excitement in school we know that the children will be looking forward to some relaxing days off before the big day.

We also have our Christmas Shopping Event to look forward to. Everyone is welcome to attend this event on Thursday 7 December. The shopping event will take place at school from 6pm to 8pm. Raffle tickets will be available on the night to win one of our wonderful hampers but they are also available in advance from the school office.

On behalf of everyone at Sawtry Infant School may I take this opportunity to wish our Sawtry community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to sharing more updates with you in 2024!

Mrs Trace, Headteacher,
Sawtry Infant School
01487 830678 - office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk

Sawtry CARNIVAL 2024

Diary Dates:



**Sawtry Court Selection &
Crowning Evening**
23rd March 2024
"The Greystones, Sawtry"



Sawtry Carnival
8th June 2024!

**We can't wait to see you all there! Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Sawtry Carnival Committee



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



All Are Welcome!

COFFEE MORNINGS

**Open Saturdays
in the church hall
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

Holy Communion

Sunday 3 December at 10.30am

Candlelit Carols

Friday 15 December at 6.00pm

All-Age Nativity

Sunday 17 December at 10.30am

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December at 9.30am

Churches Together Christmas Special

Christingle Service

Sunday 7 January at 10.30am

Tea Break Café Worship

Sunday 14 January at 4.15pm

Covenant Service

Sunday 21 January at 10.30am

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

Come and join us, all are welcome

SAWTRY MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

***Meets fortnightly from 2.00 – 3.15pm in the Church Hall
Second and fourth Mondays***

*This is an informal fellowship group, sharing experiences, memories and plenty of laughter!
Quantities of coffee, tea and cake available (of course!!). All are welcome*

Contact Margaret Wilson 07794 607985



For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857

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Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch

Waiting at any time of the year is a challenge for some of us but at Christmas it can be especially hard. I read some actual letters that were sent to Santa recently. One of them, written by a four-year old said: 'Dear Santa, I'll take anything you're willing to leave because I haven't been that good!' As we journey through adulthood we discover that having to wait doesn't just belong to the realm of children. So, what are you waiting for this Christmas? What are you longing for?

In Luke's gospel we read of two characters who rarely feature on the front of Christmas cards and never appear in nativity scenes. Nevertheless, they have a key part to play in the Christmas drama because they speak to us of how Jesus can fulfil our deepest longings and hopes.

Simeon was waiting for someone who would bring comfort to the people of Israel who found themselves in a difficult place. Among the Jews of the day a popular title for the Messiah was Comforter. In my experience of sharing life with other human beings Simeon's desire for someone to come and make a difference is a universal one. All of us need to know we are not alone and Immanuel, 'God with us' comes to meet that need.

Anna was waiting but she was waiting for freedom – the kind of freedom that is only possible through forgiveness. Are you wrestling with guilt, or held by a pattern of sin you can't seem to break out of? Jesus comes with the desire and power to set us free.

What are you waiting for this Christmas? Will you allow Jesus to minister his comfort and grace? Will you allow him to be more than a mere baby in a manger but King of Kings and Lord of Lords 'risen with healing in his wings'?

Rev James Bamber



SAWTRYFOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who generously supports the Foodbank. We are extremely grateful for all the donations of food we are receiving during these difficult times.

The following is a list of items we particularly need currently to make up our food parcels:

SHOPPINGLIST

- *Cereal*
- *Tinned Fruit*
- *Tinned Ham / Corned Beef*
- *Custard*
- *Long-Life Milk*
- *Long-Life Fruit Juice*
- *Rice Pudding*

Extras..... We can also use donations of toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and pet food.

A few do's and don'ts..... Donations need to be well in date please. We can't accept fresh, frozen, chilled or home-made items or any alcohol.

Collection points : CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Co-op Food Store, Local Churches, Sawtry Social Club, and Gt Gidding Store

For more information please call 07743 593863
Email: foodbank@caresco.org.uk or visit
www.caresco.org.uk



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

Minestrone Soup



Serves 4

Cooking time: around 30-40 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 tin cannellini beans or butter beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 small onion or ¼ tin chopped onions
- 2 large carrots or 1 tin carrots drained
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 vegetable stock cube in 1200ml boiling water (4 mugs)
- 150g dried spaghetti, (break into short lengths)
- 1 tbsp oil

Optional Ingredients

- 2 peeled potatoes or ½ tin potatoes 2 tsp garlic powder/puree

Method

- Finely chop the onion, carrots and potatoes
- Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat
- Add the onion, carrots, garlic and potatoes and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring from time to time until the vegetables are soft
- Add in the tomato puree, tomatoes and stock
- Cover with a lid and bring to the boil over a high heat
- Reduce heat and gently simmer for 10 minutes
- Add the beans and pasta and cook for a further 10 minutes, or until the pasta is soft
- Can be served with bread if liked.

Coeliac/gluten free adaptation: Use gluten free spaghetti and check stock cubes are gluten free.

Stew



Serves 4

Cooking time: around 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tins corned beef or cooked stewed steak
- 8 small potatoes or 2 tins potatoes
- 1 tin carrots, drained
- 1 onion or ½ tin chopped onions
- ½ beef or vegetable stock cube in 600ml boiling water (2 mugs)
- 2-4 tsp gravy granules
- 1 tbsp oil
- Pepper to taste

Leave the potato skins on for extra fibre...just remember to wash the skins well

Optional Ingredients

- 1 tin chickpeas, drained

Method

- If using fresh potatoes peel and cut them into quarters
- Roughly chop the onion
- Heat the oil in a saucepan and pan-fry the onion on a medium heat for 2-3 minutes until softened
- Add the corned beef/stewed steak, potatoes, carrots, chickpeas (if using) and stock, and bring to the boil over a high heat
- Reduce heat, cover with lid and gently simmer for 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender
- Add more water as needed
- Stir in gravy granules to thicken and pepper to taste before serving.

Coeliac/gluten free adaptation: Check tinned meat, stock cubes and gravy granules are gluten free.

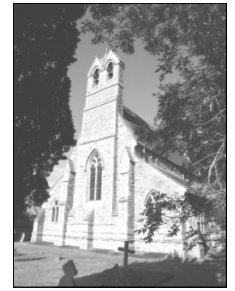


Equipment

- Hob
- Large saucepan with lid
- Chopping board
- Measuring jug/mug
- Sharp knife
- Tin opener
- Potato peeler (optional)
- Wooden spoon
- Tablespoon



**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

Date	All Saints', Sawtry	St Nicholas, Glatton	St Giles, Holme
Sunday 3 December	10.30am - Holy Communion	9am - Holy Communion Patronal Feast	--
Sunday 10 December	6.00pm - Traditional Carol Service	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Saturday 16 December	4.00pm - Messy Christmas	--	--
Sunday 17 December	10.30am - Noisy Nativity	6.00pm - Carols by Candlelight	--
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December	10.00am Pop Up Cinema <i>Snowman, SnowDog and Charlie Brown</i> with refreshments (FREE) 1.00pm Pop up Cinema <i>Home Alone</i> with refreshments (FREE)	--	--
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December	11.30pm - Midnight Communion	10.00pm - Holy Communion	6.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service
Christmas Day Monday 25 December	9.30am - Churches Together Christmas Celebration at Sawtry Methodist Church	--	--
Sunday 31 December	--	9.00am - Benefice Holy Communion	--
Sunday 7 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	--
Saturday 14 January	10.30am - Service of the Word	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Saturday 20 January	4.00pm - Messy Church	--	--
Sunday 21 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	--
Sunday 28 January	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Morning Prayer	--	--

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

** In addition, there are no services scheduled at St Giles, Holme at present due to the heating project; please see the separate notice and keep an eye on social media for news.



JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER TOWARDS CHRISTMAS...

If you have never stepped inside a church, haven't been for donkeys or have a favourite seat we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas. At the heart of Christmas is Jesus and as we unpack this most incredible gift together, we offer a wide range of activities and services for all ages to enjoy.

There are heaps of occasions to sing carols, get your tea towel ready for a noisy nativity, get your craft on at Messy Christmas, be still and quiet and to stuff your face with festive favourites as we celebrate together.

I encourage you to have a look at the activities and services on offer and come along.

Christmas can be difficult for many people. Whether facing bereavement, loneliness or another struggle, space to reflect during December can be useful in the busyness of the season. All our carol services and midnight communions will offer space to light candles, remember, pause and pray. If you would like more information, would like to talk or perhaps enjoy a cuppa and mince pie, please be in touch with us.

Reverend Canon Becky Dyball
(Wanna be barista Vicar)

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**Youth
SPACE**
EVERY SUNDAY IN
TERM TIME
(YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS)
6.00PM - 7.30PM
ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH



CARESCO CAR SCHEME

Providing transport for local people

Run by volunteers using their own cars, journeys (to medical appointments only) can be booked via the Co-ordinator 9am - 5pm, Mondays to Fridays only (subject to availability)

on **07810 476979**

Please leave a message, your name & phone number and the team will get back to you as soon as they can

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105
Email: office@caresco.org.uk



REMEMBRANCE

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

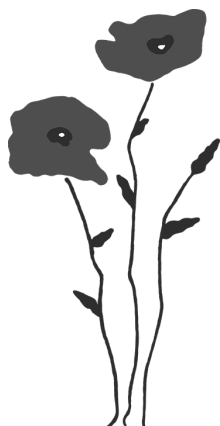


DECEMBER		
Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

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.*

SAWTRY WALK TO RUN

*****SANTA RUN 2023*****



If you want to walk or run the event you're very welcome to Join in the Annual event from The Greystones at 9.30am on Sunday 3 December. Cost £10.00, including Santa suit and Mince Pie afterwards. Sawtry Foodbank will also be collecting and they welcome donations particularly tinned fruit, custard and squash. Warm up afterwards in the Greystones until late morning with seasonal goodies. If you'd like to support at the event we welcome any volunteers who can help direct runners on the course on the day and join us afterwards to warm up with a hot drink and mince pie.

We have had a busy Autumn of running with 2 marathon finishes of 3.19 for Rich and 3.31 for Ewa, a metric marathon and longest run to date from Anna-Marie with her Chester metric marathon in a speedy 2.23. Gavin and Linda both took place in the Great North Run the largest Half Marathon in the UK that has a fantastic support and atmosphere. We had great representation and some first-time half marathon runners in the Great Eastern Run in Peterborough as well as looking after thousands of runners at one of the water stations.

Twice a year we take over hosting Peterborough parkrun, the most recent being this November as part of the world's largest free to enter run. Thanks to Jo our Vice Chair for you being race director on these takeovers and well done to Ken who completed the milestone of 100 Parkruns.

Our Community volunteer award this year goes to John Green for his support with our 10 Mile race which has become an annual fixture every September. John also supports other community sports and has done for many years. Well-deserved John.

As a community club we don't exist without volunteers. I wanted to reach out and thank everyone who's supported Sawtry and the local running community this past year, and here's to more of the same in 2024.

The new year is fast approaching and if you have a resolution we can help with or support you in training for an event please get in touch by social media or details below.

David Bartle, Club Chair

Call David on 07703174937 or contact Fiona Hurst our membership secretary at fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk for details.

More info at www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or our Facebook page: **Sawtry Walk to Run**



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

SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Club News

The club is getting ready for its last few club nights before we break up for Christmas and the New Year.

Unfortunately, the club is saddened to announce that there will be no more Tuesday Club Night Sessions at the school on our return in January, but the club is looking into alternative venues to play on a Tuesday evening.

However, the Monday Club Night Sessions will be continuing as normal with our Junior Development Session at 5:45pm to 6:30pm, followed by our Open Play Adult Session from 6:30pm to 7:45pm or 9:45pm depending on if there is a League Match being played.

Our Junior Development Sessions are for young players aged 7 to 18 years old (Junior Members). They are for juniors who are just about to start or have already started their table tennis journey.

In these sessions, they will learn the total basics of table tennis; Grip, Ready Position, Movement and Striking, Serving, Backhand, Forehand, Backhand and Forehand Combos, Rules of the game, Match Play and most of all sportsmen like behaviour.

Our Open Play Adult Sessions are for adult players of all abilities, plus our stronger Junior Members who have been invited or have passed the club's grading. Players are able to play some fun and leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis.

The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New Year. We hope you might join us in the New Year to help your New Year's resolution get off to a great start.

The club meets at the club's venue:

Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

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

www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

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

If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact the Club via email: welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk or call: 01487 804040



SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

September saw our society back at the popular Kilworth Springs, this tricky course was tamed this year with a fantastic score of 40 points by Stuart Carroll, however he didn't have it all his own way with Micky Bosworth just a point behind, third place went to Vas Roberts with 36 points.

The following month saw 2 games, first up was a trip to The Leicestershire Golf Course, where our overall league leader Tony Morley produced another great performance to win the day with 34 points, 3 points ahead of DJ Doug Bailey who tied with Dave Holbrow but won on countback.

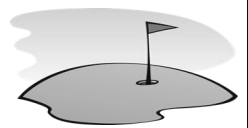
2 weeks later it was the turn of the popular Captain vs Chairman game, where in good school yard form they each chose their teams to do battle. After not winning for 2 years, our Chairman's team (Team Guzzler) came out victorious over Captain Ian (Chubby) Simpson by a comfortable margin (we won't mention the score, but let's say it wasn't close!) Despite the best efforts by the Captain himself and a special mention for Kevin (Boom Boom) Medlock who comprehensively won his game against one of the best players the society has, in an effort to protect him we won't be publishing his name.

Onto November, where we played a new course for us, The Cambridge Country Club, it proved to be a great day on a great course, Shaun Hubbard out played everyone with a great score of 41 points, a full 7 shots clear of the ever-improving Micky Bosworth, with Gav Armitage a further point behind.

Halfway through our season still see's Tony Morley lead the way at the top of our league on 188 points, 6 points clear of Jason Bohonis, with Nick Bussey now climbing the table into third place a 2 points behind on 180.

Our next game is at Greatham Golf Course for our Christmas special, then we have a small break to try and miss the worst of the winter weather, returning in March, results will be published once again in the next issue.

Sawtry Golf Society accommodates 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 AJ Longford (07947 346218)



SAWTRY COLTS

It's been a busy time of late for the Colts sides strutting their stuff at Greenfield, Sawtry Junior Academy and Sawtry Village Academy. The weather has been pretty typical for this time of year - good, footballing weather with it mostly being wet or windy or a combination of the two! The pitches have continued to be playable but a few weeks have been touch and go. Here's a snapshot of how a few of the older teams have fared recently.

The U16 team have been competitive in all their matches bar their two games against the top sides Buckden and Eynesbury. They have yet to add to their opening day win but are beginning to gel better as a team with a few new players joining the team this season after a few years away from football.

The U15s sit mid table with 4 wins and 4 losses to date. Their victories have come against March (twice), St Neots and Godmanchester Red. They are currently on a run of four losses after a decent start to the season which also included them departing the County Cup to a very good Huntingdon side.

The U14s are currently third in their league with a record of 5 wins and 2 defeats. Recent good wins against local rivals Stilton and Godmanchester Blue by 8-3 and 11-0 results respectively were followed by a loss in the cup to a strong Needingworth side where they eventually went down in a hard-fought match 5-3 after taking an early lead.

The U13s have had a good start to the season. Wins against Somersham, St Ives and St Neots were followed by a 3-2 County Cup loss against Hampton. They returned to league duty with a 5-3 home loss to league leaders Chatteris but soon got back to winning ways defeating Priory by the odd goal in an 11-goal thriller and then followed that up with 4-1 win in the league cup against St Neots.

The U12 Yellows sit third in their league with 4 wins and a draw in their six games so far. Recent league wins against Sandy, Warboys and Needingworth have pushed them up the table but cup matches have been taking the limelight of late for them. A 5-3 win in the County Cup against Orton was swiftly followed by a penalty shoot-out win against Buckden in the league cup after a 2-2 draw. Unfortunately, any early hopes they had of a treble this season were dashed by the Sawtry Blues who defeated them 3-1 in the next round of the County Cup!

The U12 Blues, after losing their first match of the season, are now on an unbeaten run of seven matches. League wins have come against March and Huntingdon with a draw against Papworth. County Cup wins against Needingworth, Stanground and the Sawtry Yellows means they have a quarter final match against Peterborough RTC to look forward to! A comfortable league cup win against Warboys means their chance of silverware is still alive in that trophy too.

The U12 girls' team (the Sawtry Falcons), in their first season of competitive football, are proving a match for more established local teams culminating in a recent 2-1 win against previously undefeated and current league leaders Netherton and a narrow loss in the cup quarter final to Girls Utd.

As usual, a reminder of the Sawtry Colts website, available at sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk, where details of all the teams can be found as well as managers' contact details should any aspiring players wish to find a team.

Brian Craig - sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Monday 11 December at 6.00pm

Come and join us Outside Greystones Public House,
(opposite The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST)

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Hosted by Sawtry Parish Council - 01487 831771

All Welcome



SAWTRY



SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

The Club has completed a very busy and successful season, our first at Alconbury Weald where this year, both junior and adult matches have been played. This would not have been possible without the hard work of our groundsman who ensured we were 'pitch ready'. This has enabled all our teams to enjoy both the pitch and the new facilities at The Pavilion.

We are very proud to have been able to create a player pathway, starting with All Stars (for under 7's age group) through to Open Aged (adult cricket) with development opportunities and county trials for our Juniors. Our adult teams are playing in Saturday, Sunday and mid-week leagues. We really do have something for everyone!

The season culminated with our two presentation evenings celebrating the successes of our adult and junior teams and individuals. Well done to all.

Junior Award	Winner		Adult Award	Winner
U7 Best Batter	Monty Fowler		Richard Spencer Award - Clubman of the Year	George Gregory
U7 Best Bowler	Finn Atkinson		Midweek Players Player	Hayden Bream
U9 Best Batter	Freddie Barnard-Mann		Midweek Captains Player	Dan Metcalfe
U9 Best Bowler	Jake Hill		Saturday Players Player	Matt Burgess
U11 Best batter	Adam Huntingdon		Saturday Captains player	Ian Bonsall
Under 11 Best Bowler	Hayden Edwards		Sunday Players Player	Dean Harris
U13 Best batter	Kieran Boon		Sunday Captains Player	Dominic Ward
U13 Best Bowler	Isaac Hill		3 X Champagne Moments	James Wiltshire Jensan Spampathy Caiden James
U15 Best Batter	George Gregory			
U15 best Bowler	James Dudley			
Senior Team Graduation	Kieran Boon Isaac Sheridan			
Most improved Player/s of the Year (across all junior age groups)	Hayden Edwards George Gregory			

Winter training for juniors (ages Under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15) has now started at Academy Leisure Sawtry with adult nets planned for the New Year. If you or your children have an interest in playing cricket or with help in running a team, please get in touch.

We are always looking to grow the cricket club, including the coaching team and committee.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the 2024 Season.

Please contact us through our Facebook page or email: sawtrycc@yahoo.com

