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## SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Holding a Mini Spring Show –  
Just For Fun!

**Saturday 23 March**

at The Old School Hall  
2 - 4pm

Free public admission.  
Raffle, refreshments.

Open to everyone

For full details see page 8



## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

At Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS

### EASTER BINGO

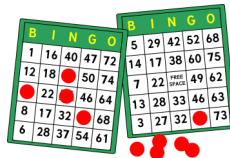
**Thursday 21 March**

Eyes Down 7.30pm



All Welcome

For more information  
please call: 07368 210882



## SAWTRY CARNIVAL COURT SELECTION & CROWNING EVENING

**Saturday 23 March**

Starting at 6pm

at The Greystones, The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST

**Disco and Raffle**

*All Welcome to Attend!*



We are looking to appoint the following to represent the village at the Carnival and other events:

**Sawtry Carnival 2024**  
Saturday 8 June  
Theme: The Wild West

- ★ **A Carnival Queen** (14 years and upwards)
- ★ **1-2 Princesses** (9 - 13 years)
- ★ **A Rosebud** (5 - 8years)
- ★ **Plus a Carnival Prince** - (5 years plus  
- to be part of the Court on Sawtry Carnival Day only)



For more information or to enter email: [sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com)

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

2024	Group	Details	Contact	Page
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24 February	Sawtry & District Bowling Club	London Night	07903 841708	20
8 March	CARESCO	Quiz Night	01487 832105	2
21 March	Sawtry Feast Supper	Easter Bingo	07368 210882	Front Page
22 March	Sawtry Parish Council	Creative Arts East ( <i>Elvis in Blue Hawaii</i> )	01487 831771	6
23 March	Sawtry Show	Sawtry Spring Show	—	Front Page & 8
23 March	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Carnival Court Selection & Crowning Evening	sawtrycarnivalcourt@gmail.com	Front Page
4 June	Sawtry Feast Supper	Feast Supper 2024	07368 210882	10
8 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	sawtrycommittee@gmail.com	6
29 - 30 June	Sawtry Colts Football Club	Summer Tournament	--	--
8 September	Sawtry Walk to Run	Sawtry 10 Mile Road Race	07703 174937	19

## ***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).

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Please check with the individual group concerned.



### **CARESCO QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 8 March**

At Sawtry Social Club  
Starting at 7.30pm

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

Raffle & Auction

**QUIZ**

*No advanced booking required,  
just turn up in good time on the night!*



### **GREEN END DAY CLUB**

#### **QUIZ SUPPER**

Future Dates

17 February - Sold Out

17 May

30 August

22 November

Look out for further details on our Facebook page, Website and in the Sawtry Eye.



**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

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contact the CARESCO office

**Welcome...** Spring is in the air and the bulbs are now starting to come through which promises colour in our gardens. Hopefully, as we all get to enjoy some warmer weather and longer days, we'll be able to shake off all these colds and bugs that seem to have been hanging around for months.

While we have details of lots of activities and events happening over the next couple of months, we also have the dates for Sawtry's big community events too, such as the Spring Show and Carnival so now's the time to get them into your diaries.

Have a good one

**Sawtry Eye Team**



**CARESCO WE WERE BUSY IN 2023**

You may recognise the name, but do you actually know what CARESCO does day-to-day?

Forty years ago we were set up to serve our local community and while how that look has changed over the years, we're currently doing that via 11 different activities, each supporting a different group of people. You can find out more on our website, but here is a snapshot of some of our work between June and December 2023:

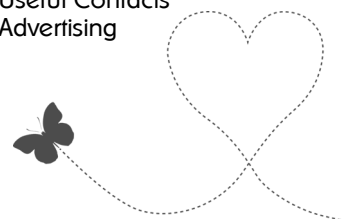
- 502 parcels were delivered by the Foodbank team.
- 1508 Meals were served by the Green End Day Club team
- Our Car Scheme completed a total of 2916 miles
- Our Community Support team delivered 501 prescriptions & completed 30 shopping trips
- We printed 14,000 copies of the Sawtry Eye!

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

### Spring Term 2024

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

### Autumn Term 2024

Start of term 3 September

Half Term - 28 October to 1 November

End of term 20 December

**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)

5 & 19 February

4 & 18 March

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

(Week Beginning)

12 & 26 February

11 & 25 March

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 4 February** David Thomas

**Sunday 3 March** Pete Shaw

**Sunday 7 April** Daniel Watt

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](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 & 23 February  
8 & 22 March

## 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



## CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm and Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please come along for a coffee and chat. See the projects and repairs we are working on at present.

Do you have a project you want some help with?

Everybody is welcome, male or female. We are a happy crew and welcome new members.

We replace watch batteries and carry out PAT testing at a fee of £3 each.

Contact us by calling 07851 803482 and leaving a message, emailing us at [thecave@caresco.org.uk](mailto:thecave@caresco.org.uk) or pop in during one of our sessions to speak to us, you can find us at the rear of Sawtry Community Centre off Green End Road, Sawtry, **CARESCO** PE28 5UX

meeting needs in our local community



February - No Messy Church  
Saturday 16 March, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Saturday 20 April, 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](mailto: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**

## 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](mailto:sawtrywihall@gmail.com)  
Instagram: [Sawtry\\_WI\\_Hall](#)  
Sawtry WI Hall | Facebook

## Sawtry CARNIVAL

**Saturday 8 June  
12 noon - 5pm**



**Come and join us**  
No meeting on Bank Holidays

**12 & 26 February  
11 & 25 March**

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

**For more information email:**  
[office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
or call the  
**CARESCO Office** **CARESCO**  
01487 832105 meeting needs in our local community

## 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**



## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

**Monthly, second Saturdays:  
10 February & 9 March  
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**



**Sunday 10 March**

**2pm**

**All Saints' Church, Sawtry**

M O T H E R ' S   D A Y  
R U N A W A Y S



A space for those who find Mothering Sunday  
difficult, offering a safe space to pray,  
be still and be reminded that you're not alone.

Drop in to light a candle, say a prayer,  
talk with someone, be still,  
enjoy a fresh coffee and slice of cake.

**There will be a short reflective service at 3pm**

*"It is a space for us to invite the God who  
loves us into our stories of struggle."*

## SAWTRY STEPPERS 'MODERN' LINE DANCE CLASSES

**Mondays:** Easy-Going Beginners/Improvers 10am - 12.15pm

**Wednesdays:** Intermediates/Advanced 7pm - 9pm  
(Book this class)

**Friday:** Beginners 6pm - 7pm  
Improvers/Intermediates 7pm - 9pm

**At the Old School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry**

*Line dance Socials at the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry.*

*First Sunday of every month, 2pm - 5pm.*

*Drinks available from the bar*



Line Dancing

For more information contact

Julie Gillmore at

Jcgillmore@sky.com

or 07939 070 406

or ask to join

Sawtry Steppers Facebook group

## 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



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

Congratulations to our winner Hilary

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas quiz sheet

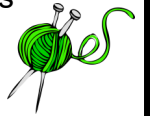


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All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO

## SAWTRY CRAFT BUDDIES

Sawtry Craft Buddies has  
disbanded as of  
1 January 2024



Join us for another  
fun day at...

Would you like to get involved?  
Contact us at:  
[sawtrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrycommittee@gmail.com)

Live Band  
Stalls  
Rides  
Activities!

Sawtry  
CARNIVAL  
2024

Find us on facebook!  
Sawtrycarnival



8th June

The Wild West

"Original, witty and  
great fun"

- Audience member



Spitz & Co Presents...

ELVIS  
in  
Blue  
Hawaii

A musical comedy  
that will leave you  
all shook up!

Friday 22nd March, 6.30pm

The School Room at 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](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)

Hot drink and biscuit included in ticket price

Tickets  
£5

Suitable for  
both adults and  
those younger!

Find out more by visiting [www.creativeartseast.co.uk](http://www.creativeartseast.co.uk)

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ARMED FORCES & VETERANS  
BREAKFAST CLUBS

**SAWTRY**

[www.afvbc.NET](http://www.afvbc.NET)

Welcome to the Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club.  
We are a group of veterans and serving members of His Majesty's Armed Forces and part of a growing network of Breakfast Clubs in the UK 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.

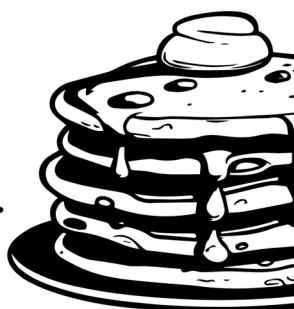
Our Breakfast Club meets  
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
from 09.45**

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](mailto:sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com)



**PANCAKE PARTY**



**GLATTON VILLAGE HALL**

**TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

**5:30pm - 7:00pm**

**FREE / EVERYONE WELCOME**



**Walk of Witness**

**On Good Friday - 29 March**

Starts at 10.00am from

**All Saints' Church, Church Causeway**

Arrive at 10.30am at

**the Methodist Church, Green End Road**  
for a reflective service

*All are welcome to join this thoughtful walk and service,  
followed by Rumbles Fish and Chip lunch*

For more information, please see church contacts



**SAWTRY  
COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

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



**\* 3 February & 2 March \***

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

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**

**cdā Hearing Help 2024**

**SAWTRY 2024**

**Hearing Aid Maintenance Sessions**

Clinics will run every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from  
10am until noon at the CARESCO Centre.

**Dates:**

April 11  
May 9  
June 13

July 11  
August 8  
September 12

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

**Batteries**

Please collect from any Hearing Aid Maintenance session, no need to book.

You can also collect batteries from any  
**Cambridgeshire Mobile Library**  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Donations**

Please consider donating as without constant support the charity cannot continue its vital work. Send a cheque payable to Cambridgeshire Deaf Association. Post To : 8 Romsey Terrace, Cambridge CB1 3NH

**Online** at [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)  
**In person** at any of our drop-in sessions

Please consider also becoming a regular donor by setting up a standing order via our website.

**We can then plan for our future help throughout Cambridgeshire.**



## CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY

A really big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make this year's CARESCO Christmas Day Party such a success.

We all had a lovely time and everyone was made welcome and we were waited on so well.

Without this we would all have been on our own on Christmas Day and this made such a difference to us. Good Food, Good Company and all given with so much love.

Thank you.

**Ann Martin**



## THANK YOU

My grateful thanks for all the kind cards and messages of sympathy I have received since I lost Tony on 23rd December.

Every single one was so much appreciated. He had been so unwell for a long time and now he is at rest.

**Ann Martin**

## CARESCO SAWTRY FOODBANK

meeting needs in our local community

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:

- Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Long-Life Milk
- Long-Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Pasta

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

Donations need to be well in date please. We can't accept fresh, frozen, chilled or home-made items or any alcohol.

Collection points include: CARESCO Centre, Local Churches, Sawtry Social Club, Gt Gidding Store, Sawtry Co-op Food store.

For more information please call 07743 593863

Email [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk) or visit

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



## SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Holding a Mini Spring Show – Just For Fun!

**On Saturday 23 March**  
at The Old School Hall 2 - 4pm

Free public admission

Raffle and Refreshments will be on sale

**\*\* The Full Schedule For The September Show Will Be Available \*\***



**Mini Show Classes** – up to THREE entries per exhibitor per class

### Cut flowers and pot plants (must be grown by the exhibitor)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 stems daffodils/narcissi</li> <li>2. 3 stems multi bloom daffodils/narcissi</li> <li>3. 3 stems polyanthus (multiple blooms on a single stem)</li> <li>4. 3 stems primrose (single flower on a single stem)</li> <li>5. 3 stems pansies</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Vase of 3 different flowers, one stem of each</li> <li>7. Vase of 6 stems of flowering shrubs, any varieties</li> <li>8. Flowering pot plant</li> <li>9. Foliage pot plant</li> <li>10. Cactus or succulent</li> </ol> |
|--|--|

### Flower arranging

(flowers may be bought)

11. Table arrangement of spring flowers
12. Miniature arrangement of Spring flowers in an egg cup

### Cookery

13. A celebratory chocolate cake decorated for Easter
14. Tray bake of your choice

### Crafts

15. Any piece of craftwork on a Spring theme  
(Entries maybe spilt into categories as the judges see fit)

### Junior Classes (To be judged in three age groups: Preschool, School Years 1 - 2 and Years 3 - 6)

16. A Spring picture
17. Easter bunting – up to a maximum of 1 metre.
18. A decorated egg

### School Years 7 +

19. 3 flowers made from recycled materials
20. A home-made greetings card on a Spring theme
21. 3 Cupcakes decorated for Easter  
(cakes may be bought)

Open to everyone. Classes 1 - 14 are open to all ages including children. Jars and vases will be provided for Classes 1 - 7. No pre-show registration and no entry fees required. Entries to be bought to the Schoolroom at the Old School Hall on the morning of the Show between 10 - 11am. The hall will be closed at 11am for judging and reopen at 2pm. Names will not be disclosed to the judges. No trophies will be awarded but certificates and small prizes will be awarded in each class. Exhibits must be cleared after 4pm. Any not claimed may be sold for Show funds. No items previous shown at a Sawtry Show to be included.

For more info contact us on Facebook "The Sawtry Show".







## GREEN END DAY CLUB

We have started the new year with freshly painted walls in the clubroom, it has really freshened the room up. We have also already welcomed a new member through our doors.

We will soon be organising our first trip out this year for a meal which is always greatly enjoyed by all of our members. We often incorporate it with a trip to a local garden centre.

We are a very sociable, lively group. Our members enjoy playing games such as bingo or dominoes. There is always plenty of chatter and firm friendships have been made.

If you are looking for some good company, laughter and a tasty two course home cooked meal then please either pop in or give us a call on 07743 216746. We are open from 10am till 2pm Monday to Thursday.

Your first visit is completely free of charge and with door to door transport included too, what have you got to lose?

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Vicki, Suzanne and Helen**

Contact the team on 07743 216746 or email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)

CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry. PE28 5UX



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Royal British Legion supports our Armed Forces community, including serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

Are you a serving member of the Armed Forces?

Are you a Veteran?

Are you neither, but would like to help?

Then please consider becoming a member of the Royal British Legion.

We need, new active members to join the Sawtry & District Branch.

Interested, then please contact us by email: [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community), via our Facebook page: Sawtry RBL or you can visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership>

### Events –

- Monday 5 February - Branch meeting @ 7.30pm - Sawtry Social Club.
- Friday 16 February - RBL Quiz Night. If you are a group and want to put in a team, then please contact us via email @ [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community).
- Monday 4 March - Branch meeting @ 7.30pm - Sawtry Social Club.

**Poppy Appeal** – The 2022 Poppy Appeal closed with a total of £9,766.25 raised. The 2023 Poppy Appeal started in October leading up to Remembrance. With all your donations we have already raised £10,020.20 which is fantastic.

Thank you for all your support and to our volunteers.

**For more information, please email: [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community),**

**visit our Facebook page: Sawtry RBL**

**call Billy on 07864 296519 or you can visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)**



Wildlife Trust for  
Beds, Cambs  
& Northants

## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### A History of Amphibian Conservation

Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to welcome Arnold Cooke. This is our final indoor talk for the winter season and Arnold will describe the development of amphibian conservation from our local and national perspectives.

Arnold moved to Huntingdonshire in the late 1960s and has been involved with amphibian conservation and research since that time, including working for the national nature conservation agencies. Since leaving English Nature in the late 1990s, Arnold has continued to pursue his interests in amphibians, reptiles and birds. He has published widely in these areas, including on the status of Britain's amphibians and reptiles, pollutants in birds and the environmental impact of the introduced species of deer.

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

**For more information please contact George (01480 450809 or [georgecottam@virginmedia.com](mailto:georgecottam@virginmedia.com))**

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

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## SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

Members enjoyed making Festive decorations at our December meeting. We don't meet in January but we are looking forward to our Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February meeting as we are having a talk on Fraud Prevention and Cybercrime presented by Cambs Police HQ.

We are currently accepting new members and all women are welcome to join. If you would prefer to try out before you decide to join, you would be very welcome to come as a guest free to two of our monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS.

We start our meetings at 7pm with a speaker or activity followed by refreshments of tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake after which we discuss any business with a raffle, competition and a book stall where 3 books can be purchased for £1.

The Festive Afternoon Tea held in December was a success with all tickets sold so thank you to the community of Sawtry for supporting our fundraising. Sawtry Community Café is held at the WI Hall on the first Saturday of each month 12-3pm where all Sawtry residents can 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 11.30am-3.30pm and Evening Tea, Craft and Chat held on the third Thursday of the month 7-9pm. All members have free on-line access to Denman Learning Hub as well as outings, workshops and events at WI Centre in Huntingdon. There is an alternative to attending meetings in person as 'Filoxenia Virtual WI' meets entirely via Zoom, 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month with coffee mornings and monthly book club. 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**

## SAWTRY LITTER PICKERS

So, we may have been quiet on the media side but we have continued to collect litter week in and week out throughout Sawtry and surrounding areas.

The bus shelter at the Green is a real issue, the mess left constantly is just unacceptable and has even led to discussions if we should leave as the issue needs to be addressed at a higher level. We just don't understand how this can be acceptable in any standards and why should the bus shelter not be used by everyone, you just wouldn't want to go in there with broken glass and a strong smell of urine.

One of our collectors cleared the bus shelter but 24 hours later it was as if they had never been there. This is so disappointing especially the smashed bottle of vodka and lots of litter when there is a bin within 5 steps.

We have raised the issue with the Sawtry Parish Council and they are in discussions but unsure what they are able to do about the situation.

All of our collectors have a passion to keep our village clean of litter and I am very proud of our group as the Sawtry Litter Pickers have been amazing throughout 2023 and I have no doubt will continue throughout 2024. They don't ask for your thanks; however, it is very much appreciated when they receive thanks, waves of appreciation and we also receive refreshments from Sawtry News Cabin and Delight which is very much appreciated.

We can all do our part to reduce the amount of litter and to keep our environment safe:

1. Make sure when you put litter in the bin it actually goes in.
2. Don't try and force litter in an overflowing bin - it will just escape.
3. Smokers to extinguish and dispose of cigarette butts in a responsible manner - not just flicking on the ground.
4. Home owners making sure their bin lid is secure.
5. Parents to encourage their children to dispose of litter in the right way - in the bin.

You may think the above is common sense, however if it was we would not need to go around collecting as much as we do.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

**Liza Smith**

**sawtrylitterpickers@yahoo.com**



## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

### Tuesday 4 June

We are excited to be able to share the news about Sawtry Feast Supper!

On the 21 March 2024 we will be holding an Easter Bingo at the Sawtry Social Club to raise money towards the 2024 Sawtry Feast Supper. Eyes down at 19:30 it would be amazing to see as many old and new faces attend so we can continue to hold our annual event. These fundraising events are vital to support this event.

As mentioned in previous issues we have had to make some changes to our current acceptance to the Feast Supper. We have decided to raise the age limit to those aged 65 and over. This is due to the increase in numbers and the capacity the hall can provide.



We are happy to say that the new list is now open for the 2024 supper, and should you wish to attend and be eligible please do give Maddy a call to register your interest in attending or for any further information you may have. Please can we ask that you only call Maddy after 17:00 but can be called Monday-Sunday. Unfortunately, you will not receive an invitation if you do not register your interest.

**If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to call Miss Maddy Leader, Sawtry Feast Supper Secretary on 07368 210882**





## SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL

It was great to see so many join us for the Community Carol Singing on Monday 11 December. A big thank you to Greystones for hosting the event and to Matt Coates for organising the sound system.

Following the very successful 'We work on Christmas Day' live performance event we will be hosting Elvis in Blue Hawaii on Friday 22 March at 6.30pm in the Old School Hall. Look out for details on posters, flyers, social media and our website or contact the office directly - (see separate advert on page 6)

We are still looking for 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](mailto:admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk) for more details and how to get involved.

Work started on 8 January at Greenfields pavilion to extend and refurbish facilities – look out for details of the grand reopening.

The long-awaited work to solve the drainage issues at St Andrews cemetery is due to commence this summer. It will involve some disruption, but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum so as not to cause problems for those who wish to visit the site.

We have three 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.

A date for your diary is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 22 May at the Old School Hall.

Lastly, we would like to record our appreciation to the caretakers Steve and Graham for all their hard work during 2023.

Our website [www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk](http://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: 9.00am - 1.00pm Mon - Fri**

## AN EYE ON NATURE

Why do green spaces matter so much to people? They matter because green spaces are good for our mental and physical health. It is well documented that we thrive better in a greener and pleasant environment.

The villagers in Sawtry have now voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan and seventeen local green spaces have been designated. These include two very special places for me personally, one I have written about previously: the green space between Farm Close and Westerman Close, where the ancient Oak tree holds centre stage and the other green space is St Judith's Field.

There are 3 iconic Oak trees on St Judith's field, I guess their age must be around 200 years, they could tell many stories of a changing village over the years. I reckon from the shape of all three trees that each one was pollarded during its earlier years, pollarding is the practice of cutting the tree off well above deer or livestock browse height. It was practiced to harvest the resulting regrowth which usually grows multistemmed and quiet quickly in some species, especially Willow. The smaller timber was then used for a whole range of purposes depending on the type of tree harvested. Pollarding has been practiced for hundreds of years and one spin off is the life of the tree and is prolonged for a considerable length of time.

In Willows growing along many river banks (Nene Park, Peterborough as an example) a species which may die after a century or so could live for four hundred years and a wealth of wildlife. The Oaks on St Judith's field and off Farm Close could well be around for several hundred years more if we look after them and let them thrive. So, our green spaces not only provide us with a sense of wellbeing but social history may be wrapped up in them too.

If you love trees (as I do) go and take a look at the four grand Oaks of Sawtry, get to know them and the seasonal changes over the year. They are amazing trees and in the prime of life, well worth preserving for our great, great, grandchildren don't you think?

**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](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)**



## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



### West Cambs Federation and Enhanced Access services

West Cambs Federation, which previously delivered Enhanced Access services to our patients and also employed some of our PCN roles, has ceased trading.

We are working with NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICB and other partners to ensure ongoing delivery of these important healthcare services for our patients, and to retain the staff who provided them where possible.

Enhanced Access appointments are additional appointments that usually take place in evenings or during weekends and were previously offered through West Cambs Federation. You will continue to be able to access these appointments in the normal way, by contacting our Reception Team on 01487 830340. Enhanced Access appointments will still be provided by a range of medical professionals, including GPs, nurses, physiotherapists, and others, depending on your need. You may be asked to travel to a hub location other than our practice to attend your Enhanced Access appointment. The person you speak to when you arrange your appointment will let you know if you need to travel to a different location.

### Flu Vaccinations

We have a few vaccinations left. If you are in one of the eligible groups and have not yet had your flu vaccination please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

### Dr Basia Uszycka

I know that some patients will already be aware, but for those who are not, then I am sorry to inform you that Dr Basia Uszycka has made the decision not to return to work following a prolonged period of illness. I am sure that her patients will join the whole of the practice team in wishing her well for the future.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager,  
Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - Tel: 01487 830340**

## CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

# CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO has substantial running costs for items such as food, fuel for our accessible minibus, utilities, leases, insurances, consumables, staff costs and so on. We also need to hold reserves in case of funding deficits and our main centre in the old school car park is also at the end of its life.

It is therefore a challenge to keep things not only running, but improving what we can offer. We rely on the charity shop, grants, fundraising, donations and user contributions for income to run all services. Along with our fabulous volunteers, we provide the following for Sawtry and the surrounding villages;

The Green End Day Club, Sawtry Foodbank, CAVE Workshop, Community Support Service (shopping/prescription collection), Car Scheme (medical appointments), Sounds Good Music Group, Chatterbox Carers Group, Coffee Shop, Tuck Shop (Sawtry Colts games) and the Christmas Day Party.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their generous support;

### The DWF Foundation

The Foundation has the sole aim of providing funds, resources and support to charities that help communities to achieve their full potential. Their kind donation will enable us to replace unsuitable office and clubroom chairs with ergonomic office chairs as well as the purchase of an adjustable height desk for the CAVE for wheelchair users and those who have difficulty bending.



### John Lewis/Waitrose

John Lewis have themes for their grants each year. This year it was targeted at JOHN LEWIS community organisations who connect people and we were delighted to be awarded a grant from them in late December.

& PARTNERS

### Sawtry Parish Council (SPC)

We applied to SPC for some help towards our costs and were very pleased to be awarded a grant for the Foodbank. Numbers of emergency food parcels continue to rise and need is particularly acute in winter, so we were very grateful for this kind donation.



If you know of any organisations that offer charitable grants or donations, please contact Dee Pike on [grants@caresco.org.uk](mailto:grants@caresco.org.uk) or call CARESCO on 01487 832105. Donations, support or volunteers (we are looking for some additional trustees currently!) are always very welcome.

Thank you all.



## **MEN UNITED IN SONG, SUPPORTING PROSTATE CANCER UK – LAUNCHING MARCH 2024!**



New Year, same old? Why not mix things up and try something new? Be part of *Men United in Song* 2024, supporting Prostate Cancer UK!

Launching in March, the popular pop-up singing project will give 40-plus local men the opportunity to get involved and do something extraordinary... and YOU could be one of them!

Working over ten weeks towards a fantastic live performance at Peterborough Cathedral in May, you'll learn to sing, meet new people, challenge yourself, perform live on stage AND raise money for a much-loved and very important charity – what's not to like?

No previous singing experience is necessary, just a willingness to step outside your comfort zone, get stuck in and give it a go... everyone's in the same boat, and it's all about the journey!

Last year's project was an overwhelmingly positive experience for the men who took part, with comments including:

*The hard work paid off! Thanks for finding something in us that most didn't know we had!*  
*Amazing, I never thought in a million years I would ever sing in front of hundreds of people!*  
*Fantastic experience from the first rehearsal... thanks for getting us all through the journey!*  
*We did it, what an amazing feeling... I'm so grateful to be part of it all!*  
*What a great experience, would do it all again in a heartbeat!*

George, from Peterborough, says "I've always loved singing and I'm always humming or singing under my breath. I had seen *Men United in Song* advertised and finally mustered the courage to take the leap and apply. My experience was one I will never forget and I thank the team for seeing potential in me and having me along for the ride. From the songs we sang, to the people I sang them with, it was a good time from start to finish! I would absolutely encourage anyone interested to give this fantastic opportunity a chance!"

*Men United in Song* kicks off with sign-up sessions on Thursday 29 February (7-9pm) and Friday 1 March (7-9pm) when you can meet the team and some of the other men who'll be taking part. This is NOT an audition and there's no big red buzzer, it's just an opportunity to find out more and get involved - contact us TODAY to book your time slot!

So... if you're looking for a fresh challenge and you'd like to know more, get in touch NOW and start YOUR *Men United in Song* journey!

- *Men United in Song* 2024 sign-up sessions will be at the John Mansfield Campus PE1 4HX on Thursday 29 February and Friday 1 March (7-9pm), please register first for your timeslot.
- *Men United in Song* 2024 rehearsals will be at the John Mansfield Campus PE1 4HX from 7.45pm on Thursday evenings, starting on Thursday 7 March.

**The *Men United in Song* 2024 charity event supporting Prostate Cancer UK will be at Peterborough Cathedral at 7.30pm on Friday 11 May.**

For more information or to register for a sign-up session, visit [peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://peterboroughsings.org.uk), email [menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk](mailto:menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk) or call 01733 425194



## **SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

Thanks to our Secretary we now have a programme planned for the first quarter of the year, this may be subject to change.

- ◆ January 18 Don Chiswel - The Knights Templar
- ◆ February 15 Francis Saltmarsh - Six Into Two Will Go, Henry XIII
- ◆ March 21 AGM + Lucy Lewis - Lighting The Fuse, Womens Bomb Disposal
- ◆ April 18 Peter Clarkson MBE - Life In Antarctica

Start of another year, our last meeting in November, **Digging Up A Spitfire**, was the best attended of the year. Presented by James Fairbairn Project Officer at Oxford Archaeology East, his second visit of the year. The fascinating story of the excavation of a Spitfire crash site from 1940 in 2012. The highlight for me was the 3D model of the excavation "trench" showing the position of all the items found, these included the planks used when the body of the pilot was recovered after the crash during the war.

The company that James & our previous Chairman Phill Hill work for is currently featured in a dig at Alconbury Weald, in Digging For Britain BBC2 / iPlayer with Alice Roberts.

Don't forget our sister website the details being [www.sawtryhistory.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistory.co.uk) [sawtryhistory@gmail.com](mailto: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))

You can also 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**

## 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.

### **Chinese New Year Crafts - Saturday 10 February 10.30am-12.00pm**

Come and celebrate Chinese New Year with us by making some paper Chinese lanterns.  
For children aged 4+, £1 per child. Booking required.

### **Fantasy Digital Art Session - Wednesday 21 February 10.30am-12.00pm**

Create some amazing fantasy digital art using our iPads at Sawtry library. Will you make a fantasy landscape, a heroic character, or a magical creature?  
For children aged 12+, Free event. Booking required.

### **Easter Baskets - Saturday 23 March 10.30am-12.00pm**

Make some lovely spring baskets for putting all your Easter eggs in at Sawtry library.  
For children aged 4+, £1 per child. Booking required.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

As always there is lots going on at our lovely school! The children have engaged with learning around the theme Explorers this term and we have enjoyed learning about Scott's adventures into the Arctic, Armstrong walking on the moon and Earhart's flying accomplishments. This topic has prompted the use of some beautiful texts including The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish which has supported the children in producing some beautiful writing.



For Chinese New Year the children will be having a celebration day during which they will learn about the Chinese New Year story and practise writing letters and numbers. We will also try a range of Chinese foods! For Easter we will be learning about why this Christian festival is celebrated. We will also make cards, complete our annual Easter Egg Hunt and get baking. It's not Easter without a chocolate nest after all!

Next term our topic is Making Waves for which we hope to plan in a trip to the seaside when the weather is warmer! Let's hope for a dry, sunny day...!

Visits to our school are strongly encouraged and we are always after volunteers to help us! If you are interested in working with our wonderful children or even helping us with admin jobs such as making resources, please do get in touch via the school office. Our phone number is: 01487 830678 or please do pop in.

**Mrs Trace, Headteacher,**  
**Sawtry Infant School**  
**01487 830678**  
**[office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk)**



## SAWTRY CHORALE

Firstly, we'd like to thank all of our friends and supporters from Sawtry and surrounding villages. Our Christmas concerts were a great success and turnout was extremely good in both Stilton and Sawtry. Our programme was extremely well received and audience participation was very much appreciated.

Following a short break at Christmas, we are now all back and rehearsing for the forthcoming season. Our MD Ollie has been trawling our library and uncovered some lovely music that we are looking to present throughout this year. Our programme this year will include some excerpts from:

- Vivaldi - Gloria
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- Dvorak
- Haydn – Little Organ Mass
- Pachelbel - Canon
- And songs from other well-known musicals

So far, we are still planning the venues for spring and summer, we'll confirm these for the next issue of Sawtry Eye, so watch this space, no pun intended!

Sawtry Chorale has seen an increase in members over the past few months, but we are always looking for new singers 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](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)), Facebook or by email at [sawtrychorale@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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



## REMEMBRANCE

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



FEBRUARY		
Private Ernest HADMAN	17 February 1917	Glatton/Holme
Private Herbert WRIGHT	14 February 1942	Wood Walton
Driver Edward Harold DACK	9 February 1944	Sawtry

MARCH		
Private Victor John FURNELL	7 March 1916	Wood Walton
Private George Edward SAVAGE	15 March 1916	Glatton
Private William ROWELL	17 March 1917	Sawtry
Private William BARRETT	18 March 1918	Sawtry
Private George Frederick DEWBERRY	20 March 1918	Wood Walton
CQMS Henry James NICKERSON	23 March 1918	Sawtry
Private William Percival GLOVER	27 March 1918	Great Gidding
Sergeant Norman George Wood BOYCE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Sergeant Robert Charles DOBIE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Donald Cole LINDSEY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Robert Joseph O'LEARY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Private John Edward ANDREWS	23 March 1943	Sawtry

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*





# 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

**Tea Break Café Worship**  
Sunday 11 February at 4.15pm

**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 18 February at 10.30am

**Palm Sunday Communion**  
Sunday 24 March at 10.30am

**Good Friday Walk Of Witness**  
Friday 29 March

*Walk starts at 10.00am from All Saints' Church,  
joint service at the Methodist Church at 10.30am.  
Followed by Fish and Chip lunch*

**Easter Sunday Celebration**  
Sunday 31 March 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  
Email: [jjamesbamber@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesbamber@gmail.com), or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch*

## 'GOODNIGHT - THE MORNING COMES'

Dear Friends,

For the early church when persecution was rife the catacombs in Rome provided a secret refuge. I understand there are many interesting inscriptions carved into the walls including the words 'Goodnight – the morning comes'. What a hope-filled phrase providing a glimpse into the mindset of those early followers of Christ. Such inscriptions capture the sense of hope which we can journey with, a hope which is emphasised for us at Easter. Paul writing to the church at Corinth expressed this hope in the following amazing words of promise: 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed.' (2 Corinthians 4: 8 – 10).

Listening to the news and the messages of the world it is very easy to become hopeless and despairing but Jesus comes to bring life and hope even in the midst of the hardest times.

As we journey through these days may we know the God of hope filling us and all God's people with all hope as He shares our journeys whatever they entail.

With care and prayers

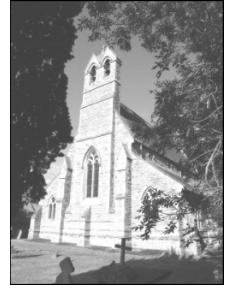
**Rev James Bamber**  
(Minister of Sawtry Methodist Church)







**ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY,  
ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON  
& ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON  
PARISH CHURCHES**



**BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>All Saints', Sawtry</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Glatton</b>	<b>St Giles, Holme**</b>
Sunday 4 February	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	--
Sunday 11 February	10.30am - Service of the Word	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Wednesday 14 February	6.00pm - Ash Wednesday Service	--	--
Sunday 18 February	10.30am - Reflective Service	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 25 February	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 3 March	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Morning Prayer	--
Mothering Sunday Sunday 10 March	10.30am - Morning Prayer 2.00pm - Mother's Runaway Service	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Saturday 16 March	4.00pm - Messy Church	--	--
Sunday 17 March	Benefice Holy Communion	--	--
Sunday 24 March <b>Palm Sunday &amp; the start of Holy Week</b>	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Monday 25 March	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Tuesday 26 March	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Wednesday 27 March	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Thursday 28 March <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	--	7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Service	--
Friday 29 March <b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am - Walk of Witness (Starting at All Saints' Church walking to Sawtry Methodist Church)	--	--
Sunday 31 March <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion

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

\*\*St Giles, Holme remains closed for the completion of a new heating system. We are expecting to return no later than Easter Sunday but hopefully earlier in March. Do watch out for notices on social media and the noticeboard outside St Giles.



## THANK YOU....

It is with a slightly heavy heart I write this piece for the Feb/March Edition of Sawtry Eye, because time goes really quickly, and my curacy at All Saints' Church ends on the 17 March with a final service at All Saints' Church. I have loved being part of the community in Sawtry. I want to thank you so much for the welcome you have given me and all your support over the last two and a half years. I leave feeling very hopeful about the future. I am not going far – I am to be licensed as the Rector of Stilton Group of churches and so hopefully will continue to bump into many of you going forward.

This edition of Sawtry Eye includes details of our services through to March, including Holy Week. These include our special Mother's Day Runaways Service at 2pm on Sunday 10 March, a service for those who normally avoid church on Mothering Sunday and find that celebration difficult. We have a Coffee Ark pancake party on Tuesday 13 February, 5.30 to 7pm at Glatton Village Hall.

I would also like to mention our regular Monday Evening open pub study group, meeting at the Greystones at 7pm for those who like to order food, 8pm for conversation. This is open to anyone who would like to explore, question, discover more about faith – no previous experience required!

Every blessing,

**Reverend Diane**



## 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 **CARESCO**  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)



## SAWTRY COLTS

Hopefully by the time you read this the weather will have improved a little. For December and January, it has mostly been waterlogged pitches or frozen pitches with not a great deal of football being managed by most of the Sawtry teams. Here's a snapshot of a few of the older teams' results.

The U16 team have been beaten 3-1, 2-0 and 4-1 by Offord, Bluntisham and Ramsey respectively. With each match being roughly a month apart and with the astro also frozen or waterlogged it has been difficult to get into any sort of rhythm lately. Hopefully better results will come with the better weather!

The U15s lost heavily in the cup to Eaton Socon and followed that up with losses in the league to Godmanchester and Eynesbury. Their first home match in 2024 brought about a hard fought 5-4 win against St Ives and they currently sit 6th in the 10-team league.

The U14s played their first game for 2 months defeating local rivals Stilton 4-2. They currently sit second in their league with 7 wins and 2 losses in their 9 matches so far.

The U13s lost to league leaders Chatteris 2-0, went down disappointingly 5-1 at home to Fenstanton and then exited the cup with another home loss to league A leaders Buckden. They have a multitude of matches left to play and currently sit 4th in their 9-team league.

The U12 Yellows have recent wins against Sandy, Needingworth and Somerssham with a 3-2 loss to Warboys being their only setback. They currently sit 4th in the league with a record of 7 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats.

The U12 Blues continued with their recent unbeaten league run by securing a hard fought 1-1 draw against Whittlesey in a top of the table clash before defeating Blunham 2-1. They did however exit the cup going down to a 6-2 loss against Alconbury. They currently sit second and, if they can keep their good league form going, have a chance of winning their league.

The U12 girls' team (the Sawtry Falcons) lost in the cup to Godmanchester, defeated Haverhill 1-0 before losing by the same score to Histon and then lost to Netherton in their first match of 2024. In their first season of competitive football they are competing well.

Due to the nature of Colts football with teams moving from 5 a-side to 7 a-side through 9 a-side and then finally to 11 a-side there are usually teams looking to bolster their squads for the next season when more players are required. One such side is the U10s as they move to 7 a-side next season. Any interested players in Year 5 are welcome to come along to train with them in preparation for next season.

**As usual, a reminder of the Sawtry Colts website, available at [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://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](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk)**



## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN



What a year 2023 was for Sawtry Walk to Run!

The club held two very successful None 2 Run courses, we undertook two Park Run takeovers at Ferry Meadows, we had club members taking part in 5, 10, 30 km, 7, 10, 15 mile, half, metric, full and ultra marathon events thorough the year and we entered teams into the Country Cross Country Championships, Green Wheel Relay and Hereward Relay. What a lot of miles covered!!!

We held our first 'Invitational Run' inviting other running clubs over for a club run and the second Sawtry 10 Mile Road Race. A date for your diary..... our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sawtry 10 is on Sunday 8 September 2024.

As the year drew to a close we held our annual Santa Run. We raised £225 which we donated to CARESCO Foodbank. Thanks to everyone who took part.

The 2023 club challenge was to individually run/walk 874 miles (Land End to John O Groats). 12 members went over and above this mileage. Congratulations to you all and well done to everyone who took part. The 2023 Age Grade Club Championship also took place and the winners will be revealed at the end of the January.

### What is in store for 2024?

We are half way through our Handicap Series, this will finish early April.

Our challenges this year are:

- A weekly eye spy challenge where you are tasked to find four different items whilst you are out walking or running
- Park Run A-Z, you need to complete as many different Park Runs as possible, ticking off a letters in the alphabet with the name of the Park Run

New members are always welcome. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at Academy Leisure, 7:15pm start. We also meet every Sunday at St Judith's Field car park, 8:30am start.

Our next None 2 Run course starts on Tuesday 7 May with the graduation taking place 10 weeks later at Ferry Meadows Park Run on Saturday 13 July. The course is free and everyone is welcome. Sign up details can be found on our website.

Before I sign off, David (Club Chair) and I would like to say a very big thank you to our Committee members, Run Leaders, volunteers and all our club members, without you SWTR would not be what it is.

### Jo Chapman, Vice Chair

Call David on 07703 174937 or contact Fiona Hurst our membership secretary at [fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionahurst@hotmail.co.uk) for 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!*

## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

### Club News

Sawtry Table Tennis Club is now back open again after the festive break. The club now only meets on a Monday evening. The Club Night evening is split into sessions. Players are asked to pre-book onto the sessions.

### Mondays sessions are:

- 5:45pm to 6:30pm – Junior Development Session.

These 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. They are designed with fun in mind but with some structure.

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.

- 6:30pm to 7:45pm/9:45pm (Playing League Match) – Open Play Adult Session (Invited - U18's).

These sessions are Open Free Play (so you can play who you want, when you want). They are for adult players, plus the stronger junior members who have been invited or passed the club's grading. Players can play some fun and leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis.

Players are asked to book before attending any of these sessions. To book see details at the bottom of this article.

### League News

Over the past few months both of our league teams have played some great matches, they have also just played their first Handicap matches in which both teams won. The A Team won by 41 points, and the B Team won by 71 points.

### 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](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 via email: [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk) or call: 01487 804040



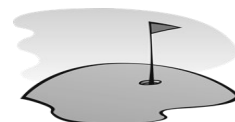
## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Our last game of 2023 was at Greetham Valley on the Lakes Course. On a bitterly cold December morning 30 brave souls stood on the first tee, some aided with a nip of Cherry Brandy, purely for medicinal purposes, to take on this enjoyable course. After 18 holes of freezing cold golf out in front with a fantastic score of 40 points, with a handicap of 9 was Neil (Faz) Farrington, considering the conditions this really was a great score, he was a full 4 points clear of runner up Keith Phillips who in turn was a further point clear of Lindsey McLachlan in third.

We now enjoy a short winter break until February with Tony Morley still leading the way at the top of our league on 194 points, now only 3 points clear of Tony Littlefair, with Faz sitting in third place on 190.

Our 2024 season has now started with applications to join our society are very welcome, our subs are £20 for the year this includes insurance, so if you are interested in joining us, give us a call or get in touch via our Facebook page.

**Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps. 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**



## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

A Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully you had a great festive period. We certainly had a really good turn-out for our Xmas Eve Drinks night, which everyone seemed to enjoy, with people playing darts, shuffleboard, dominos and shove ha'penny. Thanks to those for coming.

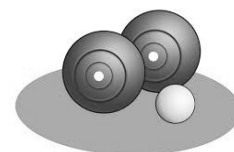
The Committee are now busy planning for the coming season in which we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have lined up a couple of representative games with Bowls England Disability team and Hunts County Bowling Association. We hope to also have one against Hunts Bowling Federation.

We also aim to include our usual social events in 2024, starting with a 'London night' on Sat 24 February serving London's traditional East End working-class delicacy 'Pie n Mash' from a renowned supplier in London. Tickets are selling fast so looks to be a great evening for those that have already signed up.

We are looking to hold our Easter Bingo sometime in late March (Date to be confirmed) as well as a Quiz sometime in April. Details for these events and others later in the year, will be confirmed over the coming month or two, so please look out for emails or posts on Facebook.

If people have any ideas for events they would like to see, or indeed run, please get in touch.

**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'**



## KI KONG TANG SOO DO

### Promotions

#### **Kickboxing**

- White Belt Tag - Ryley Nightingale, Addison Courquin,
- Orange Belt - Ruth Williams, Heidi Xu, Qing Xu, Jet Xu,
- Green Belt Tag - Russell Courquin, Devon Courquin,

#### **Tang Soo Do Karate**

- White Belt Tag - Ryley Nightingale, Addison Courquin,
- Orange Belt - Ruth Williams, Heidi Xu, Qing Xu, Jet Xu,
- Green Belt Tag - Russell Courquin, Devon Courquin,
- Black Belt - Steve Pettener,

### Events

- Monthly Martial Arts Seminars in Sawtry
- DSI Seminar every second Sunday in the Month
- 5 May Black Belt Hall of Fame Awards
- 18 - 19 May Gathering of the World Masters
- Local Seminars with Grandmaster Bill Wallace & Grandmaster Cynthia Rothrock

**Instructor - Grand Master Mark Adlington**  
**Location - Private Gym Sawtry**  
**Contact - 07585 950923 - [markadddd@gmail.com](mailto:markadddd@gmail.com)**  
**Facebook - Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - Health & Self Healing**



### Classes

Classes and advanced classes can be booked any day and time if we don't have another class running

Weekday	Time	Class
Mondays	4.30pm	Family Class
Tuesday	5.30pm	Healing Class
Tuesday	6.30pm	Adult Class
Wednesday	Open for Booking	
Thursday	4.30pm	Family Class
Thursday	5.30pm	Healing Class
Sunday	10.00am	Family Class
Sunday	11.00am	Adult Class





# 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 History Society - 01487 830715

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 Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Greenfields Fishing Lake - 07426 334079

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 01487 804040

Sawtry Tang Soo Do (Karate) - 07585 950923

Sawtry Walking Group - 830167

Sawtry Walk To Run - 07703 194937

## 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 - 07887 624639

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

[www.safelocaltrades.com](http://www.safelocaltrades.com) - 0800 014 1832

## CARESCO

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Community Support - 07873 187843

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

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

**SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487**