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## Sawtry WI In Aid of the WI Hall

### BINGO

25<sup>th</sup> January (correction)

8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February

8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

### SOUP AND PUDD LUNCH

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February

12 noon to 2 pm

Tickets £5, please contact Margaret Geary on 832925  
Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books/jigsaws

### COFFEE MORNING

21<sup>st</sup> March

10.30am - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door (scones – 20p each)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

Contact for events Ann Watson 01487 834035  
Charity Number 229016

## BINGO

### FEAST SUPPER BINGO

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

At Sawtry Ex-Service Men's Club



7pm Doors Open

7.30pm Eyes Down

"Cash Prize Last Flyer"

For more information please contact  
01487 834280

### FRUGAL LUNCH

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

From 12 – 1.30pm

At Sawtry Methodist Church

For more information please call 01487 830015

In aid of Leprosy Mission

# SSBP RACE NIGHT

FRI 22-March-2013 7:30pm

Sawtry Community College

2013

Tickets are available now from  
SSBP members or CARESCO  
Ticket fee includes entrance,  
thank you gift and food.

Licenced bar will be open throughout  
the evening at additional cost.

For the latest update, please check out  
[www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)  
or call Richard on 01487 832398

only  
**£12**



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

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9 February	Sawtry Library	Love Your Library Day	0345 045 5225	20
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14 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831771	14
20 September	Sawtry Feast Supper Club	Dance	07976 874579	--

***Advertise your community event here  
– let us have your dates for 2013 ASAP***

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'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, do not forget to let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline. If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours). We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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# Welcome

As soon as Christmas is over for another year, the snow has arrived. It's hard to imagine daffodils appearing anytime soon. But hopefully by the time your intrepid deliverer has pushed this copy through your letterbox, the nights will be drawing out and the weather will be kind. Thank you to those valiant individuals who are willing to brave the elements to make sure that you have the dates for the upcoming events.

Our Make a Date on page 2 is still looking a bit thin, so please let us have your dates as soon as possible, we can have the details nearer the time.

Many organisations are dependent on their fundraising activities to ensure they can continue, not least CARESCO, so please support those you see advertised in the Eye. You can usually guarantee a great time and will be helping a good cause too.

Have a good one.

**Liz Coates - Co-Editor**



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## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

### Spring Term 2013

Half Term, 11 - 15 February

End of Term - 28 March

### Summer Term 2013

Start of Term - 15 April

May Day, 6 May

Half Term, 27 May - 31 May

End of Term 23 July

### Autumn Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 3 September

Start of Term - 4 September

Half Term, 28 October - 1 November

End of Term - 20 December

### Spring Term 2014

Start of Term - 7 January

Half Term, 7 - 21 February

End of Term - 4 April

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details.

Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



## Sawtry WI

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

Charity Number 229016

### 7<sup>th</sup> February

John Wright – SSAFA

Our annual charity talk – visitors welcome

Competition – unusual item beginning with 'O'

### 7<sup>th</sup> March

Mary Brockhurst-Hill – Scarf Tying

Need to know how to wear a scarf and look good?

This is the talk for you

Competition – unusual item beginning with 'L'

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

Regular features include:

Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

Secretary: Ann Watson 01487 834035

President: Margaret Geary 01487 832925



Don't forget - during all weeks containing a bank holiday, collections will take place

**ONE DAY LATE**

### HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry, Conington, Glatton & Upton have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

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

### GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February

March ??? – see separate article on page 15

### COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE)

& DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February

March ??? – see separate article on page 15

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk> and look for the **Refuse & Recycling** link on the left hand side of the page.



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

## Saturdays

9.30 am - 11.00 am

at Sawtry Methodist Church  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Where there are also cakes & refreshments on sale during the regular Coffee Morning

A range of Fairtrade food & paper available for sale on the day, or order from the catalogue.

No obligation,  
drop in any time to  
browse

Contact - Liz Coates  
01487 830345

Or Visit

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



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12 Noon on 20 March

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**HOW ABOUT A CHARITY SHOP?**

You may have heard the rumours. Following up a suggestion made during the village plan process, CARESCO has been looking into the possibilities of opening a charity shop in Sawtry to help raise additional much needed funds for the charity and to provide a service to the local area.

We would be interested in what you think of the idea. Would you welcome a shop in the village? Would you use one? Do you have a regular time during the week when you might be willing to volunteer for a shift in a shop?

We would love to hear what you think. Please contact Liz in the CARESCO office – details on page 3.



Come & join us for

**Afternoon Tea**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3 – 4.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

**Adults**

**£3**

**Accompanied Children**

**Free**

**(Unlimited refreshments)**



All proceeds to  
**CARESCO**

*Raffle*

## Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

### HUNTINGDON

Alternate **Fridays** from 8am to 2pm  
in Huntingdon Market Square

8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.  
For more information call 01480 450250  
or email [FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:FarmersMarkets@huntsdc.gov.uk)

### PETERBOROUGH

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Thursdays** from 9am to 2pm  
in Long Causeway

Organised by Peterborough City Council.  
For more information call 01733 452217  
or visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)

### OUNDLE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Market Street

For further information please contact  
Oundle Town Council - Tel: 01832 272055,  
email: [otc@lineone.net](mailto:otc@lineone.net)

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there must be from the local area and sold by the people who grow or produce it. Bought-in produce is not allowed. Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can tell you how it was grown or made.

### SKY BLUE THEATRE WRITING COMPETITION

Our inaugural playwriting competition last year was such a great success that we are determined that in 2013 our playwriting competition will be bigger and better in promoting playwrights and their new work. That's why we have booked the Junction Theatre for two days to perform up to ten shortlisted plays; why we have enlisted the expertise of two leading international publishers, to not only give written assessments but also to consider for publication all shortlisted plays; why we have a celebrated playwright and publishing representative to talk about their work; and why we have arranged the filming of both evenings, enabling playwrights who cannot attend, access to the performance of their play and presentation ceremony.

The final date for submissions is 30<sup>th</sup> March so there is still time to write a new one act play of between 10 and 30 minutes to take part. The rules and entry form can be found on our website:

<http://www.skybluetheatre.com/newplaywriting.php>

Happy Writing!

**Anne Bartram**  
*Artistic Director, Sky Blue Theatre Co.*  
Tel 01223 529491



## PRIZE BINGO

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

None in February  
15<sup>th</sup> March

Starts 7.30pm  
In the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

**Contact Pat Ayres**  
**01487 832503**

You are invited to

## A Seder Meal

Organised by St Benedict's RC  
Community

At Sawtry Methodist Church  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

**For more information please**  
**contact Ann Morris on**  
**01487 832143**



## Women's World Day of Prayer

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Prepared by women of France

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Starting at 2pm

At Sawtry Methodist Church

Followed by refreshments

## Walk of Witness

**Good Friday - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Starts at 10am  
from the Methodist Church

Service at 10.30am at All Saints

*All are welcome to join this thoughtful walk through the village stopping for prayer and song on the way as we contemplate the events at the first Easter*

**For more information, please**  
**contact Rev Rosie Ward on**  
**01487 830215**



## TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall,  
Green End Road, Sawtry

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group  
Every Tuesday term time 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.  
Toys for all ages 0 to 4 years  
Activities/Crafts/Songs

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE  
Refreshments 10p

**Come along and make new friends  
New members welcome**

**For more information call  
Louise 01487 832257**



## Sawtry Light Factory Holiday Club

5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August

At Sawtry Methodist Church  
Green End Road

**For more details, contact Matt on  
01487 830345**



**Saturday 22nd June Noon - 4pm**

*Carnival parade leaves the college  
at 11.45am*

*New and improved parade route*

*Bigger and better than last year !!*

- Themed fancy dress 1960' s
- Loads of free entertainment for all

Fun for all ages  
come along and have a great family  
day out !!!

For more information please  
contact Bev on 07902450272



## *SELECTION & CROWNING NIGHT*

**Friday 26th April at 7pm –Late**

Sawtry Ex-Service and Working Men's Club, 10 Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

**ALL GIRLS MUST WORK, STUDY OR BE RESIDENT IN SAWTRY**

AGE: 5 - 8 ROSEBUD (Sawtry Carnival Day only 22<sup>nd</sup> June '13)

9 - 12 JUNIOR PRINCESS & JUNIOR QUEEN

13 - 21 SENIOR PRINCESS & SENIOR QUEEN

**And be available for various dates/events during the year!!  
Please see entry form for dates**

**Entry forms can be obtained from school offices or  
emailing sawtrycarnival@hotmail.co.uk**

**DISCO AND RAFFLE**

**(ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE CARNIVAL COURT)**

**ENTRY CHARGE: ADULT - £ 3; CHILD - £ 2**

**For more info contact Bev on 07902450272**

**E-mail: sawtrycarnival@hotmail.co.uk**

**DONT FORGET TO VISIT OUR SAWTRY CARNIVAL PAGE ON FACEBOOK AND HIT LIKE**



## The Sawtry "Last Night of the Proms"

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013**  
Sawtry Community College  
Doors open 18.45. Concert starts 19.30.

A music-filled evening performed by the  
RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band to  
celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sawtry  
charity CARESCO.

Music from Broadway and film such as "My Fair Lady"  
and "Chicago", plus military favourites The Great Es-  
cape and The Dambusters. Come and wave your Un-  
ion Jack flag and join in with the Proms favourites Rule  
Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope & Glory.

Tickets available from CARESCO,  
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX, Telephone  
01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)

Tickets £10 and includes birthday cake and Proms  
Pack of flag, programme and party popper.  
(Family ticket £30 for 2 adults and 2 under 16's)

### BAR AND RAFFLE



## This is not a race night, It's an SSBP Race Night

Scooby Doo on Ice.  
Gorilla in a Tutu.  
The Stig vs Vindaloo.

Just some of the highlights of last year's hilari-  
ous and very successful SSBP 'Race Night'.

This year is going to be bigger and better and  
will include Sawtry's own version of the hit TV  
show 'The Apprentice' as well as a very  
special 'LIVE' event.

The SSBP charity 'Race Night' gala will be  
held at

### Sawtry Community College on Friday 22 March

Tickets are selling fast, get yours now at  
SSBP and CARESCO

**£12 each** (to include food)

All proceeds will be donated to Sawtry First  
Responders and CARESCO. SSBP is de-  
lighted to support these local charities and the  
tremendous good they do for our community

For the latest update, please check out  
[www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)

Or call Richard on 01487 832398

## SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB



Learn to line dance at your  
local class, no  
partner required

Everyone is welcome, come along and make  
new fiends, enjoy yourself and keep fit at the  
same time.

We're a friendly sociable class, dancing to all  
types of music; country, pop,  
contemporary

Held at Sawtry Community College,  
Fen Lane, Sawtry

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

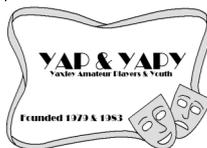
Half-term 11-15 February (no class)  
Classes finish for Easter 27<sup>th</sup> March,  
restart 17<sup>th</sup> April

7 - 7.30pm - Beginners' Class  
7.30 - 9.30pm - Improvers

**£3.50 per session**

Contact: Angela Foster - 01487 891283  
Keith Geary - 01487 832925

Or Email: [johnangie.foster4@virgin.net](mailto:johnangie.foster4@virgin.net)



Yaxley Amateur Players will  
be performing their Annual  
Pantomime at Yaxley Public  
Hall, Back Lane, Yaxley in  
February.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be their 33<sup>rd</sup> pan-  
tomime. It promises to build on past suc-  
cesses and audiences will be treated to a  
host of hilarious scenes as Dame Dolly, Lazy  
Len and Idle Jack battle to get Pat the cow  
back from the evil witch, Poison Ivy and the  
obligatory Giant. Of course it would have  
been much better if Jack had never sold her  
for a few old beans in the first place, but then  
there wouldn't be a story!

This panto is fast moving and fun-filled with  
plenty of lively dances and catchy songs.  
There is a large cast including members of  
the adult group and children from YAPY, the  
youth section. YAP has twice won the  
NODA award for technical effects and set  
design in recent years and they are continu-  
ing to improve on these so, if you decide to  
join us, we hope you won't be disappointed.

### Performance dates and times:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 3-30 pm and 7-30 pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 7-30 pm  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 3-30 pm and 7-30 pm

Tickets: £6 - Under16s and Over 60s: £5

You can book online at: [www.yap.org.uk](http://www.yap.org.uk)



## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MEMORY PROBLEMS

## Alzheimer's Society

Leading the  
fight against  
dementia

Do you have concerns over your memory or that of a friend or relative? Alzheimer's Society provides Dementia Information Points in several Huntingdonshire towns. At these a fully trained member of the Society will provide information and practical and emotional support. It's an opportunity to ask questions and to gather information about memory loss and sources of support and assistance.

The **Sawtry Dementia Information Point** is held at **CARESCO** on the 2nd Friday of each month between 9am and 11.30am.

**Other local DIPs** are as follows:

- **St Neots** Museum, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 11am-1pm
- **Huntingdon** Library on the last Tuesday of each month, 10.30am-12.30pm
- **Ramsey** Rainbow Surgery on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 10.30am-12.30pm
- **St Ives** Library on the last Monday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm.

**For further information regarding this service please contact the Alzheimer's Society on 01733 893853 or at [peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk)**

Would you like to help support your local Alzheimer's Society this year? If you are interested in becoming a volunteer then please contact Yvonne, Volunteer Officer on 07766058767 or email her at [y.walton@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:y.walton@alzheimers.org.uk) for more information.

### CRAFT GROUP

If you love to knit, crochet or sew or in fact do any other type of craft, why not come along to the Sawtry Club on Tuesday evenings?

Meet others with similar interests, sit and chat, share your knowledge and experience or learn new skills. Bring along your projects or just come to chat.

Everyone is welcome, all ages and experience levels, male or female, young or old.

No charge to come along, no joining, just turn up. You don't have to come every week and you can come and go as you please.

Drinks, including tea and coffee are available to buy at the bar.

7.30 – 9.30 every Tuesday. At the Sawtry (Working Men's) Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry

**For further info contact Carolyn on 01487 832682**



### WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB



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

**7.30pm until 9.30pm**

**At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road**

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

**For more information please  
contact 01487 830186**

## Letters ...

### BAD PARKING

We have been made aware of bad parking by a small minority of motorists in the village. This includes parking on double yellow lines, too close to junctions, the obstruction of driveways and clearly marked no parking areas.

Can I please remind everyone to be mindful and considerate when parking, officers on patrol are aware of previous issues and will be conducting enforcement if vehicles are found to be committing parking / traffic offences.

Regards

**Pc 1796 Sykes, Yaxley, NPST**



**Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX**  
Or email [sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk) with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS ON PAGE 3

# Letters ...



## WHAT DID YOU DO ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Did you have a traditional family get together, maybe inviting a couple of comparative strangers along because you knew that they would be alone otherwise? Or maybe not, because that would mean impinging on time reserved for your family.

How did I spend my Christmas Day? Well to start with it was anything but traditional, because I accepted an invitation which was for anyone who was going to be alone to join a party being organised by a group of volunteers from CARESCO, who were acting completely unconventionally by putting their own private celebrations 'on the back burner' so to speak, to ensure that this one was going to be a success. Although 1pm was designated as the time to sit down for lunch, we were advised to get there earlier to enjoy a pre-lunch drink and nibbles. The cameraman from the Daily Telegraph, who had sponsored the whole event, had already arrived to record the event.

I am going to refrain from divulging the exact contents of the four course meal, which I will say were helped down by bottles of wine which kept miraculously appearing on the tables. After this very impressive lunch, we still had the Queen's speech to come along with Christmas carols and a visit from Santa no less, who handed out presents to everyone, and as if Linda and her energetic band of helpers had not done enough already, there was a small bag containing a huge piece of Christmas cake awaiting everyone as they departed for home, which was accompanied by a framed photograph of each individual as a memento of a really wonderful day.

Many, many thanks

**Derrick Morgan**

## CARESCO'S CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

I would like to thank you and all the volunteers who gave of their time to ensure our day was a success. Also the Daily Telegraph for providing the funding. The day for me was perfect, instead of sitting alone watching the TV, I had a really 'fun day' meeting very friendly people. The food was perfect. Many thanks.

**Monica**

## A REWARDING DAY

I'm fairly new to Sawtry and don't have any children so at Christmas time, I could have either travelled to spend time with friends or family and as I wanted to spend it at home, after hearing about the CARESCO Christmas lunch, I decided to volunteer. I turned up on Christmas Eve to a festive mood, wrapped presents, was presented with chocolates, sherry, mince pies, coffee. A very homely atmosphere prevailed.

The plan for the day was always flexible and extremely well organised. I ended up being official photographer/assistant table host and thoroughly enjoyed sharing a festive day with a bunch of people who would also, otherwise have been alone. Being photographer gave me the opportunity to talk with every guest and that was a real pleasure.

It was a real shame to see a completely empty table, where there were eight spaces set for guests who we did not have. It was the only downer to the day as I imagined that there were other people alone who could have come and joined in on the fun.

A big thank you to the volunteers who worked in the kitchen and produced a totally amazing Christmas lunch! Very tasty, well presented and beautifully cooked.

Getting involved in the Christmas lunch, meeting a whole bunch of new people and being told by one of the guests how much it meant to him to be at the lunch and not be alone made it a really rewarding way to spend Christmas.

**Sarah**

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# Letters ...



## SAWTRY SCARECROW WEEK 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Now that the Christmas Lights, Trees and Decorations have been put away neatly for next Christmas, the time is nigh to think about our Annual Visitors THE SCARECROWS. I am told they are very keen to come back and see us all again and are hoping that they can bring some extra friends with them.

The application forms will be ready from the beginning of June from the Council Office and the closing date will be the end of June.

Come on Sawtry let's get busy and make a FANTASTIC SCARECROW WEEK AGAIN.

**Delia Riddle**

## ANNUAL SAWTRY PARISH CAROL SINGING

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December over 70 villagers met at the Old School Hall to sing Carols under the Christmas trees with lanterns filled with lit candles placed in the garden. All the carols were sung with gusto and afterwards everyone was invited to join the Parish Councillors for mince pies, mulled wine and a chat.

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to Matt Coates for supplying and erecting the PA and keyboard, to Jean Garner for playing the keyboard and the Clerk & Deputy Clerk for all their hard work in making it a Happy Christmas evening.

**Cllr Delia Riddle**

## LETTER FROM THE QUEEN

At the last Full Council meeting of the year we were delighted to present to the Sawtry Guides, Brownies and Rainbow troupes a copy of the original letter thanking them and the whole of Sawtry Village for their cards of congratulations. The album will be finished about the middle of January 2013 and will be on view at the Parish Council Offices for all to see.

**Delia Riddle**

## OBSERVATIONS FROM A CONCERNED DOG OWNER

I am the owner of three dogs, one 11 year old and two 10 month old pups and I walk and train them several times a day. I take them out sometimes specifically for them to empty their bladder and bowels and I try to choose a specific area for that purpose, as walking round and round my garden becomes very boring, for them and me. However, I always clean up after them, no matter where I go and always have the necessary equipment with me, because no matter how well you plan, they will always catch you out and want to go when you least expect them to.

Unfortunately there is a lot and I mean a lot of evidence about, on the roads, pavements, verges, hedgerows, fields and playing fields, (the latter being in some cases that the bags have been removed from the bin and thrown around the field). I have even come across it at the side of dog waste bins, loose and bagged. As said, I walk and train my dogs quite a lot but am now finding it very difficult to find anywhere in Sawtry were it is reasonably clean and as my dogs can be scavengers and pick up other dogs' waste, I have to be very careful.

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## DONATIONS

A huge thank you to the organisers of Upton's 'Dialogue with a Dame' with Evelyn Glennie, an evening of dialogue interspersed with musical interludes and demonstrations held back in November. The organisers made a generous donation of £525 to CARESCO (with £75 going specifically to the Alconbury Thursday Club).

Our Body Shop evening at the end of November was well supported and raised an impressive £240 thanks to the efforts of Emma Green & friends, those who helped out on the night and those who came to enjoy the evening.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with our fundraising efforts in recent months.

**Liz Coates – General Manager,  
CARESCO**

## Remembering a Very Special Dad & Grandad

### Stanley Reginald Redhead who passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

If we could have a lifetime wish  
and one dream that could come true  
We would pray to God with all our  
hearts just to see and speak to you  
A thousand words won't bring you back  
We know because we've tried  
and neither will a million tears  
We know because we've cried  
You've left behind our broken hearts  
and precious memories too  
But we've never wanted memories  
We only wanted you

**Loved & remembered always**

**Mark, Mandy, Sam & Jordan xxx**

## THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to the gentleman who found my keys in the snow on St Judith's Field. He went out of his way to ask people if they belonged to anyone, until they were returned to me.

Many Thanks again.

**Kevin Holmes**

## Letters ...



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There is just no excuse for any dog owner to fail in picking up their dogs' waste wherever they are. Just because you are out in a field doesn't give you the right to leave the mess there, other people may use that field and children play in it, and should a child fall whilst playing and get that excrement on their hands and then wipe away tears from their eyes, that can cause blindness.

Alright that might be an extreme example but still very possible, it is very unpleasant for anyone to walk down a road, or a walk in the country side, to be having to continually watch out for and navigate around a load of dog poo, left by someone because they were too idle and irresponsible to pick it up and dispose of it in a proper manner. Unfortunately there are a lot of dog owners who fit into this category and should maybe consider either re-homing their dog or start to act in a responsible manner.

Plastic bags are cheap enough, I use Nappy bags, cost pennies for hundreds from shops or even the convenience of the Parish Clerk's office, open every morning until 1pm and there are plenty of bins around. NO EXCUSE, BE PREPARED.

### **Name and address submitted**

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#### **SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB**

If we do say so ourselves, what a great evening! The food supplied by Helen and her team was second to none and the entertainment was a blast. The feedback we have received about last year's supper has been absolutely wonderful and we are in full swing for preparing for this year's event which will be a special celebration as it will be our 65<sup>th</sup> year that the supper has taken place.

To fund the supper we rely on donations and fundraising and due to the current climate we find ourselves in, every penny does count! The Committee do have a little gripe in that last year alone 59 people said they would attend the supper and were therefore catered for but unfortunately on the night they did not appear! This cost the Sawtry Feast Supper Club £472.00, valuable money that we cannot afford to waste. Please could we therefore ask that in future, if you are not able to attend for you to please contact me on 07976 874579 giving as much notice as possible. If you do not wish to attend, please let the person know who delivers your invitation to you. We do have a waiting list of people who would love to attend and who we could have invited last year had we known that people were not attending. Also, I am sure some of you will agree, it can get a little tight in the hall and by having exact numbers, it would allow a little more room.

A number of people who attended last year's supper have kindly made donations to the Supper Club and I would like to thank you for your generosity.

After establishing the loss made last year, Mr and Mrs Tuplin kindly offered to organise a dance at the College on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Tuplin for holding the dance and for those that attended for supporting the event. A staggering £718 was raised!

Thanks also goes to those that attended the pamper night on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and to Emma Green and her team from The Body Shop at Home. A further £290 was raised that night which is absolutely wonderful.

We would also like to thank the Sawtry Winemakers for their generous donation and to Sam and her staff at Tilly's Coffee Shop for holding the Santa's Grotto at the beginning of December and for running the "Guess the amount of sweets" competition throughout December and for donating the proceeds to us.

As mentioned above we are preparing for this year's supper. At present we are at capacity, however, if you have not attended in the past and do wish to attend please let me know and I will put you on the waiting list. **Please also note that despite the change of date for the Carnival this year, the Feast Supper will remain to be held on the first Tuesday in June being 4th June 2013.**

Looking forward to seeing you in June.

*Kind regards*

*Jo Chapman (Alexander)*

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#### **FEAST SUPPER DANCE**

Thank you so much for supporting the dance held at the College in September last year, the proceeds of which almost cancelled out the deficit in the cost of the 2012 Feast Supper. At the request of many who attended, another dance, run on similar lines, will be held this year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, £5 per ticket. Tickets will not be available until much nearer the date, but we shall be gauging support for the event at the Feast Supper on 4<sup>th</sup> June so that we can confirm the date with the College and Dave Whiskey Disco.

*Dick and Pam Tuplin*



## WHAT IS CARESCO?

We have been asked a couple of times recently by people new to the area "What exactly is CARESCO?" so we thought that, as the editors & publishers of the Sawtry Eye, we would remind you all about our background and what we do day-to-day.



### The Beginning

CARESCO is a registered charity (1140728) originally founded at the end of 1982. In the late 1970s two community groups were set up in Sawtry, a Day Centre for the elderly and a Lunch Club. After a few years, the original organisers had to move on and, rather than losing these groups, a steering committee was formed and CARESCO was born. In 2011 we became an incorporated charity (company registration number 7513432).

Over the years a variety of activities have been brought under the CARESCO umbrella, mostly run by paid staff and supported by teams of volunteers; working together with local authorities and other voluntary organisations towards a stronger, more caring community.

### The Organisation

CARESCO is an amazing & unique organisation, based in Sawtry (the CARESCO Centre is behind the Old School Hall on Green End Road) but covering the surrounding villages where possible. Each activity or club runs as a relatively self-contained unit but under the wing of CARESCO.

### The Funding

Around a third of the current funding for CARESCO comes from Cambridgeshire County Council as a grant towards the running costs of providing day care for the elderly, with smaller grants coming from local parish councils. Another third comes from the attendance charges to those who use our services and other income from our activities, and the final third comes from donations from other local organisations and individuals and our own fundraising. As the CCC grant has not kept up with inflation while costs have continued to increase, the ever growing gap between income and running costs has to be covered by fundraising. Please come and support our events, we are a local charity providing a vital service to our community.

### The Current Projects

CARESCO is not just a day centre. Today the projects run by CARESCO are: the Lunch Club (Monday & Tuesday); the Sawtry Day Centre (Wednesday & Thursday); the Alconbury Thursday Club (our one project which runs outside Sawtry); the Nearly New (Friday – term time); the Coffee Shop (Friday); and the Printshop (Mon – Fri mornings). CARESCO is also a partner in the Sawtry Village Car Scheme and publishes the Sawtry Eye. In addition, last month we hosted our first ever Christmas Day Lunch.

### The Volunteers

All these projects need a team of dedicated volunteers willing to give their time and energy to help others. Do you have any spare time? Why don't you get in touch & find out what is involved? Whatever your time available & skills, we can find a role for you within CARESCO. We need coffee makers, wheelchair pushers, cake bakers, collators, drivers, trustees.....the list is endless.

### The Trustees

As a charity, CARESCO is run by a board of trustees (or management committee) who are volunteers from the local community willing to give up their time to ensure that the organisation is run properly. We currently need new trustees willing to give their time & expertise to guide CARESCO, would you be willing to offer to join the management committee? Please ask for more details.

**Call the office on 01487 832105, email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk), visit our website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or just pop in for a chat (office hours are weekdays 9 – 12 noon).**

## NEARLY NEW

Are you looking for a New Year's bargain? Then pop along to see us on a Friday morning in the CARESCO Centre. We're open from 9am to 11.30am with Tea, Coffee and cakes available from the Coffee Shop.

We are selling Women's and Children's clothes as well as toys and household items. Details about selling your items through Nearly New are also available. Pop in or contact us at: [nearlynew@caresco.org.uk](mailto:nearlynew@caresco.org.uk)

**Nicole, Gill, Clair and Doreen**

## *An Eye on Nature*

Have you been to a supermarket car park this winter and noticed a flock of strange looking birds? You may well have seen a group of waxwings. They get their name from the red wing-marks which look just like the red sealing wax used on documents through the ages. With their distinctive crest and bright yellow tip to the tail and wing feathers, these starling-sized birds migrate from Central Europe each Autumn to enjoy the abundance of berries on our trees and in the hedgerows. One thing you will notice whilst watching them feeding is how approachable they are, so a good picture is always possible.

Keep Waxwings in mind when planning work on trees or hedgerows and wait until all the berries have been eaten before pruning each winter.

2012 was the wettest year on record in East Anglia. How do I know this? The 'secret pond' in Aversley Wood was filled to the top for the first time in many years on my walk in December. In fact, the pond has not been completely filled since 2001 and dry for most of the years after that. Other ponds in the nature reserves I help manage, such as Lady's Wood and Raveley Wood, are now full at long last.

With water levels high enough to complete the breeding cycle of some of our aquatic wildlife, 2013 could be a good year.

In my pond, newts and dragonflies have lost several breeding years in the recent past but 2012 enabled them to complete their aquatic part of the lifecycle and if we have a good Spring and Summer, dragonflies may be much more abundant. Newts, frogs and toads will recover in numbers too. As I write, Spring is not too far away with the first shoots of the bluebells poking above the leaf litter in our local woods. There are snowdrops and Winter aconites to enjoy before Spring finally bursts into life again.

**Martin Baker**



## **SAWTRY CHORALE** [www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)

After a Christmas break, the choir started rehearsals again on 9 January. An excellent turnout saw members eager to find out what new songs would make up the summer programme.

Our members come not only from Sawtry but also from surrounding towns and villages so unfortunately, the second rehearsal had to be cancelled because of ice, snow and fog. However, the new music had been issued and grateful thanks go to Shirley and Jeff for producing CDs to help us practise at home.

During 2012 the Chorale performed charity concerts in Sawtry, Catworth, Alconbury, Somersham and Kimbolton. All of the concerts were very successful and raised useful funds for the organisations concerned. We also put on a joint concert with visiting choir, Staffordshire WI and Friends.

We welcome requests for concerts from charities and churches in the area. In fact, we have already been approached about a possible Christmas concert! If your organisation would like to be considered for a fund-raising event please get in touch. We charge a small fee to help us pay for our accompanist and sheet music. You will also need to provide a venue.

We are always looking for new members - sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. We rehearse for 2 hours on Wednesday evenings during term-time. Come along to the Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road, Sawtry at 7.45pm. You will be most welcome. There is no audition and no requirement to read music. Subscription is £20 a term.

More details about Sawtry Chorale and our concerts can be found on our website.

**Hazel Rea**

## **SAWTRY SHOW** **SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

We do hope you will be supporting the Show this year.

The full Schedule of Classes will be available in mid-summer, but the Show Committee has produced a list of the chosen classes. Sawtry residents will receive this with their 'Eye' but copies will also be available at the Parish Office and Sawtry Library.

**Dick Tuplin (Chairman)**



The SSBP will be five years old this Spring and over those years it has grown in strength and able to raise much needed funds for local charities plus own and manage Sawtry.net.

Having taken over the sawtry.net website and merged it with their own the opportunities for local groups and individuals have become much more accessible. Local news is very much needed for the site as well as Club details and programmes of events. Each local group can have their own page which they can update themselves allowing the local community (and the rest of the world!) to know what is happening within that club or future activities.

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

The new site also gives everybody access to local trades and businesses with each SSBP member having a detailed description of what services are available. The Partnership is open to any business large or small and membership is only £50.00 a year. This gives every member marketing opportunities via the website and a Directory which is distributed door to door in Sawtry and surrounding areas.

If you have a local business and would like to find out more about what the Partnership might have to offer you please take a look at the web site. Contact Ralph Maloney, Chairman on 01487 832683 or email [ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org](mailto:ralph.maloney@ssbpartnership.org)

## Going Green

Why do we all do it? Christmas is, after all, just another day. We all need to eat, it's nice to have special foods to celebrate, but we don't need to eat much more than normal, yet who doesn't over cater? Jokes about turkey curry are based in the reality of eating the leftovers for the next week!

As long as they get eaten, that's got to be better than just throwing food away.

Recently I heard on the BBC about a report from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers which claimed that world-wide we may throw away up to 50% of all food produced. That's a frightening figure, but is it really true? There seems to be two aspects to the argument, the losses/waste in producing the food and its storage, and those after we've done the shopping and taken the food home.

Apparently in the poorer parts of the world, losses are mainly during the farming or in getting the food to market through poor farming methods, transport or storage. However in richer countries, the loss is often through the way the food is sold and bought – for example in the way we've been trained to only buy perfect fruit and veg. Anyone with an allotment, veg patch or fruit tree will know that 'real' produce doesn't come like that. If you try to find just five perfect apples to enter the village Show, you'll know that almost every fruit comes with a blemish, is lop-sided or gets attacked by birds or insects.

So what can we personally do to make our own difference? We could resist the urge to buy those BOGOF bargains when we'll never use the free one. Buy fresh produce from local sources & accept that real carrots aren't perfectly straight and apples are normally wonky. Use up leftovers rather than leave them in the back of the fridge until they're much too old to eat and not be too obsessed by best-before and use-by dates. Food doesn't become poisonous overnight, the best-before dates are only guides to quality as foods deteriorate over time. That last bit of Christmas cake may not be at its best, but it won't do you any harm (other than putting on weight!). In our house we've only just managed to polish off the last of the mince pies and have lived to tell the tale.

Use-by dates are different. Eating an out of date cream isn't a good idea, so only buy what you can reasonably expect to eat within the date – I usually get caught out when I forget to check dates in the shop and get home only to find that a pot of yoghurt only has a couple of days to go. Still it can lead to some unusual meals created to use up oddments before they go out of date!

So next time I serve a strange combination for the family to eat, it's not a mistake, but the result of carefully limiting our domestic food waste. Turkey curry anyone?

*Eco Apprentice*



## WASTE COLLECTION DAYS ARE CHANGING FROM 25 FEBRUARY

From the 25 February, changes are being made to the refuse and recycling collection rounds. This means that for many

collection days may be changing. All residents' will have received an information pack by 20 February. Included in this pack are four new address labels for residents bins, a leaflet explaining what items can/cannot be put into the bins and a sticker to be placed on one of the bins giving details of where people can find the most up to date information on what can go in your bins.

These changes are being made to make the savings necessary to keep our services both efficient and cost effective.

For more information visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuseandrecycling](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuseandrecycling) or call 0800 3896613

**Computer Corner  
by  
Zip Computers**

**Windows 8**

The latest release from Microsoft  
*Like marmite - love it or hate it!*

The release of the latest Windows 8 operating system has caused some considerable concern amongst computer engineers with regards to repairs should the system crash either with a software problem (not covered by any warranty) or a hardware failure outside the manufacturer's warranty period.

Windows 8 no longer comes with an operating system activation key, which would mean the cost of a repair would increase because the customer would have to purchase a new Windows 8 upgrade operating system. For example, should your hard drive fail and need replacing, the repair would entail installing an older version of Windows first, activating that version and then installing a Windows 8 upgrade. Unlike previous versions of Windows (e.g. Windows Xp, Vista, Windows 7) Windows 8 activation method will no longer be transferable should a re-installation be required.

A new computer with Windows 8 system installed has the activation code embedded by the manufacturer within the system Bios - would you know how to retrieve it should your pc have a problem? Also, if your Bios needs to be reset in order to solve a system problem, you will lose the embedded encrypted method of activation.

An upgrade version of Windows 8 does not come with a product or activation key. The upgrade version requires that a previous version of Windows is already installed, and relies on the activation of the product key from the previous operating system in order to activate the Windows 8 upgrade.

Microsoft deny that its intention was to make it difficult to carry out what would be a normal type of repair; however the new method that is now used does exactly that. There is a huge amount of online forums about the subject, and a simple online search of "how do I activate Windows 8" will give you some idea of how the system has been changed, and the consequences.

Presently there is no full retail versions of Windows 8 that come with a activation key so **buyer beware** and read the small print.

The radical new look and method of use with Windows 8 is not to everyone's liking. Whilst there have been some improvements they are mainly directed towards the social networking and media side and in doing so has taken away the traditional accepted method of computer use. However for those users that prefer the previous appearance of Windows, there are ways of making it resemble the familiar look while retaining the advances of the Windows 8 operating system.

**Contact Zip Computers for more information.**

**TORT HILL DISTRICT  
GUIDES, BROWNIES & RAINBOWS**

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a good Christmas. The District had a really great Christmas party at Alconbury hosted by their Rainbows and Brownies. Everyone wore fancy dress (including some of the Guiders) and we were treated to drinks and biscuits kindly supplied by the Co-operative Funeral Service.

Most of the Units held their own parties with games and refreshments and a good time was had by all. The Brownies and Rainbows went to Peterborough to see the pantomime Mother Goose and the Brownies enjoyed a performance of the Gang Show.

As I have little else to report I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Guiders who run the Units are all volunteers and not only do they give of their time every week, but they are also expected to go to trainings and meetings as well. I have been a Brownie Mum and a Brownie Guider for many years and I do appreciate how frustrating it is when information doesn't always get through, but with 24 girls to look after, it can be difficult to ensure that everyone gets the correct details. If you feel something needs addressing, please go along to a meeting and speak to the Guider in charge who, I am sure, will help in any way she can. If you still feel you have a complaint, contact our DISTRICT COMMISSIONER on 01487 834699, DISTRICT GUIDER on 01487 830458 or myself on 01487 830806.

Well that's my two pennyworths' for this time

*Wise Owl*

**For more information contact 01487 830806**



## DAY CENTRE NEWS

A Happy New Year to all our readers, most of our members are back at the Day Centre after the Christmas festivities with only a few who find it hard to come in this cold weather, two of our members are in hospital and we wish them both well.

We all look forward to a year that is going to be filled with talks and outings to entertain our members, the planning is on-going (more news in the next issue)

Sawtry is a unique village with great community spirit, I have travelled around a lot in my life all over the country and various parts of the world all courtesy of the armed forces and you will have to go a long way to beat the spirit in this village. We have a great place in the Day Centre and it is here for all the village to enjoy and provides facilities for the village to use.

As you all know CARESCO is a charitable company and relies a lot on volunteers so village help is always welcome. As the need for our kind of facility increases so does the need for more volunteers. In last month's Eye we advertised for a volunteer to take on the shopping run, this is a much needed service for our members who cannot get out and about. Sometimes we are very stretched so if there is anyone out there who can help, please get in touch. And of course my usual mantra of the need for volunteers to go on Club outings to push wheelchairs. Talking of wheelchairs, we still need more so if anyone is out there who has one in good condition they no longer need, then again please get in touch.

At the day centre we provide a hot cooked meal on both Wednesdays and Thursdays, all cooked with fresh ingredients by Lyn, our resident cook, who produces the most delicious meals. A range of gentle chair exercises are conducted by John one of our volunteers for all those who want to take part. A raffle is held each day to raise extra funds for our members' enjoyment and there is always a stream of games to be played and jigsaws to do as well as craft. Once a month Pat (our esteemed manager) and Lyn provide an evening bingo session to boost funds. Pat is an excellent baker and all profits made are ploughed back to help fund outings. Without her and Lyn's efforts then funds would be much diminished.

That is a brief overview of what we do here. The Day Centre is open to anyone in the local community who needs us and it is a much needed resource if you feel the need for a bit of company and some good food then get in touch or come along and give us a try.

Well that's all for now, usual contacts apply.

**Gill Robinson**

**Deputy Manager, Sawtry Day Centre 01487 832105 or  
email [daycentre@caresco.org.uk](mailto:daycentre@caresco.org.uk)**

## “LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS” COMES TO SAWTRY

**A flag-waving “Last Night of the Proms” comes to Sawtry in February, with a music packed performance by a highly-regarded concert band to celebrate the 30th birthday of Sawtry charity CARESCO.**

The Proms concert takes place on Saturday, February 23rd at Sawtry Community College. The bar opens at 18.45, with the concert starting at 19.30. A programme of popular and light music will be performed by the RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band, one of only six such bands in the UK funded by the RAF to provide essential musical support to the RAF and local communities.

The 40 or so uniformed musicians are led by professional Bandmaster Graham Sheldon. They are a familiar sight in the region, performing at RAF stations, civil events and charity concerts. They have just produced their fourth CD, called “Broadway and film” and the Sawtry Proms will include several pieces from it, as well as other military favourites such as The Great Escape and The Dambusters.

The Sawtry “Last Night” will finish with the enthusiastic rendition by the Band, supported by the traditional singing and flag waving of the audience, of Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and Jerusalem. Flags and party poppers are provided as part of the ticket price for everyone. The concert will also include the singing of Happy Birthday to Sawtry charity CARESCO, which celebrates its 30th birthday in 2013, and birthday cake for all the audience. All proceeds from the concert go to CARESCO to help it continue its work of supporting the elderly, housebound and socially isolated in Sawtry and the surrounding area.

Tickets for the “Last Night of the Proms” cost £10, and include cake, flag, party popper and programme. A family ticket for two adults and two under 16s costs £30.

**Tickets are available from CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Telephone: 01487 832105 or  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)**

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are hoping to arrange a number of coach trips for later this year, subject to interest. One to the Houses of Parliament. Our local MP Mr Shailesh Vara has expressed an interest in making the required arrangements at Westminster. Therefore we would like to hear from any interested party ASAP.

Also another trip to the Gardens of Remembrance Arboretum in Staffordshire, Google Arboretum Staffordshire for details about the place. We would like to hear from anyone interested in going on these trips with the emphasis on 'the sooner the better'.

We are running our General Knowledge Quiz Night competing for the Bill Hall Shield on Friday 15th February, at the Club, 7.45pm for 8pm start. Previous team participants should have received an invitation but other teams may be considered, depending upon the number of applications received. All entries to be submitted by 31st January, Contact Tony Nickerson on 01487 831316

If anyone has any ideas with regard to trips or entertainment that they would like us to arrange, we are very willing to listen.

In early May we will be having our annual social evening for members and helpers/collectors and it would be nice to see more of you all there.

We are always looking for new members, in particular the younger generation and active service and ex-service personnel. Come and join us and help us make the changes that may be necessary to attract more new members.

We are also interested in becoming affiliated to other associations, ie cadets etc, with a view to helping each other, for instance, although not affiliated to them, CARESCO/Sawtry Eye help us with advertising etc and I am helping them to sell tickets for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proms Night.

The anniversary of the start of World War 1, is in August 2014 and we are starting to form ideas with regard to how our Branch will be Commemorating that event. Once again we are keen to listen to any ideas.

Just to reiterate.

To be eligible for the help of the Legion you must have been a member of HM Forces (Regular Service, TA, National Service and in some cases the Merchant Navy), also some Allied Nations Forces and Resistance Organisations, Voluntary Aid Services, Home Guard and Bomb & Mine Disposal Units, or a dependant of someone who comes into one of those categories.

The Legion is expending £200,000 each day in assisting those who are eligible for our assistance.

However, the call upon us increase yearly as more people are leaving HM Forces, many at very short notice, and also as WW2 veterans, National Servicemen and their dependants fall on hard times. We will always be there, as the Nations Conscience, for as long as we are needed.

If you would wish to become a Poppy Collector, Welfare Helper – full training given and out of pocket expenses paid, or would like to know more please contact The Royal British Legion on 01480-478520 or write to The Welfare Dept, Nelson House, Alington Road, St. Neots Cambs PE19 6YH, or myself as the local Poppy Appeal Organiser.

**For further information locally please contact:- Allan Fowler 01487 830806 – including Tickets as above.**

**Tony Nickerson 01487 831316 and Stewart Wylie 01487 831458**

### SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The first meeting of the year started off on the 17<sup>th</sup> January with The Fall of Rome & the Palace of Castor, a talk given by Katie Davenport-Mackey. The Palace of Castor or Praetorium to this day remains a mystery as to its use. An excavation by Edmund Artis took place in 1828 and he thought one of the rooms was used as a temple. Also tessellated pavements were found. The Palace ceased to be in about 450AD. In 2010 'Time Team' dug 5 trenches but no clear use was discovered. Two possibilities is a Military establishment or an Administration building for the Fens.

Our next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> February with the History of London Brick Co. by Andrew Mortlock, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> March it is our AGM, when a group of people will come along to explain the reasons for wanting your stories about Merchant Seamen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

We hope to see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February when it is our Sawtry Archive launch in the Library, starting at 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Why did the Romans build straight roads? So their soldiers didn't go round the bend.

**For more information, please contact Sheila Tibbs on 01487 830054**

## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Online Booking

Please can I remind patients that our online appointment booking system is available 24/7. The system can be used to book pre-bookable GP appointments and blood tests with our phleboto-mist. On the day appointments appear online at 8am each weekday morning – some patients may prefer to book using this method as opposed to phoning in first thing in the morning. If you are not yet registered for online booking and would like to do so please contact our reception team.



### GP Team

Dr Emily Morrison joined the team in July last year as a salaried GP. I would now like to formally welcome Dr Morrison as a Partner to our existing team of GPs as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013. Dr Uszycka is now on sabbatical until April 2013. Dr Nina Djuric is covering Mondays and Thursdays for us until Dr Uszycka returns.

### Keeping Warm and Well

We seem to be having a particularly cold spell as I write this which is apparently forecast to last for some time. During this period, please bear in mind the following top tips for keeping warm and well this winter which are taken from the Cambridgeshire County Council / NHS Cambridgeshire Warm Homes Healthy People project:

1. **Heat your home well.** By setting your heating to the right temperature, 21c during the day and 18c at night, you can keep your home warm and your bills as low as possible.
2. **Get financial advice.** There may be extra funding available, depending on your circumstances, to make sure you can keep your house warm during winter.
1. **Eat well.** Food is a vital source of energy, which helps to keep your body warm.
2. **Get a flu jab.** You can get a free jab from your GP surgery to protect against seasonal flu if you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant.
3. **Look after yourself and check on neighbours or relatives to make sure they are safe, warm and well.** Keeping active is important for your health. But if you do go out in the cold weather it is important that you wear extra clothes to make sure that you are wrapped up warmly. During very cold and icy weather conditions it is safer for older people, very young children and anyone with health problems to avoid going out.
4. **Have your heating and cooking appliances checked.** Carbon monoxide is a killer. Make sure that flues and chimneys are swept and checked for blockages and ventilation points are not blocked. If not connected to gas or electricity mains, and use heating oil, LPG or wood products as the main heating source, make sure that you have a sufficient supply to avoid running out in winter.

Best Regards,

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



## WHY GO FURTHER?

Fairtrade Fortnight will run from Monday 25 February to Sunday 10 March

How will you go further for Fairtrade?

Because the people who grow the things we love need our support now. These are tough times for millions of farmers and workers in developing countries. Climate change, rising food and fuel costs, and volatile market prices mean they face an uncertain future. Small farmers often struggle to provide for themselves and their families and they're hit hardest in uncertain times. Choosing and asking for Fairtrade is one way to ensure farmers and workers can farm into the future and earn enough to provide for their families and invest in their communities. Fairtrade provides them with the security of knowing they'll receive a fair price for their crop and the long term stability that comes from having a better relationship with their buyer. Together we're making steady progress but we need to reach more of the people who need a fairer deal from trade. So that's why we're asking the nation to go further for Fairtrade in 2013!

Remember, there's a person behind every Fairtrade product.

**For more information about Fairtrade visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) or call the Fairtrade Foundation on (0)20 7405 5942. For more Information about Fairtrade in Sawtry call Liz on 01487 830345 or Sally on 01487 831771**



## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

### Love your Library Day

This is being held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Come along and see what your library can offer you!!!! The Children's Centre will be holding a Rhymetime session from 9.45 – 10.15am. Sawtry History Society will be on hand to answer any queries about your village.

Come and join in with board games, have a go at solving our community jigsaw and browse through our book sale.

We also have a selection of posters and workbooks at a price of £1.50 each or 4 for £5, these make ideal presents.

### NEW TO SAWTRY LIBRARY

#### Sawtry History Society

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February come and meet Sawtry History Society Archives for their open morning from 10am – 12noon. Meet the members and view their archive material.

From Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March you can come and view their collection of photographs, documents and much more from 9.45am - 12.15pm.

This event will take place every Saturday if you wish to know more about the history of your village please visit.

#### Rhymetimes

Rhymetimes are now being held on a weekly basis at Sawtry Library on a Wednesday Morning between 10 – 10.30am. All babies and young children welcome so come along and join in the fun.

#### Computer Courses

**Want to know how to use a computer free of charge.** We hold basic sessions which include the modules E-mail, searching the Internet and Internet Security on a Tuesday from 4pm. If you are interested please see a member a staff for more information.

#### OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

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



To renew Books: 0345 045 5225

To renew or Request Books visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

Pam Goodwin

## ALL SAINTS' SAWTRY AND ST NICHOLAS' GLATTON ELECTORAL ROLL

This year, 2013, is a year in which an entirely new church electoral roll must be prepared in every parish in the Church of England, in advance of the annual parochial church meetings which are held in March or April. The new rolls for All Saints and St Nicholas will start to be prepared from early February, and must be completed by an agreed date (probably around the end of March). Exact dates will be publicised.

Anyone wishing to have their name entered on the new roll must complete a fresh form of application. These are available from the church's electoral roll officers, or via the Rector, Revd Rosie Ward (Tel 830215; email [wardrosie@btinternet.com](mailto:wardrosie@btinternet.com)).

The main purpose of the roll is for people to signify that they wish to be regarded as 'members' of the church. The exact qualifications for the roll are on the form; but most simply, those wishing to be on the roll must be baptised, aged 16 or over, and either resident in the parish or a habitual worshipper in the six months prior to enrolment.

**Completed forms should be returned to the church's electoral roll officer, or via the Rectory.**

### REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion remember the fallen throughout the year. In February and March we particularly remember:

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

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<b>MARCH</b>		
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
John Thomas COLBERT	25 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.

### ...is this the place?

On a dark cold day in December a folded piece of paper was found pushed under the door of All Saints Church in Sawtry; it was blank - except for the following poem:

#### **A People Place**

If this is not a place where tears are understood,  
 Where do I go to cry?  
 If this is not a place where my spirits can take wing,  
 Where do I go to fly?  
 If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,  
 Where do I go to seek?  
 If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,  
 Where do I go to speak?  
 If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I am,  
 Where can I go to be?  
 If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow,  
 Where can I be just me?

*William J Crockett*

Who pushed it under the door, or why? I don't know.

But, the answer to each of these meaningful questions is: yes, this is the place.

'The Church' is not a building. The church, are the people who use the building as somewhere to worship. This means that the 'place' that the poem refers to, are the people; people who do care, people who will listen without judgement or condemnation, people who can bring comfort, people who can offer support in time of need or difficulty.

For church is not just about baptisms, or weddings or funerals, or hymns and preaching - the church is about people; people who care about people. If you are alone, or lonely, if you are sick or housebound, if you have been separated or divorced or bereaved, or if life is just getting you down and you would like someone to visit or to talk to, or someone just to listen; or indeed, if you would like someone who will do their best to try and answer your questions about God or life in general, then: yes, this is 'the place'.

The recent government census results have indicated a declining number of people who would call themselves Christian; but what the census doesn't tell, is the growing number of people who are actively searching for a spiritual meaning to life.

Have you ever wondered about the real meaning behind all the glitter and pretence at Christmas? Have you ever wondered what Easter is all about - apart from chocolate? Does your search for a meaning to life lead you to wonder whether 'church' might be a right place for you, a place where your questions can be asked; a place where your feelings can be heard; a place where you would be accepted by people and by God? If so, then: yes, this is 'the place', for you.

**Malcolm Ward**  
 Lay Minister, All Saints Church, Sawtry

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Church Road, Glatton**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion
	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Family Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	9 00am	Holy Communion
	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Family Easter Holy Communion

**Messy Church**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Glatton Village Hall from 2-4pm there will be the first **Messy Church** meeting. This is for all ages of children and parents. There will be a bible story and lots of craft activities finishing with a meal all together.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR:**

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

**Glatton website for more information.**  
[glattonparish.wordpress.com](http://glattonparish.wordpress.com)

**ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH**  
**CHURCH CAUSEWAY, SAWTRY**

**SERVICES**

February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship
	1 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Palm Sunday - Holy Communion
	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday - United Service Holy Communion
	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Good Friday – Walk of Witness United Service
	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	All-age Communion Service

**SAS KIDS' CLUB**

The Kids Club will meet at 10.15am on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March at the home of Alison Scott (48 Newton Road). After school Kids Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

**SATURDAY OPENING**

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

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**Websites: [www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk](http://www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk)  
[www.achurchnearyou.co.uk](http://www.achurchnearyou.co.uk)**



## Do You Enjoy Singing? YES?



Then join the choir at All Saints' Church Sawtry  
**OPEN** to boys, girls, men and women age 7+ (no upper age limit)  
**NO** Audition  
**NO** previous singing experience needed, Choir robes provided  
**REHEARSALS** are Tuesday evenings in term time 6.30 to 8pm at All Saints' Church  
 We ask for a regular commitment to sing at weekly Sunday services.  
 The choir also provides music for special occasions such as weddings.  
**Please contact Choir Leader Helen Reece on 01487 830295**

**Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Luke's**  
 serving the  
**Parish Church of Saint Luke's, Peterborough**  
 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough. PE2 5XS  
**St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry**  
 (Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry)  
 Contact Ann Morris 01487 832143

**St Bartholomew's Community, Yaxley and the Hampton's**  
**Parish Priest: Fr. John Minh**  
 14 Sellers Grange, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5XX '01733 370877;  
 email: [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk); Website: [www.saintlukesparish.org.uk](http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk)

### SERVICES

Each Saturday: First Mass of Sunday 6pm at St Luke's Church  
*Each Sunday: Sunday Masses*  
 9.15am at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Rd, Sawtry & 11am at St Luke's Church (inc special liturgy for Children)  
 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9.40am at St Luke's Church  
 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: Mass at 10am at St Luke's Church  
 Friday: Mass at 7pm at St Luke's Church  
 Saturday: Exposition & Confessions at 5pm; Benediction at 5.30pm

### EASTER SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, 13th February	Mass	10.00am & 7.30pm
Every Friday during Lent	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
Palm Sunday, 24th March	Mass	9.15am (Sawtry), 11.00am
Tuesday 26th March	Seder Meal	7.30pm, (Sawtry Methodist Church)
Maundy Thursday, 28th March	Mass followed by Adoration and Night Prayer	7.30pm
Good Friday, 29th March	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm
	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
Holy Saturday, 30th March	Easter Vigil Mass	9.00pm
Easter Sunday 31st March,	Mass	9.15am (Sawtry), 11.00am

**All services at St Luke's unless otherwise indicated**

**SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH**

Green End Road, Sawtry  
 Rev Katy Dunn Tel 01480 830314

**Sunday Services**  
 Morning Worship at 10.30am  
 Sunday School at 10.30am

**Special Services**

**Holy Communion Service**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 10.30am  
 Led by Rev Katy Dunn

**All Age Worship**  
 17<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am  
 Led by Jemima Strain

**Holy Communion Service**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 10.30am  
 Led by Rev Katy Dunn

**All Age Worship**  
 24<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am  
 Led by Rev Matt Finch

**Maunder Thursday**  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm  
 Holy Communion at All Saints

**Good Friday**  
 29<sup>th</sup> March  
 Walk of Witness  
 Starts at 10am from the Methodist Church  
 Service at 10.30am at All Saints

**Easter Day**  
 31<sup>st</sup> March – 10.30am  
 Led by Pauline Zaher

***Come and join us***

**Monday United Fellowship**

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm  
 Open to all  
 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February & 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Saturday Coffee Mornings**

9.30 – 11 am  
 including Cake Stall  
 All proceeds towards the building fund  
**Traidcraft goods also on sale**



### ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN YOUR OWN HOME



Would you like an assessment within your own home to see if there is any equipment we could provide to keep you warm, safe and save you money on your energy bills?

The assessment and equipment is offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to anyone aged 60 or over within Cambridgeshire.

Please call us on one of the telephone numbers above to arrange an assessment. We are also available to attend any Day Centres or clubs to give talks to promote this extremely beneficial free scheme.

Age UK  
Cambridgeshire  
Tel: 01354 696650  
or  
01480 700205

### NEW HOME FOR RIVERSIDE THEATRE COMPANY

Riverside Theatre Company is moving home from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

The well-established charitable musical theatre group for children and young people from St Neots and surrounding areas is relocating to The Priory Centre from St Neots Football Club which has been its home in recent years.

Chris Glenton, Chair of Riverside said: "We have some happy years at St Neots Football Club and we are grateful for all the support we have had from them in that time. The time has come to move on and we have taken this opportunity to relocate to The Priory Centre in the town centre, which is a key production venue for us."

Just two weeks after the move to The Priory Centre, the venue will host Riverside's latest production, Aladdin on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Performed entirely by young people aged six to 13 the show has been in rehearsal since September.

Chris added: "There are two shows on 16<sup>th</sup> February, at 2pm and 7pm. It promises to be an amazing production, the cast and tutors have worked really hard to make this their best production yet."

**Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for concessions and £25 for a family of two adults and two children. For more information about Riverside Theatre Company and book tickets for Aladdin visit [www.riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk)**

### CHARITY SEARCHES FOR NEW RECRUITS IN PETERBOROUGH AND HUNTINGDON

People in Peterborough, Huntingdon and the surrounding areas are being urged to help Alzheimer's Society to support people living with dementia.

The charity is looking for volunteers to help in a number of areas, including assisting in the delivery of services to people with dementia and their carers, local fundraising events, helping out in a local office, supporting someone living with dementia or helping to raise awareness of dementia across the county.

Kevin Bowyer, Peterborough and Huntingdon Support Services Manager for Alzheimer's Society, says "With rising numbers of people with dementia in Cambs it's vital that Alzheimer's Society continues to support people to live well with dementia today and funds research to find a cure for tomorrow. We rely on volunteers to continue our vital work.

"You don't need any experience to get involved and there is no age limit. As long as you are committed and enthusiastic then you're the perfect candidate! Volunteering can be great fun and it's also an opportunity to pick up some new skills, with training provided."

The charity is holding Open Days to provide further awareness of dementia and the supportive work of the charity on **22<sup>nd</sup> February** at our offices at Unit 8 Flag Business Exchange, Fengate, Peterborough PE1 5TX from 10 am to 3pm and on **1<sup>st</sup> March** at the Maple Centre Huntingdon from 10 am to 2pm.

**For further details, please contact Yvonne Walton 01733 893853**

**Alzheimer's Society**

Leading the fight against dementia



Thanks to everyone who has supported the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring superfast broadband to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Close to 24,000 people across the county have registered their demand for better broadband since May 2012 making it one of the fastest growing and biggest broadband campaigns in the country. Every registration counts to show suppliers the level of demand for better broadband across the county.

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Cont'd... This campaign success has been achieved with the fantastic support of 100 Broadband Champions, local Councillors and organisations such as Cambridgeshire ACRE, who have encouraged their communities to register.

A range of local case studies showing how households and home-based businesses will benefit from better broadband have been posted on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk)

**What happens next?**

The next stage of the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme will be to award the contract to a supplier in February 2013 to roll-out better broadband for all over the next three years.

Connecting Cambridgeshire is one of several UK broadband delivery projects in the 'pipeline' and will be seeking State Aid exemption during the final stages of the complex procurement process before finalising the contract award, with the sign-off and roll-out plan to follow.

Cambridgeshire County Council has already committed up to £20 million with £3 million from Peterborough City Council together with £6.75 million from the Government funding body BDUK for the roll-out of superfast broadband by 2015.

Cambridge's share of the £50 million Super Connected Cities Government funding will be in addition to this investment in superfast broadband to stimulate growth and help communities and businesses to thrive, particularly in rural areas.

**Regular updates will be posted on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website to keep you Informed.**



**Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group**

[www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/)

**Rocking Along the Norfolk Coasts: Rock pools, reefs and cliffs**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Dr Frances Dipper, a Marine Biologist has always loved the sea, in spite of being brought up on a farm in deepest Warwickshire. Whilst she is an author, lecturer and marine consultant, she is a marine naturalist at heart and has been studying and lecturing on marine life for nearly 40 years. Appropriately for her name, she loves being underwater and has dived all over the world and run numerous expeditions to far flung corners of the UK. Working as a volunteer with the Marine Conservation Society allows her to indulge her passion for coral reefs on surveys in Sabah, Borneo. Drawing on these experiences, she has also written many books both for adults and children.

**All evening meetings start at 7.30pm**

**At Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB**

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

**Please visit the website for more information [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk) or Phil Clark on 07894708352 or [Philip@philandruth.plus.com](mailto:Philip@philandruth.plus.com)**

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

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at <http://www.adviceguide.co.uk>

**Payment Protection Insurance—claim back for free**

You may have been approached by a claims management company offering to get you a refund of your payment protection insurance. But you don't need to use one of these companies to claim a refund - you can claim back the money you're owed yourself. It's free to claim, you don't have to pay a fee to anyone and it's just as quick if you do it yourself.

Payment Protection Insurance – or PPI – is insurance you're sometimes offered when you take out a loan, mortgage, credit or store card. PPI is meant to cover the repayments if you become sick, unemployed, or have an accident. However, you may have been sold a PPI policy which isn't suitable for you. For example, you could find that your policy only covers people in full-time employment when you're unemployed, or that you aren't covered because you have to be below a certain age limit.

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Cont'd... If you've been sold a policy which isn't suitable, this is called **mis-selling**. You should be able to cancel the policy and get a refund, although you will probably need to make a claim for this. If you use a claims management company to make a claim, they will take a cut of around 25% from the money you get back, plus VAT. If you make the claim yourself, you will be able to keep all the money you get back.

For more about PPI and how to make a claim if you've been mis-sold a policy, including a sample letter you can use, visit <http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>

There is also a very easy to use step-by-step guide on how to claim on the MoneySavingsExpert website at [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com).

Alternatively you can go to your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau

**Child Maintenance—new government scheme**

From 10 December, the government is introducing a new statutory scheme for arranging child maintenance when parents separate and can't come to an agreement. It will be run by a new organisation called the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) and there will be significant differences between this scheme and the old schemes run by the Child Support Agency (CSA). For example, the maintenance calculation will be simpler and use gross income figures passed on to the CMS by HM Revenue and Customs.

Initially, the new scheme will be applied to very few new applicants - only those who have four or more children, all with the same two parents and where there has been no previous involvement with the CSA. All new applications for child maintenance must still be made to the CSA in the normal way and appropriate cases will be referred to the CMS.

The scheme will gradually be extended to everyone who applies for maintenance. When this happens, there will be further changes, for example, applicants will be charged a fee to apply for maintenance and will have to take part in an interview to show they have considered other ways of arranging maintenance.

For now, if you are a separated parent and you don't yet have a child maintenance arrangement, contact Child Maintenance Options. This is a free information and support service that helps parents make child maintenance arrangements. Go to their website at [www.cmoptions.org](http://www.cmoptions.org).

If you already have a CSA case, you should continue to contact the CSA with any queries.

**For more information please contact Peterborough Citizens Advice Bureau on 0844 499 4120**



**SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY HOLIDAY CLUB**

5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August  
At Sawtry Methodist Church  
Green End Road

**For more details, contact Matt on 01487 830345**

**KICKBOXING FITNESS**

**For school years 7 to 13  
At Sawtry Youth Club**

KICK boxing is an excellent way to make friends, relieve stress, gain confidence and improve fitness – many young people have already taken part in sessions at the Youth Club and have noticed the benefits. These sessions are FREE, and take place on a Tuesday between 6.15 and 7.15 PM during term time. A professional Thai boxing trainer will guide you through the basic skills – non-contact exercises, using pads and working in pairs. To sign up (spaces are limited) all you have to do is one of the following:

- call in on a Tuesday evening
- email: [martin@kickyouth.org](mailto:martin@kickyouth.org)
- phone 07500 236550

**Youth Club** sessions take place on a Tuesday, during term time, between 7PM and 9 PM, entry is 50p, and you are welcome to come along if you are aged between 11 and 17. Lots of different activities take place through school term weeks and special events, activities and visits are organised for school holidays.

## TANG SOO DO KARATE AND KICKBOXING

Members of the Dragon Black Belt Academy International and the European Tang Soo Do Federation

### Championships

The Sawtry Open Championships 24th March & 24th November 1pm - 4pm  
Sawtry Leisure Centre £15 for 5 different categories and the seminar  
International Tang Soo Do Championships Rotterdam 16th November

### Videos and Photos

Add me "Mark Adlington" as a friend on Facebook and see the latest videos, pictures and information

For YouTube "Grandmasterki"

Students now receive a free 4 GB Flash Drive with videos (Not on Facebook) and information about the specialised techniques of the academy.

### Class Information

Tuesdays Tang Soo Do Karate/Kickboxing 6pm - 7pm Sawtry Leisure Centre - 5 spaces left

Sundays Tang Soo Do Karate/Kickboxing 10.30am - 11.30am Sawtry Leisure Centre - 7 spaces left

Private classes available

### Seminars

Bill Super Foot Wallace 18th May

Grandmaster Adlington Sawtry 23rd March & 24th August

Grandmaster Bowman 18th & 19th May

Open seminars contact for details.

### Recent Promotions

All students passed their last belt test. Well done guys!

Next Coloured belt test 10th March - Sawtry Leisure Centre 10.30am.

**Costs** - Juniors £4; Seniors £5

### Instructor Grandmaster Mark Adlington UK rep.

8th Dan Ki Do, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan Haedong kumdo, 5th Dan Kickboxing

**Contact** - Phone 01487 830601 - [tangsoodo@btinternet.com](mailto:tangsoodo@btinternet.com) - Text 07768472384



## SAWTRY COLTS

They say the weather is an obsession for us Brits and we do get our fair share of it, something to do with where we are positioned on the planet, being an island, and being at the centre of six air masses so I'm told.

If we are obsessed then Sawtry Colts managers must be some of the most obsessive, watching the skies and scouring the weather forecasts (which is more reliable BBC or Accuweather?). Prior to Christmas it was very wet so Greenfield was unplayable as it was underwater, then the frost arrived so Greenfield was unplayable due to the pitches being frozen. Over the Christmas period the weather was unseasonably balmy, and the pitches were playable but no-one had any matches.

Come the New Year the weather just about relented and Greenfield was playable for the first time for, what seemed like months and a number of teams were able to play their first matches for 5 or 6 weeks.

Great, said those obsessive Sawtry managers, we can get back to playing football but then the British weather intervened again, this time with snow and extremely cold weather. Whilst I sit here typing this, the forecast is for more snow this week and next so it looks like we will have at least two winter breaks this year. It's fair to say then that there's a lot of weather about at the moment unlike when we were kids and the sun always shone. I think I speak for all the managers when I say that I think we have had enough of the weather intervening in our beautiful game and we all hope that Greenfield gets back to peak condition sometime soon.

The teams that have managed to play some football have, understandably due to the stop-start season of late, found victories hard to come by. One exception to that has been the Under 9s who have won 3-1 and 8-1 either side of Christmas and then coming a close second in an 11 goal thriller as they went down 6-5 to Priory. After a good win in the cup the Under 10s have lost their last two league matches 9-2 and 5-1. The U11s hope to resume playing some time soon, their last match being mid-November with games being postponed due to waterlogged pitches, frozen pitches and opposition managers resigning!

The U12 Blues have played the one match this year losing 4-1, whilst the U12 Yellows have been on the end of two losses, 8-1 and 4-0. The U12 Girls team, in a tight match, went down 1-0 to St Ives. The U13s have lost 4-2 and 4-0 this year but competed well and the U14s lost 3-1 in the league but had a good win in the cup with a 5-2 victory.

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*Cont'd...* The U15 Blues have yet to have a match due to the weather and the U15 Yellows' only match so far was a 3-2 loss to promotion rivals Northborough; this was their first league defeat of the season and they still sit handily placed one point off top place with a game in hand. The U15 Girls have played two matches, both resulting in losses to perennial league winners Cambridge, and 5-1 against Comberton.

The U16s lost an entertaining match 6-4 to the league leaders and the U16 Girls have also had just the one match losing 5-0 at home, whilst the U18s were defeated 7-1 at home to a good Spalding side.

As you can see there have been more losses than victories but let's hope the remainder of the season reverses that trend. Hopefully we can bring better news with a few more teams emulating the U15 Yellows good start to the season.

As ever if anyone is interested in getting involved in Colts football we are always on the lookout for the new talent with a number of teams in need of new players – pop along to the website @ [www.sawtrycolts.co.uk](http://www.sawtrycolts.co.uk) where manager's contact details can be found.

**Brian Craig**

## SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

### Recent Results

**1st Team**, sponsored by Greystones PH

November 24	League	King's Lynn Reserves	4 – 1	Sawtry
December 1	Scott Gatty Cup	Sawtry	2 – 0	Stilton
8	League	Moulton Harrox Res	2 – 0	Sawtry
15	League	Holbeach Reserves	3 – 5	Sawtry
22	League	Sawtry	6 – 3	Ketton
29	PFA Cup	Moulton Harrox Res	3 - 2	Sawtry
January 5	League	Sawtry	8 - 1	Farcet
12	League	Langtoft	0 - 3	Sawtry

**Reserves**, sponsored by The Bell PH

November 24	League	Oakhan Utd A	1 – 2	Sawtry Res
January 5	League	Leverington Sports A	1 – 5	Sawtry Res
12	League	Warboys Res	2 - 8	Sawtry Res

League matches KO at 14:00, cup matches at 13:30

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

**Mike Patchett**



SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS

PARTNERSHIP

The SSBP charity 'Race Night' gala will be held at  
**Sawtry Community College on  
 Friday 22 March**

Tickets are selling fast, get yours now at SSBP and CARESCO  
**£12 each** (to include food)

All proceeds will be donated to Sawtry First Responders and CARESCO. SSBP is delighted to support these local charities and the tremendous good they do for our community

**For the latest update, please check out [www.sawtry.net](http://www.sawtry.net)**  
**Or call Richard on 01487 832398**

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

This has been a very sad winter for the Club as we have lost three long serving members.

Mr Hugh Custance a founder member, Mr John Tungate and Mr Ian Plum will be missed on the green and for all the support they have given to the Club over many years. We send our sympathy to their wives and families.

The Christmas bingo went well and the Christmas dinner and Grand Draw was a great success as usual with a packed club house. Mr Rayson must be thanked for organising an excellent meal also the ladies who worked in the kitchen and the guys who waited on.

Our next major social evening was our Burn's Night on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January when traditional food was served and as usual a piper was in attendance.

Work on the new ditches has progressed well and all should be ready for the start of the 2013 season. For social events in 2013 please look at the notice board or contact

**Mrs N. Herbert on 01487 832745 or Mr M. Rayson on 01487 830720**

**Any person interested in bowling in the new season which begins in April can contact any Club member or telephone the above numbers. Tuition and bowls can be provided for anyone who would like to try bowling.**

**Ladies Secretary Mrs M. Urwin 01487 830193**



## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



[www.sawtry.play-cricket.com](http://www.sawtry.play-cricket.com)

[www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc](http://www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc)

With no team entered into this year's indoor league, there has been no action on the playing front during the winter months. However, preparations for the 2013 season are well underway with the appointment of Ian Fowler and Josh Burgess as captains of the senior 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams respectively. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI will play in the Hunts Division 2 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in Hunts Division 4 with matches due to start in May. There will also be Junior teams entered into the Hunts Under 11 and Under 15 leagues. Nets will begin at Sawtry Leisure Centre in March and any new players for any of the senior or junior teams are always welcome to attend - more information can be obtained from Ian Fowler on 07545 882994.

### 2012 Playing Stats

Batting: Average (min 5 innings)	
Josh Burgess	33.0
Luke Smith	26.4
Hayden Bream	26.0
Glyn Smith	24.1
Andy Fowler	22.7
James Wiltshire	22.4
Andrew Spencer	19.1
Ian Bonsall	17.8
Paul Burcham	16.2
Mohamed Shoaib	15.5

Bowling: Total Wickets / Strike Rate	
Brian Chapman	35 / 27.1
Shaun Hubbard	28 / 28.6
James Wiltshire	20 / 28.6
Ian Bonsall	20 / 34.9
Hayden Bream	14 / 34.7
Josh Burgess	11 / 24.7
Oliver Potter	10 / 28.8
Glyn Smith	10 / 15.2
Will Dyer	8 / 15.6
Martin Wiltshire	8 / 33.8

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