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Thank You - Thank you - Thank you

Volunteers' Week

1st - 7th June

As part of our celebration of volunteers' Week, CARESCO would like to publicly thank all our volunteers who give their time and effort so generously.

Carers - Waitresses - Collators - Drivers - Trustees - And many more

There are too many to name, but you know who you are!

We always need more volunteers, why not get in touch and find out more

01487 832105 - office@caresco.org.uk - www.caresco.org.uk



SCARECROW WEEK

2nd to 10th July

In and around Sawtry



Build your own Scarecrow and join in the fun!

For more details see page 6

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Open Day Weekend

A weekend of memories for Sawtry,
Glatton, Holme and Conington.

Queen's Jubilee, The Titanic, Olympic
Games Ancient and Modern, Conington
Castle to name a few topics to view

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June
from 11.00am - 4.00pm

In the Old School Hall
Green End Road, Sawtry

Refreshments Admission Free Free Parking

Enquiries 01487 830054
www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk

Behind the Old School Hall, Green End Rd & Community College Tarmac,
Fen Lane, Sawtry

Back by popular demand...

Saturday 9th June 2012 noon - 4pm



New for 2012 FREE Climbing Wall & Children's Inflatables

Carnival Parade leaves college at noon (meet 11.45)
THEMED FANCY DRESS: 'Olympics/Countries of the World'
Children's Fancy Dress competition. JOIN THE PARADE!!!!

Walk in parade at own risk. Supervise own children *

*Children's entertainer *Cream Teas *BBQ *Bar and
Hog Roast *Cakes *Candyfloss *Plants *many Craft &
Charity stalls *Archery *Canoe run *Children's rides
*Free entertainment in the Carnival Arena
*Live Music Stage with Crash & Burn
Come and drive 'Thomas the Tank Engine' with the
Wyton Model Railway Club in Old School Hall

GRAND DRAW TICKETS available from Local Pubs and Shops - £1 each
Grand Draw 3pm in the Carnival Arena - 1st Prize £150 ...plus many prizes

the fun continues.....at 7pm Sawtry Club into the evening with
Live Band "Leon"
Open to non-members

Kindly Sponsored by Luminus, Sawtry Dental,
R S T Training, & Wendy Burke School of Dance.

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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"I wish I'd come earlier!"

How often have we heard that said at our Lunch Club?

We are a self-help group for active mobile people (couples welcome) who would like a good meal with company.

**We meet every Monday and Tuesday
10.30am to 1.30pm**

At the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

**We prepare freshly cooked two-course meals each day
for only £3.70 (including tea and coffee)**

Come in for a drink and a chat, you will get a warm welcome

**You can make new friends and you may know
some of the people who already attend the club**

For more information about Lunch Club and its activities

Call Lyn at CARESCO on 01487 832105



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Monday - Friday

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100TH ISSUE

Did you realise the October-November 2012 issue of the Sawtry Eye will be our hundredth? We would love to include some readers' memories about the magazine over the years since it started in the Autumn of 1988. Have you been inspired, found an old friend or got involved with a new activity through something you read about in the Eye?

Please get in touch with the CARESCO office if you have something we could share. Look out for our celebration issue coming through your letterbox soon.

Liz Coates, Co-Editor



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Welcome

Wow! Sawtry is going to be a busy place over the next couple of months! June always kicks off with Feast Week and all that entails, but this year we start with the Jubilee Picnic in the Park, quickly followed by the Carnival the following week and a day later, Feast Parade. Then it's the History Society's Open Weekend and so it goes on. Don't forget the Scarecrow Trail is back in July and before you know it the school holidays are here along with the annual reading game in the library. All events are detailed in the following pages.

We're delighted to welcome Martin with his new nature column. If you would like to meet him in person, he is leading the Wildlife Trust walk on 15th July around Lady's and Raveley Wood. We look forward to learning more about our local wildlife through Martin's extensive knowledge and enthusiasm in future issues.

Lastly, we have some memories of Sawtry from 1949 to 1962 sent to us all the way from Australia. If you were here then, we'd love to include your own memories in future editions, especially if you can remember Jacky Mitchell here on holiday as a child.

Enjoy the Jubilee and Olympics, it's going to be a brilliant Summer!

Liz Coates - Co-Editor



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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Summer Term 2012

Half Term from 4 June – 8 June
(Diamond Jubilee 5 June)
End of Term - 23 July

Autumn Term 2012

Teacher Training Day, 3 September
Start of Term - 4 September
Half Term, 29 October - 2 November
End of Term - 21 December

Spring Term 2013

Teacher Training Day, 7 January
Start of Term - 8 January
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

It is anticipated that most schools will select Monday 23 July 2012 as a training day.

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 1st Thursday of the month
at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)
Charity Number 229016

7th June

Angela Wyatt & Hilary Mounds – 'Hair and Teeth'

This is a fun talk, come and listen to tales from the salon and dentist!!

5th July

**Members Evening – this is always great fun
Come and see for yourself how versatile our members are**

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)

11th & 25th June
9th & 23rd July

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE) & DRY RECYCLING

(Week Beginning)

4th & 18th June
2nd, 16th & 30st July

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



2012	Group	Details	Contact No	Page No
2 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Picnic in the Park	01487 831771	7
6 June	Sawtry Library	Activity Session	Ask at Library	16
9 June	Sawtry Carnival Committee	Sawtry Carnival	01487 832410	Front Page
10 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Sawtry Feast Parade & Service	01487 831771	-
12 June	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Sawtry Feast Supper	01487 834280	-
14 June	Sawtry WI	Jubilee Afternoon Tea	01487 832925	8
16/17 June	Sawtry History Society	History Open Day	01487 830054	Front Page
22 June	Sawtry Chorale	Concert at Methodist Church	01487 830149	18
23 June	Sawtry Parish Council	Village Plan Launch	01487 831771	7
30 June	All Saints, Sawtry	Summer Fayre	01487 832503	22
1 July	Parkinson's UK, P'boro	Family Fun Day	01733 563417	7
4 July	Sawtry Library	'The books that changed our lives'	Ask at Library	16
2 – 8 July	Sawtry Parish Council	Scarecrow Trail	01487 831771	6
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17 July – 1 September	Sawtry Library	Story Lab Reading Game	Ask at Library	16
12 July	Sawtry WI	Coffee Morning	01487 834035	8
19– 21 July	Flying Club Conington	British Aerobatic Championships	01487 834161	12
22 July	Sawtry Bowls Club	Family Fun Day	01487 830193	27
27 July– 12 August	London 2012	Olympic Games	0845 267 2012	-
12 August	All Saints, Sawtry	Afternoon Tea	01487 832503	-
13 – 19 August	Sawtry Light Factory	Holiday Club	01487 830345	22
18 – 19 August	Ramsey 1940s	1940s Weekend	07881 730047	8
24 August	All Saints, Sawtry	Bridge Afternoon & Tea	01487 832503	-
29 August – 9 September	London 2012	Paralympic Games	0845 267 2012	-
8 September	Royal British Legion Sawtry	1940s Day	01487 831458	-
8 September	All Saints, Sawtry	Quiz Night	01487 832503	-
15 September	Sawtry Show Committee	Sawtry Show	01487 831771	21
27 September	Sawtry WI	English Afternoon Tea	01487 834035	8
28 September	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Pamper Night	07976 874579	9
6 October	Sawtry Methodist Church	More Tea Vicar	01487 830345	9
13 October	Wellside Clinic	Flu Clinic	01487 830340	15
25 October	Sawtry Feast Supper Committee	Bingo	01487 834280	6
18 November	Sawtry Dragon Academy	Sawtry Championships	01487 830601	29
24 November	All Saints, Sawtry	Winter Fayre	01487 832503	
2013				
23 February	CARESCO	RAF Wyton Voluntary Band Concert	01487 832105	6

If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org 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.

CARESCO is not responsible for the accuracy of the above information. Please check with the individual group concerned.

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

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

8th & 22nd June
6th & 20th July

****5th Saturday Special – 30th June****

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

For more information call 01480 450250 or email Farmers-Markets@huntsdc.gov.uk

PETERBOROUGH

2nd & 4th **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

OUNDLE

Every 2nd **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm
Market Street

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council - Tel: 01832 272055, email:
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.

HAPPY SCARECROW WEEK

2nd to 10th July

As the SCARECROWS brought so much fun
and pleasure last year to everyone in the vil-
lage, I am writing this reminder to them that we
would like them to come and play again in
scarecrow week, and we promise them a warm welcome.



Just call into the Clerk at the Parish Council to get your num-
ber so that you are placed on the SCARECROW TRAIL for
all to come and see you.

This year the Scarecrows have been invited to extend their
visit by the Sawtry In Bloom team to stay until the 10th July
so that they can bring a giggle and a smile to the Anglia in
Bloom visitors and hopefully a few extra points, and of course
they are very pleased to have been asked to help, and will
stay a little longer.

If you wish to follow the trail you can pick up the Trail Sheet
from the Clerk at the Parish Council Office from the end of
June.

Delia Riddle

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN JULY

Prize Bingo

In aid of Sawtry Day Centre

Friday 29th June
Friday 27th July

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

Contact Pat Ayres 01487 832503



FEAST SUPPER BINGO

Thursday 25th October

At Sawtry Ex-Service Men's Club



7pm Doors Open
7.30pm Eyes Down

**For more information please
contact 01487 834280**

WELCOME TO THE SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

*We meet on the second
Thursday of each month*

7.30pm until 9.30pm

*At the Sawtry Club, Gidding
Road*

***everyone will receive a
warm welcome***

***young or old, male or female
beginners or experienced***

we learn from each other



Future Date
As part of our
30th Birthday Celebrations
**RAF Wyton Voluntary Band
Concert**

In Aid of CARESCO

On 23rd February 2013

At Sawtry Community College

More details nearer the time

Contact CARESCO 01487 832105

Help shape the future of

SAWTRY

Developing a new

Community led village plan

supported by Cambridgeshire ACRE

If you are interested in finding
out more, a launch meeting
is being held on
Saturday 23 June at 10.30am
in the Old School Hall

Your plan your say

PICNIC IN THE PARK SATURDAY

2ND JUNE 2012

to Celebrate the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee

2pm onwards at St Judith's Field,
Sawtry.

Bring your own picnic, table/rug and
chairs for all your family and friends.

Entry, games and children's
entertainment will be free of charge.

Children are invited to bring along a
card which will be displayed on the day
and forwarded to the Queen

If you would like more information or
would like to help in anyway,
please ring or email us.

Sue James 832920 or
garsue.jamesalbert@talktalk.net

Delia Riddle 832504 or
deliatoots@hotmail.co.uk



On behalf of Sawtry Parish Council

Parkinson's UK

Peterborough Branch are holding a

Family Fun Day

1st July, 11am – 5pm

At the Plough Inn Events Field, Farcet Fen

Archery – opportunity to test your archery skills –
From 11am

Car Boot – stalls, plants, bric a brac, cook stalls
and tombola – From 11am

Charity Auction – antiques, collectables –
viewing 11 – 12 noon, auction 1pm

Junior Football Competition – From 2pm

For further information and to donate items

Please contact Tony on 01733 563417

Any saleable unwanted items? Please bring them
along

The usual good food and refreshments available in
The Plough

PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

COME LINE DANCING

Learn to line dance, no
partner required.



All ages welcome, come along and
make new friends, enjoy yourself and
keep fit at the same time.
We are a friendly sociable class, danc-
ing to all types of music; country, pop,
contemporary.

**Held at Sawtry Community
College, Fen Lane, Sawtry**

Wednesday evenings (term time only)

Half-term 4-8th June (no dancing)

**Term ends 18th July /
restarts 5th September**

7 – 7.30pm Beginners' Class

7.30 – 9.30pm – Improvers

£3.50 per session

**Contact: Angela Foster –
01480 891283**

Keith Geary – 01487 832925

Or email:

johnangie.foster4@virgin.net

**Sawtry WI
In Aid of the WI Hall**

BINGO
8th & 22nd June
6th & 20th July
3rd, 17th & 31st August

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

JUBILEE CELEBRATION TEA
14th June

2.30 – 4.00pm

Tickets £5 each from Margaret Geary (832925)
(Note new date)

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

COFFEE MORNING

12th July

10.30 - 12 noon

£1.00 on the door

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, cakes and books

Date your diaries

ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA
27th September

Contact for events Ann Watson 01487 834035
Charity Number 229016

10th Annual

Ramsey 1940s Weekend

18th & 19th August

10am – 5pm

The Camp, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs
PE26 2XB

Email: ramsey1940s@gmail.com

Phone: 07881 730047

www.ramsey1940sweekend.info



Thank You – Thank you – Thank you

Volunteers' Week

1st – 7th June

ON YOUR MARKS...

**Come to this year's Sawtry Light
Factory Holiday Club**

Monday 13th to Sunday 19th August

at the Methodist Church,
Green End Road.

For children in School Years 1 and
above

Advance registration recommended.
Come to the Methodist Church coffee
morning between 9.30 and 11am on
Saturdays 21st July, 28th July, 4th August
and 11th August. We will also be at the
Sawtry Carnival on 9th June.

For more details, contact
Matt on 01487 830345



**SAWTRY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMY
SOCIETY**

The Astronomy Society meets at
Greenfields Sports Building, Sawtry Fen
7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.
Everyone is welcome.

29th June

Curtis Boon

'Astronomy Website / Podcast Review'

July

Summer Break

No Meeting Scheduled.

If the sky is clear you can look through tele-
scopes at the moon, planets, stars and
other objects, even see the nearest galaxy
to us.

For more information please contact: -

Bernard Dean 01487 832251

Dave Woodhams 01487 831921



ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Do you know what you're going to be doing this Christmas? Are you going to be on your own? Would you prefer to be with other people to celebrate the festivities?

For the first time and as part of our 30th Birthday celebrations, CARESCO is providing Christmas lunch on 25th December 2012 for anyone in the Sawtry area who is going to be by themselves this year. Would you like to come along and join in the fun? Transport will be provided where needed. For more information and an application form please get in touch with the CARESCO office, details below.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in getting involved as a volunteer, we have been overwhelmed by the response so far. However, we are still looking for a couple of key people who have particular skills they can offer. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch.

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



AN EVENING WITH THE BODY SHOP AT HOME

In aid of the Sawtry Feast Supper Club

On 28th September

At Sawtry Working Men's Club
 Entry from 7pm with Demonstration at 7.30pm
 Tickets £2 in advance or £3 on the night
 Pamper Sessions (Hand Massage/Facial) from 8pm
 £3 pre booked treatment or £4 on the night

To pre book a treatment please call Jo on 07976 874579

**Tickets available from
 Gill Green 01487 830611;
 Emma Green 07736 072376;
 Jo Wolstencroft 07773 638615;
 Jo Alexander 07976 874579**



More Tea Vicar?

Variety Show

Saturday 6th October

Doors open 7pm, show starts at 7.30pm
 Sawtry Methodist Church

Tickets £5
 (Children in full-time education – free)

Including Refreshments

Proceeds will be distributed between Peterborough Streets and the Church Building Fund.

**Look out for more details nearer the time
 For more information please contact Matt on 01487 830345**

Letters ...

THANK YOU

CARESCO would like to thank the Sawtry Small Business Partnership for their recent generous donation of our share of the £760 raised during their recent Race Night with a difference. Thanks to the organisers, especially Richard, for all the hard work in making the evening such a success, to Austin who did such an amazing job producing the film clips, and to the race participants who willingly gave up their time to do silly things in fancy dress for charity. Also to the Sawtry Club and all those who supported on the night. Certainly one to remember!

As a charity we are very dependent on donations and fundraising to continue to provide our services to the community. Please remember us when thinking of giving to a charity.

Liz Coates



Cheque presentation from members of SSBP to CARESCO

Write to Sawtry Eye: 'Letters', CARESCO, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 5UX

Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

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Letters ...

THANK YOU SAM!

After many years hard work our volunteer graphic designer Samantha Rees, has sadly decided to retire from doing the Sawtry Eye magazine and take a well earned break. The April-May12 issue was Sam's last – her first one was back at the turn of the century! In fact Sam was already well established with the Eye before either of us became editors.

The Sawtry Eye has evolved alot over the years, slowly becoming a more polished document as computers became the norm, however Sam with her professional skills has given the magazine the distinctive look that it has today. Readers and contributors may not be aware, but on the deadline for each issue, our graphic designer is presented with a stack of paper, each sheet containing one item and these days, a memory stick with electronic versions of the same (originally Sam had to type up or scan everything before she could start on the layout). Thanks to her, this chaos is turned into a presentable layout and so each issue is created.

Sam has made our jobs as editors so much easier by being as helpful and flexible as she could while holding a day job and starting a family. She can fit an unbelievable quantity of items onto the required number of pages and has often managed to 'find room for one more' when we've had an urgent late entry. Even though the Eye is only published every other month, it's amazing how quickly that comes around and Sam has always been willing and available, apart from a few months maternity leave.

So our thanks to Sam for all her time, effort and support over the years. We hope we can do her credit with future issues and wish her all the best. Keep in touch Sam!

Now it's time to welcome Sam's replacement Donna Green. Donna has worked on the advert section of the Eye for many years, and we thank her for being willing to take on the rest of the magazine.

Liz Coates & Marina Joyce – Co-Editors

ALL SAINTS GRAVEYARD

I have just returned from one of my many varied walks around Sawtry. This time I happened to, once more, walk through All Saints Church cemetery and WOW what a difference.

I feel I must write to commend Julie & David Morgan and family on the fantastic result of their hard work clearing and re-instating gravestones at the cemetery.

I had a lovely conversation with both Julie and her husband and it appears they have achieved all this voluntarily and solely with the help of Julie's dad and daughter. This work has taken

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them the best part of a year and today (a Sunday) they have been hard at work at the graveyard since 9am, working without the aid of electricity, to bring the churchyard into some semblance of order.

They are desperately in need of additional help which, I hope through this letter, will result in some people coming forward to offer their services. Unfortunately I have a back problem and cannot offer to help but maybe there will be someone in the village who would be willing and able to do just that.

So, come on Sawtry residents, see what you can do.

Well done and thank you to all of them. You are stars

**Sandra McDonnell
Papyrus Way, Sawtry**

ELECTION THANKS

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me in the recent District Council Election.

I will continue to represent you as best I can. I don't make promises I can't keep, but will always put forward the opinions of local people, even if some wishes and aims are not attainable. I very much hope that the Government's intentions in their 'Localism' agenda will mean that your views will carry more weight than previously. I was very disappointed that the Adult Store's licence has been renewed for another year, this despite vigorous objections by the four who spoke at the hearing on 15th May (Keith Walters, Darren Tysoe, Alan Bamford, and myself), plus numerous letters, that were considered by the Licensing Panel. I appreciate that the Panel is tied by Government legislation, but at the very least, I expected that the conditions with regard to signage would be maintained.

I am particularly concerned that politics (not party politics) hold little interest for most of the electorate. It does not bode well for the future. This needs to be addressed not only in Sawtry, but throughout the country. Disappointingly, on 3rd May, there were only 14 nominations for the 15 places on Sawtry Parish Council. Volunteers are needed to produce a new Village Plan, which will reflect the views of the village, and will have an influence on what facilities are required, and what development will be supported in the coming years (to 2036). Rules say that those who work on this project should not be Parish/District/County Councillors, but rather a group of interested parishioners representing as many different organisations as possible, who can examine the present state of affairs, and put forward suggestions for the councils to work on. The greater the range of ages and interests represented, the better the resulting plan should be. It will probably take nearly 2 years to produce. The results will then feed into the new Local Plan being produced by the District Council.

Dick Tuplin

Letters ...

GOOD GARDENING

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to John and his wife for giving up their Saturday afternoon to come and tidy up my garden that someone else had made such a mess of. It was disgusting, I was not at all happy with it, but John came with his wife and tidied it up. I can't thank them enough, it looks a whole lot better now, thank you.

You made my day, I'm very grateful to you both.

S Allen, Fen Lane, Sawtry

BERYL STORER

The family of Beryl Storer would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral on 16th March, the many people who sent messages of condolences, and for the generous donations to Parkinson's UK. Thank you also to GP Dr Smith, the district nurses team and both teams of carers at Oak House and Beaumont, and the funeral directors at Anglia Co-operative Funerals.

Many thanks

Niyi Akeju

GRAFHAM WATER LIONS SAFARI 2012

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in with this year's safari around Grafham Water on 20th May. It was a brilliant day and lovely to see so many taking part.

The Lions kindly nominated CARESCO as the benefitting charity this year and so we were delighted to have additional walkers on the route raising money directly for us, but we have also benefitted by the 10% donations coming from all the other charities represented on the day.

Totals have yet to be confirmed, but our thanks to everyone concerned, especially the Lions who did all the organising and marshalling on the day.

Liz Coates, CARESCO Manager

CARESCO AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Afternoon Tea at the end of March, raising £244 for CARESCO. Thanks especially to Lyn and Pat for organising and to their helpers on the day.

A delicious time was had by all.

EMAILS FROM AUSTRALIA

Last month we received an email in the CARESCO office from Australia asking for information about a certain Short family. This developed into a conversation and memories of many happy childhood visits to Sawtry, but we'll let Jacky tell you the story:

Hi there, I am trying to find someone and wondering if you can shed some light, my grandmother lived in Sawtry and I used to go visit her several times a year from London from 1949 to 1962. There was a family that lived along Fen Lane, there were several brothers and a sister that looked after them, the youngest one's name was Gerald Short. We would play together every time I came to Sawtry, I was hoping to try to trace him, as I am intending on coming over to England next year, I now live in Australia.

My family has many generations who grew up in Sawtry, and it was some of my happiest times. My name is Jacky Mitchell.

The following memories have been put together out of later emails from Jacky, do they ring any bells with anyone?

Len Short was the father of my playmates and from memory his family were always at a church every Sunday, the [Methodist] one down Green End Road, I used to see them going past my Nan's home every Sunday morning to church.

My family in Sawtry go way back, the churchyard of All Saints is full of family graves. I can go back to 1795 when Robert Turnill married Elizabeth Wass. My grandmother married a Furnis and lived on the corner house along Fen Lane, the double storey one. It had the old blacksmith's part in the back garden, no inside loo or bathroom back then. We used to fill up a big tub with boiling water from the kettle and sit in it in front of the fire for a bath.

My great grandmother owned what is now your restaurant Greystones, a beautiful old home, that's where my Nan grew up along with her sister and brother. The brother, when older, owned the mill; his name was Esme.

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They lived in a big house along Green End Road, he died in a car accident along the A1 road when the sun got in his eyes and he crashed in 1956, it was in the paper back then.

My Nan was in charge of the Women's' Land Corps, her name was Mrs Queenie Furnis. My Mother grew up in Sawtry, her name was Ann Furnis and she was an only child. There could be someone still alive who remembers her, she was born in 1926, which would make her 86 if she were still alive. I came to Sawtry many times until I was about 13, my mother died when I was 12 and I was an only child.

When I used to visit Sawtry as a child there was only one big shop there that sold a bit of everything and was also the post office too. Miss Sigers owned it, she lived opposite in a house on the Green. There was also one butcher's shop and he had his own slaughter house and was the grandfather of a little girl that I played with. She lived in the large house on the corner opposite the Green, a huge place with high fence. There were two sisters and a young brother; I played with the younger one as the older one was at boarding school. There was one sweet shop there, a small place I always used to go there to buy some sweets, we call them lollies in Australia.

My mother used to take me to some woods somewhere down Green End Road, as that was Nan's first home and where my Mother grew up. It was called The Gables back then, big place double storey. We used to have to pump the water in the kitchen with a pump at the sink. Grandad used to get me to pick off all the daisies from the lawn, it took ages, then he would take me to a very small shop over the road and buy me some chocolate for doing it.

If you would like to add any of your own memories to Jacky's, please let us have them for future issues of the Sawtry Eye. If you remember Jacky and would like to get in touch the email address to use is: jacky.mitch@optusnet.com.au or contact the CARESCO office.

Liz Coates, Co-Editor

BRITISH AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conington Airfield
19th, 20th & 21st July

~ Gates open 9am ~ Free Admission ~ Free Parking

~ BBQ ~ Ice Creams ~ Licensed Bar ~

As for many years past, Flying Club Conington are once more hosting The Mazda British National Aerobatic Championships.

Naturally we are very proud to be asked to host the event again, as always we would extend a warm welcome to any of you who wish to visit. Parking is limited, but there is no charge for parking or entry to the airfield and refreshments are available.

For people living in the immediate locality, you may notice an increase in noise levels during the competition period, this will of course be influenced by the wind strength and direction. Can we please apologise in advance if our activity disturbs your weekend and assure you that, as always, we do all we can to minimise any inconvenience.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and positive feedback. As a local provider of employment and a facility that provides both recreational and business opportunities in the area, your continued support means a great deal to us.

You will be most welcome to visit us at the airfield anytime throughout the year when you will be able to view any activity from the comfort of the conservatory or on the more sunny days, enjoy your tea/coffee/ice cream etc sitting at the outside viewing area.

Please telephone us at Flying Club Conington on 01487 834161 if you would like more information or visit our website www.flying-club-coington.co.uk

Gavin Forrest – Airfield Manager

SCOUTING MATTERS



Sawtry Scout Group is well and truly into its outdoor season now. As I write this 10 Scouts are just returning from a County Challenge based at Mepal Outdoor Centre, where they joined 200 Scouts from across Cambridgeshire for 24hrs of activities including rafting, kayaking, climbing, archery and assault courses. You may have heard the report from Mepal on Radio Cambridgeshire when their reporter got to the top of a 30ft high wire. Three weeks ago, at time of writing, 26 Scouts held a back to basics camp at Bromham, Beds. They spent their weekend building shelters, learning axe and saw skills and cooking over open fires amongst other projects. Thankfully it stopped raining for a couple of days as drying large amounts of wet canvas is a nightmare for the group quartermaster.

18 Cubs will be going to Bromham for their camp, many sleeping under canvas for the first time. The Beaver sleepover is now planned, 16 Beavers will be sleeping in dome tents in the school hall and participating in activities based on the theme 'Science'. If things run as usual, the last Beaver will go to sleep at 1am and the first wake up at 4am, the leaders don't sleep at all. Our oldest section, Explorers, will be joining the rest of the District Explorers on a hike along Hadrian's Wall later this summer and if you include the Jubilee celebrations and Sawtry Carnival, we'll be very busy indeed. Come and see us at the Carnival, we'll be the ones dragging canoes up a wet, soapy, grassy bank.

We would like to thank our fundraising committee for their efforts at the Stilton Cheese Rolling where their stall raised £156 for the group, also on the fundraising side, our Group Chairman is walking 100km in under 30hrs to raise funds for Oxfam. Anyone wishing to sponsor him can do so on www.virginmoneygiving.com/stevemaryniak

In September 6 Beavers move up to Cubs, leaving a few vacancies in the Beaver Section. If your son or daughter is between 6yrs and 6yrs 6mths old in September and would like a place, then please call into Beavers on a Wednesday afternoon 3.15 – 4.30pm in the Infant School. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If your child is under 6yrs, then pop in anyway as we keep a waiting list. The initial contact for any other section is Neil Fountain on 01480 891482.

Happy camping (hope it stays dry)

Ratty (Beaver Scout Leader)

SAWTRY DAY CENTRE NEWS

Here at the Day Centre our year is progressing, our members are all fit and well and enjoying the entertainment and the time they spend together whilst they are in our care.

In April we were all entertained by Brenda and Kate the ladies singing duo that have entertained us on 2 other occasions and were back by popular request, the next time they will be singing for us is Wednesday 28th November.

In May we enjoyed a return visit to Wyvale Garden Centre where we were served a lovely lunch, the members had a good look round before lunch and after did some shopping.

At the Day Centre we rely a lot on volunteers especially when we go out on trips and sometimes we are very stretched especially when we visit places like Garden Centres when members that cannot walk have to be pushed in wheelchairs.

This is where we need your help, so is there anyone out there who can give us a hand when we go on trips to help our members to enjoy their day, not only is it a day out but it is also a very rewarding experience. We like to give our members as good a time as we can but without extra help this is becoming more difficult and the shopping trips may have to be curtailed which would be a great shame.

Loneliness is not a condition that has to be suffered in silence especially in a village like ours with such a wonderful facility such that we have at the Day Centre. It is here to be enjoyed by all our elderly residents and also for the members of the community who have a little time to devote to your local charity. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience.

Well that is all for this issue, so from all at the Day Centre enjoy this part of the summer (let's hope we have nice weather) and if you can spare a little time you know who to get in touch with.

For more information please contact Gill at the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105

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

As I have not been able to update my news on the District units due to illness, I flew round to the meetings to get reports on what has been going on and to bring you up to date.

Both Rainbow units, apart from learning new games and songs, have been very busy making and doing lots of crafts. **1st Sawtry Rainbows** celebrated Pancake Day with pancakes and races, made paper daffodils, tried Welsh cakes for St David's Day and had a chocolate treasure hunt for Easter. They have written letters and made a card for the Queen and are enjoying lots of activities for the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic games.

2nd Sawtry Rainbows have been busy since the New Year starting with New Year resolutions (I wonder how many have been kept), made chocolate & glittery boxes for Mother's Day, salt dough hearts for Valentine's Day and Easter chicks & puppets. They also went ten-pin bowling to thank Sunflower for her help over the past few years and to say goodbye to the Rainbows going on to Brownies.

2nd Sawtry Brownies dressed in Scottish attire, celebrated Burn's Night, which was explained by their Tawny Owl. They decorated shortbread, listened to a poem and had a lovely tune played by a Scottish piper on his bagpipes. They made decorated photo frames for Mother's Day which went towards their Artist badge together with wrapping paper, designed and painted by the girls. Two new Brownies have been enrolled – welcome to Natalie & Eleanor.

4th Sawtry Brownies enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and a food tasting evening with Chinese and Indian dishes with garlic bread. They have been busy making necklaces, decorating hard boiled eggs, making crowns and origami swans. Ready for the Olympics they learnt about exercise and 5-a-day. A really exciting time was had when they visited the raptor centre.

1st Sawtry Guides made egg-shaped cushions for Easter and enjoyed an egg hunt. One patrol held a fundraising evening for "Love in Action" and raised £18 for a Ugandan village. Well done girls. Commonwealth Day was celebrated by each patrol doing a presentation. New Zealand performed a Huka; Canada made Canadian shortbread and Australia did a display on surfing and the beach. Pancakes were made and eaten on Pancake Day and they enjoyed the Chinese New Year.

All units in the District attended a Thinking Day service in February which was held instead of our Christmas service.

To end my report we say a big thank you to Sue Clayton who has stepped down from being District commissioner to being a District Guider. She has worked tirelessly for the District and will still be using her experience to help any of our units that need it. Our new DC is Diane Burcham and we wish her well in her new job.

All for now

Wise Owl

For more information contact 01487 830806

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY & THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Were you around in Sawtry in the early 1980's – and if so how much did you know about the archaeological dig at Archers Wood? Did you realise how long it lasted and how important some of the finds were? And perhaps even more importantly did you know that, thanks to Harry Milford, a photographic record was made which included many of the local people that helped – and those photographs allowed Alan Bottell to give an excellent slide show at our April meeting?

So some of our members were reminded not only of the miraculous finds of pots, pins, scissors, knives, buckles, spurs, coins and jewellery – and the chess piece, found by young Andrew Dodson – but also how they themselves looked around 30 years ago!

Alan also explored the history of the Cistercian Sawtry Abbey, founded by Simon de Liz in about 1417. From a plan of the site it was clear that this was an extensive organisation – the 200ft Abbey was just one of several large buildings, all built from Barnack stone, shipped along the dyke known as Monks Lode. Buildings including accommodation and dining blocks for the monks, servants and guests quarters, and the local St Mary's church – although the exact location of this is unknown.

Despite providing shelter for several Royal Courts, including Edward II in 1315, and the body of Catherine of Argon on her way to Peterborough in 1536, the Abbey did not survive Cromwell's Dissolution so unfortunately nothing now remains although several stones and coffins from the Abbey are still around in the area.

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The Abbey site is now our only local "Scheduled Ancient Monument" and we were anticipating a talk in May on this subject. Unfortunately the speaker had to postpone, but Jo Richards of "Jigsaw" introduced us to this new organisation whose aim - "*Piece together your Past*" - is to support and develop community archaeology in Cambridgeshire. Supplying everything that a local group might need - training, equipment, tools - including geo-physics - Jo's talk soon had us exploring the possibility of a "Field Walk" in the autumn, as well as perhaps forming an archaeology sub-group within our Society. Anyone who would be interested in this is invited to contact Marilyn Gautreaux, our secretary. Jo also told us about the various local events, related to the new BBC programme "The Great British Story", that will be taking place in Cambridgeshire - see www.bbc.co.uk/greatbritishstory for more details.

The archaeological theme continues on 21st June when member Phil Hill will talk about "Local Digs around Peterborough" - as usual at the WI Hall, 7.30. On 17th July we meet at 101 Green End Rd to explore the Society's archive, and again everyone is welcome.

BUT - before all of this don't forget our Open Weekend - 16 /17 June at the Old School Hall!

And to finish - What did President Bush say to the US Fencing Team - "Make sure you build a great fence!"

Allan Bamford

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WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

New Surgery

A recent article in the local paper referred to a new doctor's surgery to be opened in the village. We would like to assure our patients that we are not on the move! The premises referred to in the article will be an additional healthcare facility which will be managed by the local community services provider. The building is being purpose built in order to accommodate community clinics which we currently host here in the practice. Unfortunately, we will be unable to continue to house all of the community services once the housing development is complete and we have additional patients to provide GP and nursing services for. The new healthcare premises will enable the continued provision of important community services within the village.

Flood

Many of you will already be aware that we came to work on the morning of Monday 23rd April to find that the majority of the ground floor had been flooded over the weekend. We realise that this has caused some disruption to our services but would like to thank patients for bearing with us during this difficult period. At the time of writing this, we are still waiting for the floors to finish drying out. We will work hard to ensure that the remaining work to repair and restore the flooring is as unobtrusive as possible.

Flu clinic 2012

Our Flu Clinic for this year will be held on Saturday 13th October. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. Further details will be made available nearer the time.

Request for mobile phone numbers

On occasion it may be necessary for us to contact you via telephone. If you have a mobile phone number it would be very helpful if we had this number on record. If we do not already have your mobile number on file please advise us of your number next time you come to the surgery. Please remember to let us know if your mobile number changes.

Patient Reference Group

Thank you to all those patients who have already signed up to join our Patient Reference Group. We are still actively trying to encourage more people to join in order for it to be truly representative of our patients. The idea is to open a channel of communication which will enable us to consult with patients regarding the range and quality of the services we provide. The group will communicate mostly via email, although alternative arrangements will be made available for any patient who wishes to be involved but does not have access to a computer. If you would like to be involved please let me know via email (claire.wright2@nhs.net) or use the form available from our Reception Desk and in the waiting room to provide alternative contact details.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Are you aged 12 – 16 with some free time this summer?

This Library is looking for young volunteers to help with our "Circus Stars" Summer Reading Challenge and to assist with art and craft activities and special events.

If you can spare between 2 and 6 hours a week we would like to hear from you.

Closing date for applicants is **Friday 17th June.**

STORY LAB READING GAME

This is aimed at all children and the challenge is to read 6 books during the school holidays. You can register for the reading game from Tuesday 17th July. When you have completed this challenge you will be invited to attend our presentation to receive a medal and certificate. You need to have read all 6 books by Saturday 1st September.

Activity Session

Sawtry Library will be holding a drop in activity session on Wednesday 6th June 10 – 12noon for all ages. Come and join in the fun.

Quiz Night

Friends of Yaxley Library are holding a quiz night on 16th June from 7pm at the William De Yaxley Junior School. Tickets are £7 which includes a fish supper, tickets are available from Yaxley Library.

'The books that changed our lives'

This is a talk aimed at Adults and anyone coming along are welcome to bring any of their books as it an interactive session. It will be held on Wednesday 4th July at 10.30am.

OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

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

To renew Books: 0345 045 5225

To renew or Request Books www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Pam Goodwin



The Sawtry Small Business Partnership is now 43 members and growing. The group welcomes ALL trades and businesses to join and get involved in helping each other to promote trading locally and between members. It is a non profit making group and helps to raise money for local charities and causes.

Recently a Fun Race night held at Sawtry Club raised £760.00 for CARESCO and First Responders. There is another planned for the future.

You can meet up with members who will be active at Picnic in the Park on June 2nd at St Judith's field and also at Sawtry Carnival on Saturday 9th June where they will have Marquees with demonstrations and information for all.

Do take a look at the new website www.sawtry.net which is a merging of the SSBP site and the familiar Sawtry.net. The site is for the community and further afield covering all local groups and businesses with pictures and information from the area. The website opens up the village for Worldwide attention and you can be part of the opportunities by taking a look and if you have any links with clubs, associations etc please do leave a message so you can be contacted. The SSBP are especially interested in any history of Sawtry that you may have. Old photographs would be welcome and any contacts regarding life in Sawtry over the years.

The SSBP hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sawtry Club 7.00pm for 7.30 start. (June meeting is on Wednesday 6th owing to Bank Holiday).

For further information call Ralph on 01487 832683

SAWTRY BASED JM INTERIORS TV DEBUT!

JM Interiors of Sawtry (Ralph and Jane) were sitting in their car just about to enjoy a visit to the Dentist when a call arrived on the mobile. It was the BBC and the voice at the other end was a member of the DIY SOS Big Build Team. The conversation was about a project to be completed in Huntingdon over the following 3 weeks. The main question was whether or not JM would be prepared to make and fit some of the Curtains and Blinds in the programme at no charge. The answer was not some, but all of them! Although at the time it sounded fairly reasonable in number the final quantities far outweighed the initial estimate, however it was going to be an interesting couple of weeks.

In all the requirement was as follows: 9 x Roman Blinds, 6 x Venetian Blinds, 2 x Hand Made Curtains, 24 Cushions and 2 x Bed Throws. These all had a deadline to reach. The reveal day was Friday 20th April and the actual deliveries of fabrics and the making up were all critical to the finished project.

During the experience it gave both Ralph and Jane an opportunity to meet with the DIY team including Nick Knowles. The team of five worked with a large number of local trades people who all gave their time for free and without the generosity of all concerned the final reveal would have never been possible. It was in fact 6.00pm on Thursday 19th when all the team and trades had to vacate the house in order that the cleaners could complete the job. Ralph was clearing up outside waiting for Jane who was the last to leave at two minutes past six! It really was that close.

On the Friday the cameras worked for over 4 hours filming the reveal and atmosphere. The large crowd which had gathered to see the family meet the trades were greeted by the sunshine, but that was not to last. It was starting to get cloudier by the minute and just as the last pictures were being taken the hail stones exploded and kept falling for what was about ten minutes. Thankfully the programme will be showing the sunnier side of the event.

The programme will be aired in the Autumn which has a viewing figure of more than six million. This is the 13th series and Jane and Ralph have expressed their admiration for the way in which the team conduct themselves and are so friendly plus the whole project is managed with so much care. When the programme hits the screen watch out for a new TV Star in the shape of Bridget a Jack Russell puppy which is Jane and Ralph's new family addition. She was in the crowd on reveal day and you just might catch a glimpse of her on Ralph's shoulder joining in the celebrations.

Call 01487 832683 for more information or visit www.jminteriors.co.uk



NEARLY NEW

Fridays 9 – 11.30am (Term time); In the CARESCO Centre

For anyone wanting to get in quick before the Summer Holidays, we have a jam packed rail of school uniform for sale especially Girls' grey dresses/skirt, Boys' trousers and Junior School jumpers. Prices start from 60p for a Polo Shirt up to £5 for school coats.

We also currently have a lot of summer clothes for when the hot weather finally arrives!!! Come and grab a bargain.

Just a reminder to all our customers that we have had to reduce the number of items brought in to 5 per week to give all customers a chance to sell their items and not over crowd the rails. We will also not be accepting any items to price in July due to limited storage. We will be open as always for purchases and will happily take in items once we re-open in September.

We will be closing over the Summer Holidays and our last day will be Friday 20th July and we will re-open on Friday 7th September. We hope everyone has a happy Summer break and we'll see you in September if not before!

See you all soon

Nicole, Clair, Gill and Doreen

Any questions or information needed then please e-mail us at nearlynew@caresco.org.uk

THE SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Just to give you an update on the level of donations received to date for the 2011 Poppy Appeal. As at beginning of April, i.e., half way through the Appeal year, £6593.17 has been donated and this exceeds the total for the 2010 Appeal by some £319.16. Considering the economic climate, this is a very pleasing result and demonstrates just how generous the people of our area are, therefore I send a big thank you for that.

We are moving through the events that we started to plan last year, and have had reasonable success with them, however I would have liked to have seen a larger turnout for the Music Night and the Social evening. We are trying to provide an interesting program of entertainment for all, not just members. The finances raised from these events all go to the Poppy Appeal, after expenses, unless otherwise stated. **We need feedback from you with regard to what sort of events you would be interested in attending.** The charges we make are nominal; therefore it is always value for money.

The coach trip to the Arboretum is very nearly sold out but at the time of submitting this item, it would be worthwhile checking to see what seats we have left. As a reminder, this trip takes place on Wednesday 20th June and we are charging £12 per head.

The plans for the 40s Day are still ongoing. We have a number of re-enactors and displays, some from last year and some new, who have promised to attend, therefore weather holding, it should be another interesting day.

Once again we will have two stalls at the Carnival 9th June, one for Legion items, plus books and bric-a-brac for sale. All funds raised going to the 2011 Poppy Appeal. The other stall is for recruiting purposes, come and see us to find out more about what the Legion does and maybe get involved, maybe join our group of loyal collectors and make the load that little bit lighter. The Legion Riders Branch also have a stall next us.

We have also been invited to the Sawtry History Society's weekend of displays, which take place on 16/17th June, in the Old School Hall, where we will be displaying information about the History of the Legion and what it has become today.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

Allan Fowler, Poppy Appeal Organiser 01487 830806



S A W T R Y C H O R A L E

www.sawtrychorale.co.uk

The joint concert on 12th May with the Staffordshire WI Choir was a great success. After a very sociable tea the 2 choirs performed in front of an enthusiastic audience. The programme of songs from the shows, traditional and modern pieces was well received. The choirs came together to fill the hall with an exciting and joyous sound. And the interval was made very enjoyable both for the singers and the audience by the sharing of a beautiful (and delicious) cake presented by the Staffordshire Choir.

After the concert, the visitors expressed their thanks for being made so welcome by both Sawtry Chorale and the appreciative audience.

The Chorale is now busy rehearsing for their June engagements, putting new pieces into the programmes. The aim, as always, is to provide an evening of entertainment which is fresh for each audience. Details of forthcoming concerts are as follows:

Friday 22nd June

8.00 pm in the Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry



Friday 29th June

8.00 pm in St Leonard's Church, Church Road, Catworth when the concert will feature guest soloists and proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Saturday 30th June

7.30 pm in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Church Way, Alconbury

Please visit our website for more information about our concerts. You will also find news and photos and how to join the choir. We are currently looking to expand our tenor and bass sections. Gentlemen, come along to a couple of rehearsals. You won't have to pay a subscription until you decide to join.

Hazel Rea, Publicity Officer, Sawtry Chorale

Tel: 01487 830149

I am a voluntary warden for the Wildlife Trust BCN (Beds, Cambs and Northants) - our local wildlife charity. I am responsible for caring for Lady's Wood in Upwood and Raveley Wood in Great Raveley and I have a passion for wildlife which I wish to share with you.

Look out for swifts this summer. They arrived in Sawtry on the 10th May all the way from Southern Africa. Swifts are the little black scimitar winged missiles screaming through the village in exuberant parties. They nest in barns and under roof tiles or wherever there is a handy ledge or hole.

The life story of swifts is amazing. After the chicks fledge and fly from the nest, they stay on the wing, never landing until mature enough to return to their birthplace to breed. With the ability to even sleep still flying by switching off half their brain, they stay airborne. If a swift lands on the ground it cannot take off again as their legs are not designed for perching or walking.

Of all our summer migrants, swifts stay in Britain the shortest time and the wonderful sound of family parties zooming through our towns and villages falls silent by early August.

All is not rosy for swifts these days. We used to build our houses in a more swift friendly way with sites suitable for nesting. So old houses are much preferred but putting up special nest boxes or when re-roofing insisting on swift nest ledges or alcoves does help. Less food in the form of flying insects such as mosquitoes does not help either.

So when you are in your garden this summer and a family of mini Red Arrows does an acrobatic display overhead, just take a moment to marvel at what they do to survive and enjoy the fact that we still have them returning to Sawtry.

Martin Baker

Going Green

When I was growing up, my parents always had a dozen hens in a run at the bottom of the garden. Every few years a man down the road came round and pulled their necks before tying them up by the legs in the apple tree. It wasn't particularly fashionable to keep poultry (though *The Good Life* was very popular on TV), but kept us and some neighbours in eggs. My siblings and I always refused to eat meat from our own chickens, but we soon forgot it was in the freezer and enjoyed chicken casserole with everyone else.

Back to today and in 2009, our household decided to keep chickens as my parents had done, through the lovely run constructed for the purpose was soon abandoned and the hens now have free-range of the garden. We also have ducks, who are even less respectful of the garden and are happily destroying what's left of what we once called a lawn.

Hens are comic characters with their own personalities. They hate rain but love a handful of corn in the afternoons. They are friendly and sociable, but you shouldn't believe the film *Chicken Run*, hens are just not that clever! They do, however, learn routine. They lay regularly in the same place and ours queue up outside the back door from around 3pm, knowing that their quota of corn will appear when the kids get in from school.

Our ducks on the other hand love the rain but are less friendly, always suspicious and are seasonal layers. The male gets very aggressive with the hens when his 'girls' are busy on a nest. Ours are the smaller Call ducks, so they do tend to make a bit of a racket when upset or even just separated from each other. The females are very secretive about their laying and get very offended when we find their latest nest whereas the hens positively tell us very proudly when they've laid.

We've found there are many of advantages to keep poultry. For one, we have no slugs or spiders in the garden below hen height. There's always something entertaining to watch out of the window and a warm welcome at the back door (even if it's only because they think we may have some tit bit for them). In addition, our 'girls' provide the perfect recycling as we feed them scraps which they turn into eggs and so we have an endless fresh supply to use or give away.

There is one thing we do differently from my parents however, all our birds have names and believe me, none of them will end up in the freezer!

Eco Apprentice

S A W T R Y I N B L O O M

It's that time of year again when all the hard work by the Sawtry in Bloom team will now flower to cheer the village up and be in time for the Anglia in Bloom judging on 9 July.

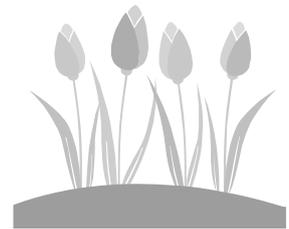
The team have been digging, weeding, planting and re-designing areas around the village. Down Blind Lane we have been working to add to the wild flower habitat to benefit bees and butterflies, and make it a very pleasant path to walk through. If you have any spare plants that could help the team, please contact the chairman of Sawtry in Bloom, number below.

The team work very hard to brighten up the village but it is up to us all to help with our own patches. If you have a road sign in your garden, plant some bulbs underneath it, or plant up a small trough with seasonal and low maintenance plants and put it under a street sign like those on Glatton Road. They really are attractive – our thanks to the villagers for doing all this for all to enjoy.

This year the **Scarecrow Week** (2 to 9th July) will be extended to the **10th July** so that it can be included in the judges' route – they were really impressed with all your entries last year.

If there are any green fingered people with an hour or so to spare who would like to help the In Bloom team maintain the various planters and flower beds, do please contact the chairman Mick Rayson on 830720.

Delia Riddle/Janet Spencer



D E D I C A T I O N

ANGLIA Co-operative's newest funeral home was dedicated at a special service on Saturday 21 April 12.

Clergy from three neighbouring churches were involved. The Rev Rosie Ward, rector of Sawtry and Glatton, the Rev Katy Dunn, from Sawtry Methodist Church and Father John Minh, of St Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Peterborough, all helped with the dedication and service at the Green End Road, Sawtry, funeral home, which opened in December.

After the service Anglia Co-operative board Chairman Mr Harry Whitelock unveiled a commemorative plaque, watched by the Society's Chief Executive John Chillcott, colleagues from other Anglia Co-operative funeral homes across the area and a large number of members of the public.

Anglia Co-operative Funerals' Senior Branch Manager, Graham Wallace, said: "The service and dedication was a resounding success attended by a lot of people.

"The funeral home has been very well received by Sawtry residents since it opened in December and Saturday's ceremony was a fitting endorsement of the home and the service we provide local people."



Dedication... from left to right at the ceremony at Sawtry are Rev Rosie Ward, Father John Minh, Rev Katy Dunn, and Anglia Co-operative's Harry Whitelock and John Chillcott.

THE SAWTRY SHOW - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2012

There are the usual range of classes to interest just about anybody, not just the gardeners – take a look at the schedule and enter something this year! Whether it's cakes or jams, art or photography, cross stitch or jewellery, flowers or the ugliest vegetable, or the new class of heaviest crop of potatoes from one plant in a pot. This is very much a community show, with classes for all ages too.

Some children's classes offer great ideas for projects over the summer holiday – such as a bird feeding station from recycled materials (age 9 – 12), or a miniature garden (age 5 - 8). All ages have inspiring photography classes, and these are always popular.

The Sawtry Show schedule is available now from the Parish Office, Library, Sawtry Dental Surgery, and it should be up on the website sawtry-pc.gov.uk soon. For more information, call the Parish Council office on 831771, or the Show Chairman, Dick Tuplin on 830095.

Sawtry Show Committee

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry,

Minister: Rev Katy Dunn - Tel 01480 830314

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship at 10.30am
Sunday School at 10.30am

SPECIAL SERVICES

All Age Worship

17th June – 10.30am

Led by Leonore Charlton

Chapel Anniversary

15th July – 10.30am

Led by Rev Adam Wells

United Open Air Service

29th July – 10.30am

On the Green

Come and join us

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm

Open to all

11th & 25th June and 9th & 23rd July

SAWTRY CHORALE CONCERT

Friday 22nd June

Starting at 8pm.

Proceeds to Church Building Fund



SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11 am including Cake Stall

All proceeds towards the building fund, Traidcraft goods also on sale



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry

SUNDAY SERVICES

June	3 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	10 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	17 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	20 th	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	24 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
July	1 st	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Worship
	8 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	15 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	18 th	10.00 am	Mid Week Holy Communion
	22 nd	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	29 th	10.30 am	United Open Air Service on the Village Green.

SAS KIDS' CLUB

For all children aged 4-10. The SAS Kids Club will meet at 10.15am on the 10th and 24th June and 8th and 22nd July at the home of Alison Scott. After school Kids Club will meet at the Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 12th June and the 10th July from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre will be held in All Saints' Church on Saturday 30th June. There will be many and varied attractions, stalls and refreshments. See the Church Magazine, posters and Church notice boards for further details and opening times.

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.

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.

**Websites: www.sawtryallsaintschurch.co.uk
www.achurchnearyou.co.uk**

There is always a warm welcome at All Saints'



SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 13th – Sunday 19th August

For more information, please call 01487 830345

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; Website: 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

For further information please take a look at our website at www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE

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

Private Arthur J. CLARKE	7 June 1917	Sawtry
Private Arnold INGLESBY	7 June 1917	Glatton
Private Thomas PARROTT	8 June 1917	Sawtry
Sapper Joseph Edwin GINNS	17 June 1940	Sawtry
Private Frederick ROWELL	19 June 1943	Wood Walton
Corporal Sidney WOOLLARD	7 June 1944	Sawtry
Lieutenant Millin John SELBY	7 July 1916	Holme
2 nd Lieutenant Arthur William Spring COWIE	8 July 1916	Hamerton
Private Robert George BAKER	22 July 1916	Holme
Private Edward SPRING	10 July 1917	Winwick
Private John F. PADDISON	31 July 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles Stanley NIGHTINGALE	27 July 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.

Huntingdon 10k Charity Race 2012

Six Huntingdonshire children's charities will benefit from the profits of the third Huntingdon 10k Charity Race.

Disability Huntingdonshire, Riverside Theatre Company, Huntingdon Youth Theatre, the Fusion programme, the Crossroads Young Carers' Project in Huntingdon and Dreamdrops will all share proceeds of the race, which takes place on Sunday 17 June at Alconbury Airfield Enterprise Zone.

Organised by newly formed local fundraising club **Hullabaloo**, the event will this year also feature a 3km fun run and a community fair.

The 3k fun run is open to anyone of any age or experience and there are 1,000 places in the all-terrain race which is open to everyone from novices to experienced club runners.

The community fair will include attractions for all the family including face painting, refreshments and a prize draw.

Race Director Bob Hulstrom said: "The race has directly raised more than £8,000 for local good causes since 2010 and we hope to double that in 2012.

"This is a local race, organised by local volunteers to benefit local good causes. As well as the donation of all the profits from the race to local children's charities, runners can also raise personal sponsorship for the causes closest to their own hearts."

For more information visit www.huntingdon10kcharityrun.co.uk. You can also follow the Race Director on Twitter @RaceBobHunts10k

Hullabaloo is a new club for Huntingdonshire combining opportunities for socialising with the chance to participate in charity fundraising events and service to benefit the local and wider community. **For more information visit www.hullabaloo-hunts.org**



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Houghton Meadows

Sunday 17th June

This visit will be led by Pat Doody, of the Wildlife Trust and Ken Rolfe of the Cambridge Geology Club. We will walk looking at the plants and birds along the way, hearing about the geology of the Ouse Valley and learning the history and significance of the ridge and furrow meadows.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet in the St. Ivo Car Park, St. Ives, GR TL307718 at 10.30 am.

Ruby Walk

Sunday 15th July

The special 'Ruby Walk' is to celebrate the 40 years anniversary of the Wildlife Trust's ownership of Lady's Wood, Gamsey Wood and Raveley Wood. They are some of our few remaining examples of ancient woodland, which once covered most of Huntingdonshire and we can expect to see an excellent selection of woodland flora and fauna.

Martin Baker, who is a leading member of our local group and warden of both Lady's and Raveley Wood, will head the walks. As this is a linear walk, a minibus will be available for those who require a shortened version.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet in Upwood Meadows Car Park, Meadow Lane, Upwood, at 10.30 am. GR TL 250824.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. **Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk or contact Pat on 01480 392706**

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

How to Contact the Police

In an emergency such as when a crime is happening 'there and then' and you require immediate Police assistance, then dial '999'.

If it is a non-emergency call – dial '101'

In an effort to simplify the process there is one email route into Huntingdonshire police. This will ensure that your message is not passed around and is routed to the correct people that can deal with it/provide advice. If you wish to discuss an issue or pass on information by email with your local team then please email

HuntsCops@cambs.pnn.police.uk

This email will be viewed and sent onto the correct person and they will get back to you within 48 hours. If you need to discuss an issue with a senior rank, then the identified manager for the area should be your first point of contact. For Huntingdon/Yaxley the contact is Sgt Ed McNeill.

If you are expecting police presence at an event, then please give as much notice and detail as possible.

FEET FOCUS

We are excited to announce a new low cost foot care service in your area...

Feet Focus Community Footcare is a new foot care service supported by the Podiatry Department at Cambridge Community Services NHS Trust. We are currently based at The Oak Tree Health Centre in Huntingdon, and Ramsay Road Clinic in St Ives.

Feet Focus aim to provide affordable and safe Podiatry treatments to everyone who would like to access foot care, but who are ineligible to receive NHS treatment, due to the criteria set.

In order to keep cost low, £15 for nail cutting and £20 for nails, corns and callous, patients are required to purchase their own instruments at their first appointment, which they keep with them and bring to future appointments. This is a one off fee of £10.

For advice, more information, or to book an appointment please call us 01480 418545, or email us at :ccs-tr.feetfocuscommunityfootcare@nhs.net

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If you know someone who can benefit from our services, please get in contact....We are waiting to hear from you!

Call 01736 757900 or email admin@cinnamon.org.uk. Please check out the website for more details www.cinnamon.org.uk

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General Information

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at :

<http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>.

DWP letters warn people of benefit cap

From April next year, there will be a limit on how much money you can get from some benefits. This is called the Benefit Cap. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is writing to people who might be affected to tell them about the changes.

You are only likely to be worse off than before if you're getting Housing Benefit. This is because your Housing Benefit will be cut if you're getting some benefits that, together with your Housing Benefit, take you over the cap.

The cap is expected to be:

- £500 a week if you're in a couple, or a single person, and you have dependent children
- £350 a week if you're single and don't have children or have children who don't live with you.

You won't be affected at all if you qualify for one of the following:

- Working Tax Credit
- Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance, if paid with the support component
- Industrial Injuries Benefits
- War Widows or Widowers Pension.
- There are also some benefits which won't be counted when working out whether you're over the cap.

These are:

- Council Tax Support, which replaces Council Tax Benefit from April 2013
- Pension Credit
- State Retirement Pension
- one off payments, for example, Social Fund loans

non-cash benefits, for example, free school meals.

It's important that you find out now if you might be worse off after the cap starts next year, so you can plan how to deal with it.

Extra protection for flight-plus holidays abroad

You now have extra protection through the ATOL scheme if you book your flights with your hotel or car hire through the same travel business. These are known as flight-plus holidays, which you usually book online.

The new rules offer the same protection that ATOL gives package holidays. This means you can usually get a refund or be flown home if your travel plans are affected when a company or airline goes bust.

You should still be protected if you don't book all parts of your holiday at the same time but you need to complete your booking within 24 hours. For example, you'll be covered if you book your flights online and then add your hotel or car hire on the same website the next day.

You'll also get extra protection if the company you initially book with directs you to another company's website to book other parts of your holiday.

Your holiday must include flights abroad and overseas accommodation or car hire. It doesn't cover any trips in the UK or short trips abroad without an overnight stay.

If you book your flight or accommodation separately with the airline or hotel, you won't be covered under the new rules.

For more information please contact Huntingdon Citizens' Advice Bureau on 01480 388900

Borrowing money from illegal money lenders



If you are having financial difficulties or wish to borrow money quickly, it may be tempting to borrow money from illegal money lenders, known as 'loan sharks', who lend cash without asking questions about your financial situation. Trading Standards urge you to avoid such lenders and assure you that there are safe, reliable lenders that you can use.

Loan sharks may call at your door or you might hear about them from other people. At first they seem friendly and helpful and it might seem like a quick and easy way to borrow money. The trouble is that these people usually charge huge interest on their loan, meaning you have to pay back much more than you borrowed and far more than you can afford. With no paperwork to record what you are expected to repay, a loan of a few hundred pounds can soon lead to a demand to repay thousands of pounds - and the debt can quickly become too much to ever repay. If you struggle to keep up the repayments, loan sharks may use intimidation, threats and even violence to ensure you find the money somehow. It is believed that around 310,000 households in the UK currently owe money to loan sharks.

Luckily there are safe places you can borrow money from, even if you have financial difficulties. These lenders stick to the law, make it clear from the start the total amount you will need to repay and collect your repayments in a lawful way. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) can advise you which lenders are most suitable for you. You can find your nearest Bureau by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk or by calling 08444 111 444.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team was set up because of the misery and fear that loan sharks cause. Cambridgeshire County Council are working with this team and local District Councils, to tackle loan sharks in the county, raise awareness of them and to support their victims.

If you know of any loan sharks operating in the area, the England Illegal Money Lending Team wants to hear from you. Call 0300 555 2222, text 'loan shark + a message' to 60003 or email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk. Lines are open 24/7 and your details will be kept confidential.

If you already owe money to a loan shark the Illegal Money Lending team can offer advice and support. So don't suffer in silence, contact the team using the details above.

SAWTRY & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Drought and hose pipe ban produced the wettest start to the bowling season that any member could remember!! Greens have been waterlogged and many games have had to be cancelled.

Members were welcomed by our President Mr K. Bowers on Opening Day, and we did have some sunshine and managed to complete the match for the Kelvin Cooper Trophy. This year's winner was D. Austin with 28 points, 2nd was M. Urwin with 25 points and 3rd was D. Urwin with 24 points, an excellent buffet followed the match.

All competitions have now commenced and weather permitting Junior coaching restarted in mid-May. Over 40 members and friends enjoyed the Race Night on Saturday 12th April which included a hot supper; and at time of writing, we are looking forward to our Auction Night on 19th May as there are bargains to be had.

Our **Family Fun Day** is on Sunday 22nd July at 2.00pm so do make that a date in your diaries. **For more details contact Maureen on 01487 830193.**

The kitchen and hygiene at the Club has been awarded 5 stars by H.D.C. inspectors, the highest standard possible so we are delighted with this achievement.

Maureen Urwin, Ladies Secretary

CONTACTS M. RAYSON TEL 01487 830720 or M.URWIN 01487 830193

S A W T R Y C O L T S

Football, Britain's national game, is very reliant on one of Britain's other great passions – the weather. Last year snow and ice in the winter followed by a lack of rain extended the season while this year, as we officially entered a drought, the problem was waterlogged pitches.

Most teams have now finished their league seasons with just the odd game remaining. Although, it looks like silverware may be lacking this year this has not been through a lack of commitment or effort or skill. If you pop along to Greenfield or Gidding at a weekend you will, I can assure you, see some fabulous football being played, some of it even from the Sawtry teams!

As you know we start them young in Sawtry with football being provided for Reception and Year 1 boys and girls at the Development Centre on term-time Sunday mornings at the Leisure Centre astroturf. This then leads into the teams we have which range from Under 7 (U7) up to U16, which also include separate girls teams at U11 and U14, U15 and U16 (all current season age groups). If anyone is interested in finding out any more about any of the teams or the Development Centre, contact details for all teams are available on our website at www.sawtrycolts.co.uk.

So to the teams themselves and how they ended the season. The Under 7 Yellows lost to a strong Priory team but hit double figures against St Ives. The U7 Blue Sox finished with two good wins against Huntingdon and Ramsey. The U8s finished with a hard fought win versus Brampton getting the better of a 7 goal thriller.

The U9s have completed their season with some very good performances and results leading to the team finishing third in their division. Notable results of late were a 6-2 defeat of Bluntisham and a 6-3 win against Priory Parkside Black. The U10s finished their season with 2 wins, 2-0 against Farcet and 3-1 v Fenstanton finishing mid-table.

The U11 Girls' last match was typical of their season going down 2-1 to Alconbury in a close match that could have gone either way. The U11 Yellows have put in some determined and battling efforts against strong opposition but finished bottom in the second division of the Hunts Youth League. They have also completed their season and are now on the search for some new players for next season; if you are interested they play on Saturday mornings and train on Monday evenings, please contact Russell Armstrong on 07780 867679. The U12s had a tough season and ended it losing their last match to the league winners, Brampton. The U13s won 2 of their last 4 matches to end the season 3rd bottom. The U13 Girls sadly through lack of numbers have had to pull out of their league.

The U14 Blues, in manager Rob McGregor's last league match, could not give him the perfect send off as they went down to 7-1 to Thorney ending the season mid-table. The U14 Yellows finished their season with a loss and ended 2nd bottom of their league. The U14 Girls, after a promising start, dropped too many points in the 2nd half of the season and ended up third in their league but they did manage to defeat the league winners along the way.

The U15 Yellows finished the season with 6 successive wins and ended in 3rd place and the U15 Blues comfortably finished mid-table in their league. The U15 Girls struggled for a team in the last few matches as the fixture congestion caught up with them but also finished safely in mid-table in a strong league.

The U16 Yellows again got the better of the U16 Blues in their last league match winning 3-0 and ending in third place with the Blues finishing 2nd bottom. The U16 Girls, with a much changed side this year ended the season with a narrow loss and ended 2nd bottom of the league.

As mentioned earlier then, no silverware coming the Colts way this year, but there were many, many good performances over the season. Also, with a few Colts players stepping up to the men's teams this year and more expected in the next few seasons, coupled with the talent we have in the girls teams, the future looks bright, the future looks Yellow and Royal.

Brian Craig



NEWS FLASH

Martial Arts Super Star Master Chris Crudelli (TV Series "Mind Body & Kick Ass Moves") is coming to Sawtry. We are hosting a seminar here in Sawtry with Master Crudelli in September when he is over in the UK from his home in Korea. The seminar is open to everybody and will be based on self-defence so even if you have never done any Martial Arts this will suit you!

Tang Soo Do Karate and Kickboxing

Members of the Dragon Black Belt Academy International and the European Tang Soo Do Federation. Celebrating 30 years in the Martial Arts. New students now receive 2 free classes contact for details.

New Black Belts - Andrew Birnie and Sam Kelsey

Championships

The Sawtry Open Championships went without a hitch, we finished with 2 minutes to spare. Many winners from our Sawtry Club too many to list here. Thanks to all the helpers and competitors!

The next championships is a joint venture with Master Jeff Cockram, we are holding the event in Cambridge on the 24th November, details to follow.

Videos and Photos

Add me "Mark Adlington" as a friend on Facebook and see videos, pictures and information in the "Notes" section. Tang Soo Do forms (Pyung Ahn Hyungs etc.) and techniques now on Facebook and YouTube FREE to SEE! (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 - 3 spaces left

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

Recent Promotions

All student passed their last belt test on the 25th March. Well done guys! Next Coloured belt test 12th August Sawtry Leisure Centre 10.30am. Open seminars contact for details.

Instructor Grandmaster Mark Adlington UK rep. 8th Dan Ki Do, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan Haedong kumdo, 5th Dan Kickboxing

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



SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB



www.sawtry.play-cricket.com

www.outsidestructuresolutions.co.uk/sawtrycc

Due to the unsettled weather it has been a very slow start to the season with only three matches surviving the rain. The 1st XI opened the season against Cople Argus and had the difficult task of batting first on a very damp wicket. Sawtry struggled to 87 all out before Cople Argus took advantage of the drying wicket to reach their target with seven wickets to spare. The 3rd XI also suffered a seven wicket defeat, this time to Great Staunton, in what has been their only match of the season so far. However there was greater success in the midweek Xmas cup with a ten wicket victory over Eltisley, thanks to some good all round bowling and an unbeaten opening partnership between Glyn Smith and Luke Smith which eased Sawtry to their modest target of 67 within ten of the allocated fifteen overs.

Coaching sessions for the Junior teams have now commenced on Friday evenings at Greenfields between 18:00 and 20:00. Any new players interested in joining either the Junior (7 to 15 year olds) or Senior teams should contact Ian Fowler on 07545 882994 for more information.

Forthcoming home matches...

June

1st XI - 9th vs AK XI, 23rd vs Old Eastonians

2nd XI - 16th vs Biggleswade

July

1st XI - 7th vs Houghton, 14th vs Orton Park, 21st vs Hampton

2nd XI - 28th vs Huntingdon

3rd XI - 8th vs Khalsa, 22nd vs Huntingdon

All home matches are played at Greenfields and spectators are always welcome.

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Sawtry Eye June - July 2012



As I sit here typing this I'm still waiting for the good weather to arrive. We had a hailstorm yesterday (writing this a third of the way into May) and I'm contemplating trading my Suzuki Intruder in for a snowmobile. A few of us have braved at least one rally so far, and some of them even took tents that didn't self-destruct in the wind. (Note to self: when a tent is reduced from £59.99 to £19.99 it is reduced for a reason..!). An eventful and expensive weekend (I got the money back for the tent but suffered a puncture on the way home and battery failure the next day) so cheers Ros..! A big "Well Done" to Ros for organising the rally.

Our original date for a club ride out to Hunstanton and then onto the Muckleburgh Tank Museum evaporated due to the weather and as I write this I don't know if we managed to get there or not at a later date. If we did I'll report the details in the next issue.

9th June will find us marshalling at the Sawtry Carnival and hopefully the sun might have come out of hiding by then. We will also have a club stand at the main arena so come and have a chat and a look at the bikes. Chris Clarke should have his race Ducati (his race-winning Ducati I must add) on the stand as well as a selection of club rider's bikes. The mini-chopper will be there again for the kids to have a bounce on, it keeps them off the expensive shiny stuff.

30th June should find us at the Greystones for our summer (?) BBQ. Watch out for posters round the village nearer the date for more information or check out our website at www.sawtrymcc.co.uk where there will be full updates of our activities.

By this time we will have been out on numerous ride out (see Dunc, I said I could type that with a straight face) and will have enjoyed the odd pint at a few riverside pubs, which is a theme we want to continue again this year. Every Tuesday is a legitimate ride out day and club members are encouraged to join in. We have text facilities so people know where we are going then if you are late you can still meet up with us.

We have a couple of people doing track days this year so if you're interested in that then pop along to the Greystones on any Tuesday and introduce yourself. We also have Chris Clarke competing (and doing very well) in the Ducati Due Series and you can keep tabs on his progress at www.chrisclarkerracing.co.uk or www.desmodue.co.uk. With a number of first places under his belt at the time of writing he's in the lead in the points table. Sponsorship anybody..?

There should be more to report in the next issue as we have a few riders doing a European trip as well stories of a "Treasure Hunt" and the various other ride outs and track days. All we have to do is just keep our fingers crossed and hope for sunny days and warm, dry tarmac.

That just leaves me to say the usual blurb about coming to see us at the Greystones (or the Carnival) if you're interested in getting into, or back into biking. We welcome any riders, any machines, any size. We can always organise shorter ride outs for smaller capacity machines as we do appreciate not everyone has a 1000cc superbike. We all started out on smaller bikes, I remember my Yamaha FS1E.....during the war.....!

Hope to see you all at the Carnival.

Simon

SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Sawtry 1st team have recently finished their season safe from relegation with two excellent performances. The first was a 6-3 victory away against Netherton Reserves and the second was a hard fought 4-3 home win against Powerleague FC.

The Reserves have one more match, at home against Long Sutton Reserves, which will have been played when you read this. If they have won they will have finished third in their division.

The Sunday team finished their season in fine style by winning the Palazzo Cup 4-3 against Netherton.

The top goal scorers on Saturdays were Craig Smith with 35 goals and Brian Smith with 32. The Sunday top scorer was Danny Holliday with 11 goals.

The club would like to thank all the managers, assistant managers, and helpers for their hard work during the season.

Pre Season Training -We now look forward to next season when pre season training will start at Greenfield on Tuesday 3 July at 6:30 pm. Anyone who would like to play for Sawtry FC and is aged 16 or more is welcome to attend.

For further information contact the Secretary on 07719641431

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