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SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY

Sunday 6 November at Greenfield, Straight Drove, Sawtry

GATES OPEN: 5.30PM BONFIRE LIT: 6.30PM FIREWORKS START: 7.00PM

The display is by CAMBRIDGE FIREWORKS

Tickets are available from:-

Cooper's Garage, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Parish Council Office & Best One

Prices: Adults & Y7 pupils upwards £4.00 (£5.00 on the gate)

All Children Y6 & below FREE ENTRY

(When accompanied by a paying adult – Max 2 children per adult)

Food including burgers, hot-dogs, tea, coffee, cake etc available

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIREWORK DISPLAY

Voluntarily run by Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association and in association with Sawtry Parish Council

For more information please call 07943 526379 or 07963 342737

** No fireworks to be brought into display (including sparklers) **

** No dumping of rubbish for the bonfire please **



SAWTRY'S PUMPKIN TRAIL

Sunday 23 October to Sunday 30 October

Would you like to join our trail?

PRIZES DONATED BY SAWTRY CARS



Application forms are available from the CARESCO Charity Shop at 7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR

or www.caresco.org.uk

Deadline for entries: Monday 17 October



Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168 or email fundraising@caresco.org.uk

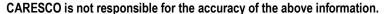
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Please check with the individual group concerned.



CARESCO You are warmly invited to our **Annual Public Meeting**

On Thursday 13 October

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

Time 7.30pm

The AGM will be followed by a presentation from the **HDC Health Equalities Team**

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

> Find our latest Annual Report on our website following the AGM

For more information, please contact the CARESCO office



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Prize: Hamper of Goodies

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Welcome...

As we put the finishing touches to this issue, the preparations are well under way for the

Queen's funeral and by the time you are reading this, it will all be over and the news moved on. It has been a strange time since the sad announcement of her death which came only a couple of weeks after CARESCO was formally presented with our Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The accompanying certificate, signed by the Queen has brought a lump to many a throat since.

Thank you as always to all our contributors, we apologise for the need to cut down on your longer submissions to fit them all in. The Eye appears to be ever popular as a means for spreading the word of local activities in oldfashioned print media. Please remind local businesses that this works for their advertising too! Without their support, the Eye could not continue, despite being valued by so many.

Be good to each other

Liz - Co-Editor

CARESCO

QUEEN'S AWARD

On 24 August, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire ng needs in our local community Mrs Julie Spence OBE QPM and her Deputy Mr Neil McKitrick presented us with our certificate and

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. We were delighted that over 50 of our current volunteers were able to attend and witness this momentous occasion representing all areas of the organisation.

It was also lovely to welcome Maurice Dybeck (widower of our founder and first President, Marjorie) back into the CARESCO Centre who had made the trip to be part of the event, and our very proud President John Garner.

trustees' speech given at the "This award honours all of us - every individual who is or has ever been part of CARESCO, since Marjorie Dybeck and her team of volunteers set us up 40 years ago."

For more information please call 01487 832105 Email office@caresco.org.uk or visit www.caresco.org.uk

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Autumn Term 2022

Half Term - 24 to 28 October End of term 21 December



Spring Term 2023
Start of term 4 January

Half Term - 13 to 17 February

End of term 31 March

Summer Term 2023
Start of term 17 April

Half Term - 29 May to 2 June End of term 19 July

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

Information taken from www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education



HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning) 3, 17 & 31 October 14 & 28 November

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

(Week Beginning) 10 & 24 October 7 & 21 November

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



Your Kind of Music presents

'Stilton in Tune'

Our last two concerts (August and September) have seen a return to higher attendances with several newcomers to the scene for which we are very grateful. This year's three remaining musical events feature:

Sunday 2 October
Sunday 6 November

Sunday 4 December

Tony Stace
Rod Pooley
Chris Stanbury

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA
Finishes around 5pm with 30 minute refreshment break and raffle
Entrance £10 with refreshments included.

Support live music!

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

For further details please contact Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600 or email tony.oliver5@btinternet.com



SOUNDS GOOD

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

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

14 & 28 October 11 & 25 November



Please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 for information

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

ALL SAINTS' BENEFICE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 3 October

11am at St. Nicholas Glatton

Join us for a fun, family friendly, All Age service celebrating everything Harvest followed by our brand-new Tractor Tales, stay to hear stories from the farmyard with REAL combine harvesters and tractors as our backdrop on the green next to the church.

Each child will receive a harvest goody bag.

We also have a delicious Harvest Lunch and Auction in the village Hall from 12:30, please book in advance for lunch to help us cater appropriately.

Contact: Reverend Becky Dyball revdyabll@gmail.com 01487 506217 www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk





Saturday 15 October, 4.00 - 6.00pm Saturday 19 November, 4.00 - 6.00pm

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

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

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

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

To find out more and to pre-register, contact Ali Scott childrensministry@allsaintssawtry.org.uk or go to our website www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

No charge, but donations welcomed

We look forward to seeing you!

SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB

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

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

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

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

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Neville Diss

SAWTRY CRAFT BUDDIES

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



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

Bring your own craft or just come for a chat

Any queries please contact Karena on 01487 830601

CHARITY SANTA RUN

Sunday 4 December

sawtrywalktorun.co.uk



CHATTERBOX

Drop-in sessions for family carers

A friendly drop-in where you can get help.



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

Every 2nd & 4th Monday between 2.15 - 4.15pm

> Come and join us 10 & 24 October 14 & 28 November

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

For more information email: office@caresco.org.uk or call the **CARESCO Office** 01487 832105



SAWTRY WI HALL Available for Hire

Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS.

Regular or occasional events welcome

Recently refurbished, accessible, clean and bright kitchen, new fridge, outdoor space, excellent lighting, Wi-Fi Capacity 70

sawtrywihall@gmail.com Instagram: Sawtry WI Hall Sawtry WI Hall | Facebook

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - ADVENT STUDY

It's a Wonderful Life is one of the most popular and heartwarming films ever made. Come along and watch the film at our Pop Up Cinema of the season held in All Saints', Sawtry on Sunday 27 November at 6:30pm. Then join us for sessions throughout December (Mon 28, Sun 4, Mon 5, Mon 12 and Mon 19) to unpack this classic tale and what it has to do with the birth and life of Jesus. A Warm welcome to everyone

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays 8 October & 12 November

10.00 till 11.30am

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

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



For more information please contact :

Sue Fowler 01832 293215



SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN & TRADITIONAL LINE DANCE CLASSES

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

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

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



For more information contact Julie Gillmore On 07939 070 406 Jcgillmore@sky.com Or ask to join Sawtry Steppers on Facebook



CHARITY SHOP FASHION SHOW

CARESCO

Friday 14 October

7.30 - 10.30pm

At Sawtry Social Club

Items modelled by our Shop team. Show to include women's, men's and children's clothing and accessories

Free Entry

Prize Raffle

There will be an opportunity to buy the items at the end of the Show - CASH ONLY

For details, contact the Charity Shop on 01487 208026

All proceeds to CARESCO



COOKS LANE HEDGING

I wanted to send a quick thank you to whoever planted a long stretch of new hedging along Cooks Lane in Sawtry a year or two ago. The new plants seem to have survived this year's drought, thank goodness. The very long hedge which goes past several farms will look wonderful in a few years. Wonderful for walking or cycling along. I don't know who arranged it or paid for the work but congratulations to all involved.

Neil Simmons, Sawtry



SAWTRY FOODBANK CHRISTMAS HAMPER GOODIES

Christmas can be a difficult time for those managing on a tight budget especially this year!

We are once again, looking to support local families this year and need your help. Please consider making a donation of suitable items from our list to help us:

Christmas Cake or Christmas Pudding	Custard or Rice Pudding	Box of Chocs or Selection Pack
Tinned Fruit	Long-life Juice	Cheese Crackers Snacks or Biscuits

We would like our Christmas hampers to include Christmas treats and some essential items

NB Please make sure that all items are well in date and note that we cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or homemade produce

Donations can be made at our food store behind the Community Centre between 9.30am – 11am and 3pm – 6pm on Thursday 8 December

Thank you in anticipation

www.caresco.org.uk



SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

The Sawtry & District Branch meets on the first Monday of each month in Sawtry Social Club at 7.30pm.

Poppy Appeal 2022 - The new Poppy Appeal officially launches on Thursday 27 October 2022. Our collectors will be out on streets and on stalls in our villages over the period 29 October to 13 November. We also hope to have a stall in the Co-op and on Green End Road during the weekends. For the first time, we hope to have contactless terminals on the stalls allowing you to donate via card. We look forward to your generous support.

If you are a business and haven't been approached to have a collection pot and would like one, then please get in touch.

Events

Remembrance Sunday

The Annual Act of Remembrance will take place at All Saints Church, Sawtry on Sunday 13 November. Please arrive for 10.40am.

RBL Christmas Bingo
 Thursday 8 December,
 at Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road

Our 2021 Poppy Appeal has closed with a total of £8,085 raised. Thank you for all your support .

For more information, contact: sawtry.secretary@rbl.community, call Billy on 07864 296519, follow us on Facebook 'Sawtry RBL' or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk



LITTLE SAINTS



Every Thursday in term time

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

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

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

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

£2 donation per family

For more information please contact
Alex Dyball
littlesaintssawtry@gmail.com
or call 01487 506217

SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Thank you to the children and their families who join in for our week in August for fun, songs, stories, drama and crafts. Thanks also to the amazing team of local Christians who made it all happen.

We are grateful too to Sawtry Parish Council for their support.

We will be back again next year, starting Monday 7 August 2023





Look out for details, visit www.sawtrylightfactory.uk Find us on Facebook:

Sawtry Light Factory

HOLME WI



Our last two meetings, August and September, have been very different. In August we welcomed Evelyn, a SOCO or Scene of Crime Officer. Evelyn gave us a

very interesting talk about the history of forensics and some of the cases she has been involved in. Forensics started back in the 1880s with the very first crime scene photograph taken during the Jack the Ripper case in Whitechapel. Finger printing came along in 1902 and then as things progressed, we had the discovery of DNA in the 1980s. Evelyn told us how our DNA can be left on all types of materials, and she had to explain how one time her own DNA was found on a brick of cocaine that was in the office she was working in. It was then realised that even talking produces a small amount of DNA which is spread on the breath to nearby surfaces. She also explained how she has learnt to compartmentalise each case although she did say there are some cases that are just so bad and grisly she has to step away for a few minutes. An excellent guest speaker giving a great insight into a fascinating subject.

Then in September we enjoyed the company of Betty, an environmentalist for 40 years. With the last few months of exceptionally hot weather causing drought in many areas of the UK, this was one example of how our weather patterns are changing and the impact this will have on the crops we grow. She also talked about carbon footprints and how the transportation of food impacts on this, especially food produced here in the UK that is then shipped abroad to be processed and packaged before shipping it back to the UK to be sold.

Our Knit and Knatter group have been busy making baby hats for the maternity ward and chemo pouches for the treatment wards at the local hospitals.

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

Anyone wishing to contact us please email WIholmevillage@gmail.com or call 07711 224437 (evenings)

Alison McGuinness, President

MICK WORSAM

25/03/1933 - 13/06/2022

On behalf of all the family, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words of comfort following the sad loss of our dear Dad Mick.

Thank you to all who attended his funeral and to those who made a donation in his memory. We have been able to send a total of £408.51p (the 51p being a long standing joke) to the British Heart Foundation.

Thank you also to the Sawtry Bowling Club for providing a guard of honour and to those who came out to pay their respects as Dad embarked on his final journey from the village. He was such a wonderful man and is hugely missed by us all.



Tina and Susan

SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB



Presents...

Hedgehogs in Your Garden

By Glatton Hogblog Team and Shepreth Wildlife Hospital

This illustrated talk will cover the treatment and rehabilitation of hedgehogs, why hedgehogs need our help, and what you can easily do in your garden to support these endangered creatures.

Monday 17 October

7.30pm at Sawtry Social Club Free to SGC members, £3 for guests on the door

Everyone welcome

For info: call 07598 431308,

or email

sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com Find us on Facebook at: Sawtry Gardeners





A TIME FOR MEMORIES

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN SAWTRY

will hold their annual service of commemoration and thanksgiving, to remember loved ones who have died

On Sunday 6 November at 3pm at the Methodist Church Green End Road, Sawtry

All are welcome to this simple but moving service, which will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat

For more information, please contact one of the churches, details on pages 18 or 19.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road

CHRISTMAS BINGO



Thursday 8 December Eyes Down 7.30pm



All Welcome

Profits to Sawtry Branch

ON YOUR OWN FOR CHRISTMAS?



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

Are you going to be on your own?

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

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

For more information and an application form,



please get in touch with the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or office@caresco.org.uk

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

Once again we are back in full swing with numbers reaching an all-time high and attendance threatening to overwhelm us. We are very grateful to all those parents who volunteer to supervise sessions as we couldn't do this without them. If your child comes to Holme Youth Club and you don't volunteer, please consider doing so.

The introduction of advance payment cards has proved very popular. Our new committee of 4 adults and 6 members was elected in September at our AGM and we look forward to a good year of activities and events with our first "night out" planned for 25 November but we haven't decided where yet.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5 - 10 who live in Holme, or attend or have attended Holme School. I am afraid we cannot take guest members who do not meet this criteria as we just cannot deal with higher numbers.

For further information please consult our Facebook page @HolmeYouth or website Holmeyouthclub.co.uk or email holmeyouthclub@outlook.com Renee Mitcham

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

- 9am St Nicholas, Glatton.
 Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
- 10:50am All Saints' Sawtry.

 Act of Remembrance followed by service
- 2pm St. Andrews Cemetery. Act of Remembrance
- 2:30pm Conington Churchyard.
 Act of Remembrance
- 2:45pm St. Giles, Holme.
 Act of Remembrance followed by service





SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Our July meeting was, like the June one, a little out of the ordinary. Titled *What Did The Romans Do For Us* it was presented by Martin Owen and Niell Turner of the Longthorpe Legion showing Roman army and religious

artefacts and finds. Those that attended were able to examine and handle replica Roman armour, clothing & weapons, followed by genuine religious artefacts. There was a great deal of interest from the audience and the question session had to be called to a halt before we were thrown out on the street.

Stuart Orme, curator of Huntingdon Museum, will be back for our meeting on Thursday 20 October the subject being *The Gun Powder Plot*.

If you are planning on joining one of our monthly meetings, we request that you use the local parking arrangements as parking in Green End Road is not ideal, dropping off is fine.



When we reopen the Archive in Sawtry Library we will post updates on the website, on our Facebook page and in this publication. Please visit our website www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk where you can read our local history articles. There is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.

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

For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441 www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk

FESTIVE BAZAAR

Saturday 12 November

11am – 3pm



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

Tombola, Toys, New/Nearly-New, Children's Lucky Dip, Face Painting, Fabrics, Crafts, Books, Produce.

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

Raising funds for our WI Hall

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



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CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

When should I / my parents give up driving?

This is sometimes a contentious issue as someone has to give up some of their independence but the following questions may help, if you get 1 or 2 answers "wrong" then please take care but if there are a lot then please consider talking to your family or RoADARC.



Questions where the answer should be "Yes":

- Can I pass the eyesight test? You MUST be able to read a vehicle number plate from 20 metres in daylight and you MUST wear your glasses / contacts if you need them to do it.
- Is my peripheral vision ok? Glaucoma, Cataracts, Stroke and others can cause "tunnel vision", literally the person can see directly ahead but has no vision to the sides without turning their head.
- Am I aware of everything going on around me?
- Do my friends come with me willingly? Do my children let me drive my grandchildren on my own? If other people are not willing to be in the car with you it may be because you frighten them with your driving.
- Can I easily move between all of the pedals? Arthritis and damaged hips can cause pain at a crucial moment increasing the time it takes you to get from the accelerator to the brake increasing your stopping distance.

Questions where the answer should be "No"

- Do I get lost often, even on local journeys?
- Do I get tooted often?
- Do I have a lot of minor accidents in my car?
- Do vehicles in a 30 limit always drive slowly and then overtake me in a 60 limit? Some people start to drive at a "comfortable" speed which is generally around 35 40mph.

Visit our website at www.roadarc.org.uk for further details or contact us by email at info@roadarc.org.uk

QUINTUPLICATION - PART ELEVEN IN THE SWIM

In those years 1963 to 1968, when Sawtry grew five times in size, the story of our swimming pool lies parallel to this growth. Like so many Sawtry projects this was very much a village enterprise.

I put schools in plural because it all began in the vision of Bill Hall, Head of the all-age Council School. He it was who put in for a small 'Purley' pool to go inside one of his classrooms. Come the Village College, and its equal enthusiasm and, Bingo, we got together to see if one plus one could make a very big TWO. We both thought it best to go for an indoor facility so that swimming and water safety could take place all year round.

At that time neither Peterborough nor Huntingdon had an indoor pool and neither, of course, did any school. The County Education Dept were keen to help fund the pool itself but, beyond that, we were on our own. Sawtry was farming country and so constructing a barn over it was no problem. Just the job for the Young Farmers Club and some resourceful adults. Money? Soon the parents of both schools formed a fundraising committee and a WORKS committee. The latter came at weekends and holidays in old clothes to piece it all together. As a project manager / designer I had an Oundle staff connection who kept us all on track. So, by 1965, we had built our pool!

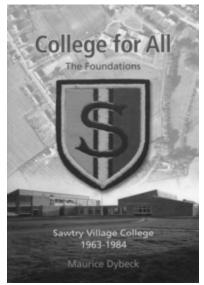
It wasn't just the school that used it: Sawtry soon formed its own Swimming Pool committee who organised a regular programme for open or Club use. What diligent workers they were! Response was tremendous and swimming soon became one of the chief recreations for many local youngsters. In fact, as some parents put it: 'We no longer needed to go to the seaside in the summer!' Lifesavers? Always present and school-trained.

Development didn't stop with the first build. Our basic shed (big enough for both the learner pool and the big one, with its deep end, good enough for diving) needed boxing in. So, thanks to the school Craft Department and the lads from a local Borstal (who came to swim), it was walled in and toilets and changing rooms were added. For winter warmth, a Sawtry engineer, whose wife ran Dressmaking evening classes, installed, in 1966, a huge loop, tapping the school boilers! Then, a 1974 local 'first', we added solar panels!

As pioneers we had a few teething problems. You learned that if something needed adding or repairing or re-painting you just got on with it rather than pleading to the authorities. Nevertheless, it was those Councils that, in the end, kept us going. Set against all the enormous benefits, both educational and social, it was worth all the pain. But ultimately it needed the 'big boys' to take over. (For the full story read my book, *College for All - Sawtry Village College 1963 - 1984* and the booklet: *We Built Our Pool*).

Maurice Dybeck

Former Sawtry resident and first Warden at Sawtry Community College





SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MOVING TOWARDS 'REGULATION 14'

As you know, since early 2020, we have been gathering views and opinions from residents, social groups, and businesses to help shape developments in Sawtry in the years to 2036.

The responses have led to a shared 'vision', to eleven objectives and to eleven policies which together form the core of our Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

Our draft NP will soon be ready for a consultation period under Regulation 14 which calls for 'pre-consultation and publicity'. Residents, businesses and social groups, together with a host of other consultees, will be invited to comment on the draft – a final opportunity to pass an opinion.

Provisionally, our consultation period will extend from early December until late January 2023. Every household in Sawtry will receive a 'Response Form' which may be returned on paper, online, by email, or in writing as a free format message. No responses will be accepted after the end of the consultation period. The detailed arrangements will be confirmed in due course.

Subject to any revisions, the draft NP will be scrutinised in detail by an independent examiner who may, subject to a further round of amendments, recommend that the NP proceeds to Referendum – a process similar to a local election and decided by a simple majority. If the result is a 'yes' vote, the NP will be adopted or 'made', meaning that its policies will be taken into account when determining future planning applications.

This note summarises the final stages in the preparation of a NP which, typically, consumes a number of years. Despite its legal complexities, our NP should open the door to many improvements in the use of land, such as: creating more community and leisure facilities, increasing and enhancing our green spaces, restoring the historic centre of the village, providing a wider range of shops, mitigating the effects of climate change, encouraging business development, enlarging public car parking space, and even extending St Andrew's cemetery for our growing population!

Finally, a major benefit in obtaining a made NP is the significant improvement in Parish finances from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Please address any comments on this note either by email to:

john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk or in writing to the Parish Council Offices at 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE RECYCLES SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BUSINESS PLEDGE

With the effect of global warming quickly becoming more apparent, there has been a vast rise in the focus of individuals, businesses and local authorities, to take immediate and long terms actions to reduce the impact they have on our environment.

Huntingdonshire District Council implemented a trial of the 'Sustainable Communities Business Pledge' aimed at local businesses, offering guidance on how they can increase their contribution to climate action just by making a few minor changes with high impact effects. The trial proved very successful with extremely positive feedback on how this has created a positive effect within companies and among their workforces.

For one company, by simply focusing on recycling, they have nearly halved the cost of waste disposal, vastly increasing the amount they recycle and minimising the amount of general waste they produce.

Simply decreasing the amount sent to landfill, reduces the greenhouse gases emitted, whilst saving on raw materials required to manufacture from new. Manufacturing from raw material requires more energy than the recycled equivalent, demonstrating small changes, playing a key role in our quest for Net Zero.

While the Pledge is aimed at businesses, there is still much we can do as individuals to assist. Following the Huntingdonshire Recycles social media pages, which offers helpful tips on waste reduction whilst keeping you up to date with the goings on among the Huntingdonshire District Council waste team. Guidance on what waste belongs in which bin can be found by visiting www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/what-goes-in-which-bin/

To find out more about the 'Sustainable Communities Business Pledge' and how it can benefit your business, check out:

https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/sustainability-and-greener-living/information-for-businesses/.

Facebook – Huntingdonshire Recycles
Twitter – HDC Recycles
Instagram – Recycle For Huntingdonshire
wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



A Sparrow Tale

Hi there, I would like to tell you about a lovely little sparrow friend I made.

I live in a bungalow next to a house where sparrows have been nesting under the roof tiles for at least the last three years.

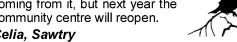
Well, a male became very brave and cheeky. He would sit at the edge of the roof near the entrance to the nest, tweeting very loudly. I would make noises and talk to him, to which he would respond then he came down onto the shed roof opposite my back door and sat in the gutter whilst I crumbed bread up for him. He often looked as if he would come in the open door. I would carry on talking to him all the

One day I was putting my washing on the line and he was on the high fence following me as I went up the path and back again, tweeting at me all the time. I only put small amounts of food out at a time as the jackdaws and pigeons would take it as soon as my back was turned. I am sure if I stood closer and longer, he would have taken it from my hand.

One day he brought babies with him and fed them so close to me, and soon lots of others arrived from the neighbourhood! If my door was closed at any time during the day, he would tweet loudly to get my attention, to which I responded with haste.

Sadly, on 28 July all the sparrows disappeared, I believe they go somewhere to moult. It became so quiet without them. There's a pretty bush in my neighbour's garden and the sparrows would gather

in it. I call it the 'community centre' and there was lots of loud tweeting and movement coming from it, but next year the community centre will reopen.



Celia, Sawtry

SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL

It is always incredible to see how much children change over such a short time. Within weeks of starting our Reception classes have grown in confidence and have become curious learners who eat up everything we can teach them.

We have much planned for this term, Harvest Festivals and Carol Concerts, and everything in between. I am really keen for us to do as much as we can as the last two years have been blighted by the pandemic and we could all do with some fun and laughter as we rush headlong into the Christmas period.

The children have completed some fabulous work on Roald Dahl already this term. We have giants, chickens and a variety of other characters decorating our hall at present. We have been working hard on our writing and children have written instructions on how to make potions like George in "George's Marvellous Medicine"; described the peach from "James and the Giant Peach" and written about what dreams they might find if they were dreamcatchers like the BFG!

Amazing stuff, they make us so proud.

Of course we have been touched like everyone by the loss of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II. We have taken the opportunity to learn about her reign and about some of the things she did through-out her life. The children have been brilliant in asking questions and taking in what is a really historic occasion.

I hope you all have a wonderful start to your Autumn season and we look forward to sharing with you all our fantastic work from through the year.

If you would like to volunteer to help at school then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01478 830678 or just pop in and talk to someone in the office.

Mr Robichaud. Headteacher

CAMBS HEARING HELP

If you are an NHS hearing aid user and your hearing aid needs cleaning and re-tubing you can book an appointment at one of our Hearing Aid Maintenance (HAM) Centres.

This is a 'drop off and wait' service by appointment only. You can also collect batteries at your appointment. If you require batteries only, you can also collect them from a HAM Centre, without the need to make an appointment. Please drop in during our opening hours.

If you require batteries we will need to know what size you need. This will be either size 13 Orange, size 312 Brown or size 675 Blue.

Our opening dates are detailed on our website including:

Huntingdon Library 4th Tuesday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm at Huntingdon Library (First Floor), Princes Street, Huntingdon PE29 3PA. There will be no session in December 2022.

If you are unable to get to any of our Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres, please contact your original provider: your hospital audiology department or Specsavers.

You can also pick-up batteries from the Cambridgeshire Cda Hearing Help 🤊 Mobile Library.



make an appointment and/or request batteries, please use our online booking service or telephone our office: 01223 416141.

https://cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk/

HUNTS COMMUNITY CANCER NETWORK

Hunts Community Cancer Network is a local charity helping people across the Huntingdonshire region with a cancer diagnosis. We are a hidden gem and want to raise awareness so that people tell their family and friends that we are there for them - after all, 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

HCCN offers people suffering from cancer support groups, yoga and exercise, community nursing and the opportunity to talk to someone who understands.

HCCN offers support before, during and after a cancer Everything we do is underpinned by diagnosis. evidence that it helps people dealing with cancer emotional wellbeing, exercise and healthy eating. Uniquely we offer pre-habilitation at the point of diagnosis. We also offer a full day of activities at Bradbury House in Huntingdon every Friday. Men's Group meets every Wednesday morning at the Montagu Club Huntingdon and our Women's Group meets every Wednesday evening at Bradbury House. We offer activities across Huntingdonshire.

HCCN needs volunteers to support the delivery of activities and spread the They also need fundraisers. word. Just get in touch if you can offer support.

info@hccnthecharity.org. or call 01480 416410 https://www.hccnthecharity.org



Hunts Community Cancer Network

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SAWTRY WI

Charity number 229016

Sawtry WI welcomes all women of any age or background to our monthly members meetings. We have speakers on a variety of topics, friendship, fun and cake! Contact us if you would like to come as our guest, you are welcome twice free. We have 43 members and growing. At our September meeting we had a talk about Ely Cathedral where the speaker 3D to scale model of the cathedral to explain the history and meanings and it was most

used an interactive 3D to scale model of the cathedral to explain the history and meanings and it was most enjoyable.

We continue to hold the following social groups which are open to anyone in the community: weekly daytime Knit & Knatter, monthly daytime Patchwork & Quilting and monthly Evening Tea & Chat craft group.

The following planned events are open to anyone in the community (timings will be advertised):

- Halloween Tea 20 October
- Festive Bazaar Saturday 12 November
- Festive Afternoon Tea 15 December

All WI members have access to a variety of benefits including monthly magazine, newsletters, outings, activities, annual party, an online college of learning with speakers and crafts, events at WI Centre in Huntingdon and Virtual events via Zoom.

We were saddened by the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has died. The Queen was a WI member for 80 years. Thank you your Majesty.

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

Jacqui Svensson, President

AN EYE ON NATURE

The felling of a 600 year old oak tree in Bretton, Peterborough earlier this year was upsetting for any lover of ancient trees, such as myself. It did get me thinking though about the questions: "How much value do we place on wildlife and "How much are we willing to sacrifice to keep it?".

The issue surrounding the Bretton oak was, as I understand it, about possible future damage to properties nearby and the cost to the Council. Public liability is something I have to consider too as a voluntary tree warden with the Wildlife Trust. We have to assess the health of trees near our footpaths and, where they pose a risk, take action.

However, if a compromise can be reached, then taking it could rescue the situation. For example, saving a special tree. I did this some years ago and to saved a gnarled old oak tree, rerouted the footpath around it. Remarkably, the tree still stands to this day providing a fabulous wildlife habitat. Another example was where the road to Grantham via Brampton Wood was rerouted around one of the largest and finest old oaks in Huntingdonshire. I was very impressed by this action, taken as part of the A14/A1 upgrade, and enjoy seeing the tree as I drive passed.

It is not always that simple to make a difficult decision, but where possible standing back and thinking outside the box could enable us to preserve more of our wildlife for future generations.

The Wildlife Trust are running a campaign - Check A Tree Week - and helpful information is available on how we as individuals can help special trees. Details at the end.

As promised in the Aug-Sept 22 issue of the Eye, here is my bat update:

Unfortunately the amazingly hot summer put pay to my buddleia blooming for long and very few larger moths came to my garden. Despite looking out for any other bat species on favourable nights, the bigger bats did not reappear this year. I gave the description of how the bats had hunted the moths outside my French windows last year to a bat enthusiast at the Wildlife Trust and he told me that only Brown Long Eared bats hunt by hovering. So the ones I had seen may well have been those. I will keep a look out for their return.

For more about bats, contact the Wildlife Trust who can put you in touch with the Cambridgeshire Bat Group, or visit www.cambsbatgroup.org.uk

For more about trees, contact the Woodland Trust at woodlandtrust.org.uk or call 0330 333 3300

Martin Baker

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

For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust:

Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org



SAWTRY SHOW

This is the third year that the Show has sadly been absent from the community calendar. Covid has certainly taken its toll in more ways than one.

The recent heatwave has also had an effect on Shows around the area, with very little produce being entered, and tales of shrivelled vegetables!

At this year's Carnival we appealed for new committee members, as Janet Spencer and Sheila Harland have recently moved away from the village. We wish them all the best in their new ventures and thank them for years of dedication to the Show.

We did manage to recruit some new members, and we met recently to discuss our next Show, which will be held in September 2023.

The format will be very similar to previous years, and most of the produce classes will certainly stay the same. We will publish the proposed schedule early next year so you can get on with your making and growing.

One area we would like to improve on is children's entries, either individually or as a group. We, as a committee think it's very important to promote traditional community events to the next generations. If you are new to the village, a teacher or run a children's group, please have a think of a way in which you can support us.

If you need more information, or would like to see schedules from previous Shows, you can contact me at the email address below

Carolyn Watts Chairman Watts204@hotmail.com



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NEW HONORARY ALDERMEN

Two retired councillors have been made honorary aldermen by Huntingdonshire District Council at a Full Council meeting on Wednesday 20 July.

Former councillors Derek Giles and Dick Tuplin were honoured in recognition of their exceptional service to the District Council.

Derek, who was a councillor for 27 years before standing down in May 2022, served eight terms of office as Ward Councillor for the former St Neots Eaton Socon Ward and latterly the St Neots Eatons Ward.

Dick was first elected in 1998 and retained his seat as Ward Member for Sawtry for a consecutive period of 24 years until his retirement in 2022. Dick contributed to a wide range of council activities serving a consecutive 18 years as a member of the Development Management Committee until 2022.

In their new non-political positions, they will be able to enjoy the courtesy title of Alderman and may receive invitations to civic functions such as the Chair's Reception.

Chair of Huntingdonshire District Council, Cllr Michael Burke, said: "I am delighted to make Derek and Dick Aldermen in honour of their hard work and dedication to the District Council. This is the highest honour Huntingdonshire District Council can bestow and they deserve this position due to the



exceptional service they have given to local people across the district. I thank them for all they have done for the District Council and the areas they served."

Picture: HDC chairman, Cllr Michael Burke (centre) with Dick Tuplin (left) and Derek Giles

SIMON BYWATER DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I hope you have had a nice Summer and that you managed to get a well-deserved break. It truly has been a hot one!

At the end of June Vin and Jay retired from their shop in the village. It was great to see local residents turn out to thank Vin and Jay for their support to the community for over 30 years. I want to wish them a very happy and healthy retirement.

July saw the first ever Full Council meeting taking place at the new Shire Hall, which if you are not aware is the new home of the County Council. It is a public building and has a lovely café at the front if you get the time to visit. We also had a brilliant Sawtry Sports 4 All event attended by many.

In August it was also great to be able to attend CARESCO who were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by the Queen's Representative, The Lord Lieutenant Julie Spence. A very proud moment for everyone involved.

At the beginning of September Sawtry saw its first 10 mile road race. It proved to be a hugely popular event and I wanted to express my thanks to the organisers, sponsors and all the marshals from Sawtry Walk to Run that made it happen. I think this will be another great annual event for our local community.

Finally I want to give a special thanks to our Fire Service. The hot weather has brought unprecedented challenge for them which they have tackled with speed and professionalism, for which we are truly thankful.

Simon

Don't forget you can contact me at Simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 07984637553

WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

Flu and Covid Booster Vaccinations

We will be running three clinic days this year:

Saturday 8 October - patients aged 65 and over

Saturday 15 October – patients aged 65 and over

Saturday 5 November - patients under 65

All clinics will be by appointment only, please do not turn up on the day without an appointment.

If you are eligible for a flu or Covid vaccination and have a mobile phone number registered with us, you will receive a text inviting you to book an appointment. The text message will include a link which you can use to make your booking. If you do not have a mobile number on record, you will be receiving a telephone call from our PCN Care Coordinator to offer you an appt. At your appointment you will be able to choose whether you receive both the flu and Covid vaccinations, or just one or the other.

This year, those who are entitled to **flu vaccination** include:

- People aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2023)
- Those aged from 6 months to less than 65 years of age in a clinical risk group
- All pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season)
- Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities
- Those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person
- All children aged 2 to 3 years on 31 August 2022 (we will be in touch to invite this group of patients in)
- All primary school aged children (from Reception to year 6) (provided by school immunisation teams)

The list above is not exhaustive, for more details check the details on www.gov.uk

These groups of patients are eligible for a **Covid booster** vaccination:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers

Out of Hours GP/Nurse Appointments

For the last few years we have provided early morning appointments on a Tuesday between 7 - 8am. Additional out of hours appointments have been provided by West Cambs Federation at various hubs in the local area. Due to some changes regarding NHS contracts we have ceased our early Tuesday morning service as of 30 September At that point, the provision of out of hours appointments (known as Extended Access) became the responsibility of our PCN (A1 Network PCN). As a result there will be some changes to the hubs which provide out of hours services and this will now include the provision of appointments at Alconbury Surgery. Appointments at the hub can be booked via our reception team. You can request an out of hours appointment if this is more convenient, alternatively you might find that we offer you an out of hours appointment if we are unable to offer you an appointment at the practice due to the pressures of demand. Historically, we have found that patients typically did not want to travel to hubs such as those in Huntingdon, St Ives and Buckden, but we hope that the provision of appointments more locally will encourage more patients to use this service.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - Tel: 01487 830340

SAWTRY WALK TO RUN

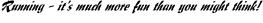
September saw Sawtry Walk To Run host our first 10-mile race for the local running community. Feedback was incredibly positive not just for the race, but the people in the village who came out to support and the Race HQ facilities at Sawtry Village Academy, Academy Leisure Sawtry & CARESCO (who provided refreshments for runners, spectators and volunteers). Over 200 people ran the race and we had over 70 volunteers on the day. It was a great success. Thanks to all our sponsors in particular John Green who was our lead sponsor. Provisional date for next year is Sunday 3 September.

For those inspired by the race or who just want to get a bit fitter mentally or physically, our new beginners free 10-week course started on Sunday 25 September. Three sessions a week taking beginners, returners and absolutely beginners from running 30 seconds to running 5k. All welcome no matter what your age, weight or

Details at sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or download the England Athletics Run Together App to book on a session. Email enquiries to nib.bowkis@hotmail.co.uk

Oh, and is it too soon to mention our Charity Santa Run on Sunday 4 December?

More info at sawtrywalktorun.co.uk



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

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

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at Sawtry Library this year! We had lots of children take part in the Challenge this year and a good number of children managed to read six books and complete the Challenge. It was lovely to see so many children collect their medals and certificates at our special award ceremony.

We would like to thank Sawtry Parish Council for their support again this year which has enabled us to put on some fantastic events. Well done everyone!

Spooky Crafts - Wednesday 26 October 10.30am - 12.00

Are you brave enough to join us for some spooky crafts? Come and make some scary stuff in the safety of the Library to freak your parents out! 50p per child, booking essential

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

Come and join in with some popular songs and rhymes at our weekly Rhymetime sessions for children under 5. Sessions are free to attend but places are limited due to current capacity restrictions, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Lego Club - Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Drop in anytime throughout the session, 50p Donation appreciated.

Bus Pass Assistance

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

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

Opening Times

Monday Closed

Tuesday 3.00pm - 7.00pm

10.00am - 1.00pm; 2.00pm - 5.00pm District Library Assistant, Wednesday

Thursday

Friday 3.00pm - 5.00pm 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday

Paul Smith.

Huntingdon, Yaxley and

Sawtry Libraries



The Club held its AGM in September, thank you to everyone who attended. There have been a few changes within the committee, two committee members stood down and three members of the Club stood up to join the committee.

One of the committee members who stood down was Bernie Shannon who has been part of it from the very start and wanted other members who are younger to help with running the Club. The Club thanked Bernie for his dedication and time that he has spent setting up and developing the club over many years.

Here is the makeup of the Committee for 2022: -

Chairperson - Peter Blundell Treasurer - Mark Brant

Vice Chairperson – Susan Bate Welfare Secretary - Simon Bate

Booking Secretary - Pauline Williams Secretary - Pauline Williams

In other news, the Peterborough Table Tennis League will be starting as of Monday 3 October and the Club is pleased to announce that we have entered two Teams. The Team Captains for the teams are Pauline and Bernie.

We have had a few dedicated coaching sessions during September due to a grant that the Club received. Some of these have been delivered by our in-house Table Tennis England Coach - Pauline Williams and another Table Tennis England Coach - Tom Lodziak, who was brought in to deliver some more advanced sessions. All members who signed up for these, enjoyed them thoroughly. The Club is due to hold a few more, early next year.

The Club Nights will be returning in October mainly on a Monday as Tuesday evenings will be our League night. Session times for Monday evenings will be confirmed shortly.

The Club is community-based, where members can play some leisurely or competitive table tennis, this is totally up to them, to decide. The Club is open to anyone over the age of 7 and all abilities are welcome. The Club will be open on a Monday evening, and is split into sessions, players need to pre-book onto a session.

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

www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

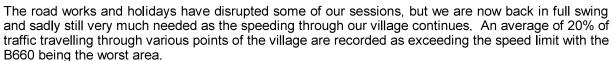
@SawtryTableTennisClub

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



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HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH





I would like to reassure you that we only take the details of vehicles if we observe them exceeding the 30mph limit during our sessions. On entering the village from the West we do NOT use the fixed unit, we only use our smaller mobile unit which does not register the speed until the vehicle is well inside the zone, even so we have one member of the team keeping a close eye on the red area on the road to ensure the vehicles have crossed that before we record the speed. At other points within the village we do sometimes use the fixed sign as well as our smaller one as we then have the capability to record traffic travelling in both directions. The fixed unit at the West entrance on the B660 does show up your speed when you are still in the 40mph zone as a warning that you are going faster than 30mph and the limit is imminent but unfortunately this is not seen as a warning by many people who continue at their excessive speed.

If you feel you could spare an hour or so each month and would like to join our Speedwatch team please contact csw.holme@btinternet.com for further details.

Anyone logged speeding by our Community Speedwatch team will be contacted by Cambridgeshire Police directly. Any other communication you might receive is not connected to or generated by Community Speedwatch.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGES

For further information please email csw.holme@btinternet.com



ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

For almost 70 years, the small, friendly and active Catholic community in Sawtry have come together to celebrate Mass, firstly in people's homes and then at a variety of venues, including the Women's Institute Hall and, most recently, the Methodist Church. We are extremely grateful to our fellow villagers for opening up their facilities to us, as well as all the priests who have served our community since then.

From the beginning, membership of St. Benedict's Community has always evolved, with people moving away, others arriving and sadly, some old friends dying. But in the past decade, we have seen our numbers growing smaller, with a typical attendance of between 20 to 30 people each Sunday.

Since 1988, Sawtry became part of the parish of St Luke, Peterborough, and Mass has been provided from there. In recent times, the growth of Peterborough, and in particular the Hamptons, has seen Mass attendance at St Luke's rising from around 300, to a current 800 over a typical weekend. This trend is set to continue with the development of Great Haddon and the East of England Showground. As a result, St Luke's Church has moved from one Sunday morning service to three full and busy Masses, which has meant that being able to supply Mass in Sawtry for a relatively small number has become unsustainable.

After consultation with the people of Sawtry, along with the Bishop and Diocese of East Anglia, the difficult decision was taken not to resume Mass in the village in the immediate wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, and, subsequently, to discontinue it permanently.

Fortunately, the Sawtry area is still well served for Mass, with 11 Sunday celebrations in English within approximately 10 miles (or a 20 minute car journey):

St. Luke, Peterborough: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Sacred Heart, Ramsey: Sunday 9am.

St. Michael, Huntingdon: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am.
St. Hugh, Buckden: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8am and 9.45am.

Most from the Sawtry community are now attending Mass at St Luke's, particularly the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Whilst others are making use of the places and times available which suit them best.

St. Benedict's Community, Sawtry does, however, continue!

We remain committed to our village community and our ecumenical friends in the other churches.

We will continue to participate in and support village events.

We will continue to meet together for fellowship.

We will arrange and provide lifts to Mass for those who need them.

We will bring Holy Communion to the sick and elderly of our community who cannot get to Mass.

Change may have come to our community, but we are nothing if not adaptable, and are looking forward to the next 70 years!

Contact in Sawtry: Tony – tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com, 01487 830680

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TIME TO REFLECT

I write this in the midst of national mourning for her late Majesty Lady Queen Elizabeth II. Each church in the Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Conington is open with a book of condolence, space for quite reflection an invitation to light a candle plus an opportunity to leave floral tributes. By the time Sawtry Eye goes to print, it is likely we will be in a different space. Perhaps with concerns for the rising cost of living and our own personal challenges more prominent in our mind or maybe find ourselves looking forward to a seasonal change as the trees turn colour and the scrunch of autumn under foot returns.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was rather remarkable, I have really enjoyed hearing anecdotes and stories on the news but also from those I have met in the recent days about the Queen. Her humour, her ability to truly listen, her joy of nature and animals, her love for her family and especially her deep faith. She spoke about her faith in Jesus Christ confidently and regularly, each Christmas broadcast she would share the depth of her faith and why it held such prominence in her life and how she chose to live it. In Christmas 2015 she said "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none."

I remain humbled and grateful for such an example of faith. I will miss her and recall her example often. I am also very grateful for King Charles III and his own example of deep personal faith in Jesus Christ, I look forward with great enthusiasm and thankfulness for what is to come. Saying all that some people reading this may have found the time of national mourning brought up memories or emotions that haven't shifted and you might like to talk through this with myself, Reverend Diane or the church community you feel most comfortable with. We are always available to talk and have various services available including a special 'Time for Memories' service offering space to remember those who have died. This takes place on Sunday 6 November at 3pm in the Methodist Church, Sawtry. All very welcome.

Reverend Becky Dyball



REMEMBRANCE

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



OCTOBER		
Lance Sergeant John William BINGHAM	29 October 1914	Holme
Private George Thomas HALL	18 October 1916	Conington
Private George Christopher BABBAGE	25 October 1916	Great Gidding
Lance Corporal John Robert ALLAN	31 October 1916	Sawtry
Private Percy WOODS	31 October 1916	Sawtry
Private Jim QUINCEY	2 October 1917	Holme
Private Arthur George COLES	9 October 1917	Hamerton
Private Christopher HARRISON	19 October 1917	Conington
Private Jesse WRIGHT	31 October 1917	Conington
Corporal George SYMONDS	8 October 1918	Holme
Private William HARRIS	21 October 1918	Holme
Private George Arthur GINNS	24 October 1918	Sawtry
Pilot Officer Henry John Hamley JONES	21 October 1943	Great Gidding



NOVEMBER		
Rifleman Herbert SHARPE	14 November 1914	Holme
Private George Henry BOWLAND	14 November 1916	Sawtry
Private Herbert PARKER	3 November 1917	Sawtry
Private James JACKSON	22 November 1917	Sawtry
Private Walter James TURNER	8 November 1918	Old Weston
Lance Corporal Dennis Montague PETERS	9 November 1942	Sawtry
Lance Corporal James Walter QUICK	14 November 1942	Glatton
Private Leslie Benjamin FAVELL	1/2 November 1944	Old Weston

When you go home tell them of us and say For your tomorrow we gave our today.

CHURCH GIFT DAYS

St. Nicholas, Glatton on Saturday 2 October St. Giles, Holme on Saturday 8 October

The buildings will be open to celebrate the heritage and community of our local churches. Come and have a look.

We remain so grateful for the continued generosity of the whole community

which help us maintain our church buildings and keep them open and in good repair. maintenance is costly in old buildings and we are grateful for your support.



SAWTRY, TORT HILL DISTRICT

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. By volunteering with us, you can help us create amazing opportunities for girls in our community. Guiding happens thanks to more than 100,000 amazing volunteers – men (helpers but not leaders) and women who give their time to ensure that we are active all over the UK, and beyond.

Girlquiding welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, faith and abilities. We are flexible and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. You can volunteer help as an Occasional Helper, with accounts, Gift Aid or in the following units:-

Rainbows aged 4 to 7 **Brownies** aged 7 to 10 Guides aged 10 to 14 Rangers aged 14 to 18

Young Leaders aged 14 to 18

There are opportunities to join as a girl member or adult member **NOW** Register you interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk,

email torthilldistrict@gmail.com, or call 07342 046564 / 07704 875881



Kirsty Payne - District Commissioner Sam Clayton-Roberts -

Assistant District Commissioner



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

BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



For latest service information and online service links please visit www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

Date	All Saints' Sawtry	St Nicholas, Glatton	St Giles, Holme
Sunday 2 October	Sunday 2 October		
Saturday 8 October			Gift Day from 11.00am concludes with Celebration Service at 4:30pm
Sunday 9 October	10.30am - Holy Communion	4.00pm - Songs of Praise	
Sunday 16 October	10.30am - Holy Communion		9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 23 October	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	
Sunday 30 October	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion		
Sunday 6 November	10.30am - Holy Communion 3.00pm - A Time for Memories at Methodist Church		9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 13 November	10:50am - Act of Remembrance and Service	9.00am - Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance	2.00pm Act of Remembrance at St Andrews Cemetery 2.30pm Act of Remembrance at All Saints' Conington 2.45pm Act of Remembrance at St Giles, Holme followed by service in church
Sunday 20 November	10.30am - Holy Communion		9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 27 November	8.00am - BCP* Holy Communion 10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	A TOTAL TOTA

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



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX





COFFEE MORNINGS

Open Saturdays from 9.30am to 11am

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



We would love to see you!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 2 October at 4.15pm an informal time of worship suitable for all ages Sunday 16 October & 20 November at 10.30am Holy Communion - with Rev James Bamber

Remembrance Sunday 13 November at Sawtry All Saints

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

Come and join us, all are welcome

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Meetings start at 2.00pm 31 October & 28 November

For more information, contact Joy on 01733 566588



A TIME FOR MEMORIES

Sunday 6 November starting at 3pm

Sawtry Churches remember those loved ones who have gone before.





For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857 Email jjamesbamber@gmail.com or via www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch

YOU ARE LOVED BY GOD JUST AS YOU ARE



My name is James Bamber and I am a Methodist minister in the St. Neots and Huntingdon Circuit. My family and I have been living in this area since 2016 and in September I excitedly became more involved with the church in Sawtry.

In terms of my journey to this point – I grew up in Northern Ireland before relocating to Worcestershire to begin my career as a Maths teacher in a High School. Within a few years I offered for Methodist ministry, met and married Claire my wife, and moved to our

first ministry appointment in Seaford, East Sussex where our two daughters were born. Ten years in the Worthing Circuit followed before a move northward to East Anglia – from the sea to the sky.

Away from church you'll often find me outdoors enjoying the natural world — a conscientious walker and bird-watcher I love exploring the countryside with my family. In all weathers I might be found clocking up some running miles which I find invaluable in helping me to think clearly and connect with God. Just running is still a challenge though! At home I thrive on spending time with Claire and the girls playing board games, baking, sharing stories, and just being.

I think someone once said or wrote that every preacher has one message. For me that would be, 'You are loved by God just as you are'. Frequently today worth is linked to what we have, or do, or the labels others attach to us. Realising this message, I am discovering takes a lifetime – it is one thing to know it in our heads and quite another to know it in our hearts.

I look forward to becoming more involved with the community in Sawtry, sharing with you and learning from you as we journey together.



James





Huntingdonshire Local Group

Gardening With Wildlife in Mind on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm

lain Webb has been working with the Wildlife Trust in South Cambridgeshire, as both volunteer and employee, for over 25 years. Iain's talk will highlight how incredibly important gardens of any size are for local wildlife. He will also offer guidance on what steps can be taken to enhance the value of gardens even further.

Rivers, Catchments and Biodiversity; Anglian Water's Environment Plan on Wednesday 9 November at 7.30pm

Chris Gerrard worked for the Wildlife Trust for many years before joining Anglian Water as their Catchment and Biodiversity Manager. Chris will tell us about Anglian Water's biodiversity work and their planned investment to enhance the environment.

Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, PE28 4TB - Admission charge £3.50. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809 or george.cottam@virginmedia.com.

Everyone is most welcome to attend

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SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

A new season started for our society in Mid-July at Wyboston Lakes, it turned out to be a very high scoring day with all the top five scoring 40 points or more but coming out as the day's winner was Doug White on 44 points, one ahead of the much-improved Dave Barlow who in turn was a point ahead of former captain Nick Bussey.

In August we played our first major of the season, The Wooden Man Trophy which is a stokeplay competition where all shots count, we played this round at Rutland Water, which is quite a challenging course. The winner was Conner Wilkinson who scored a net 68, three shots ahead of our new Captain AJ Longford, with Steve Reader third on net

In September after holding a minutes silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth, we played a pairs competition at Elton Furze, this game is the field vs our Captain and Vice-Captain, it's scored on Stapleford points, any pair scoring less than the Captain & Vice Captain contribute to our charity, which this year *Membership is only £15 for the year,* is in memory of Gail Littlefair, if they score more, then the Captains have if you are interested contact us on to contribute. It turned out to be a very expensive day for our Captains as they came stone cold last on the day, but the main reason of the day was to gain funds for our charity which was well achieved.

Sawtry Golf Society accommodate local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf

our Facebook page or rina our secretary

Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632





SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

September marks the end of our outdoor playing season and provides us with the opportunity to reflect on our teams' performances over the season.

2022 has been a hugely successful year for the Club, having continued to expand the Junior Cricket offering to include teams at under 13, Under 11, Under 9 and Under 7, with all the teams doing Sawtry Cricket Club proud. In particular, the Under 13s achieved great success by winning the Hunts

Cricket League 8-a-side North competition, as well as competing well in the 11-a-side competition too. Congratulations to all the Under 13 players for their achievements.

Seven of those players had opportunities to represent our Senior Teams this season and have shown great potential in stepping up to this level, providing our Club with great hopes for the future. By the time this article goes to print, they will have closed the season with a 45 over Development Team friendly against Eaton Socon. Fingers crossed we have a winning end to the season!

Our Saturday Senior Team also had a positive season, despite falling away slightly towards the end - ending just short of gaining promotion back into Hunts League Division 1. Quite a few new players joined this season, but the performances of Hayden Bream and James Wiltshire - who finished top of the League batting and bowling performance tables respectively - were a real highlight in the season.

We now have over 50 Junior players in the Club, but would love to welcome new members to our winter training programme, starting at Sawtry Academy Leisure on Sunday mornings, after the half-term break.

We will also be looking to step up our Senior training programme moving into the New Year. Please keep up to date with our events and timings by visiting our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, @sawtrycricket.

Lastly, we would like to thank our sponsors, for their support this season. The support offered by Bohemia (Alconbury Weald), Angel Spice (Stilton), Sawtry Social Club, as well as Blondie and Pete Blackburn, has been invaluable to our Cricket Club and we very much appreciate the support you have provided to us in these difficult times!

For any queries, contact John Dudley -Tel No. 07943 526379 or email sawtrycc@yahoo.com



SAWTRY CHORALE

It's great to be back in the swing of things for the forthcoming Christmas period. I know that that sounds a little bit premature, but as you know Sawtry Chorale have just returned from our summer break and now our rehearsals for Christmas start in earnest.

This year we are really pleased to tell you that we will be performing at All Saints' Church Sawtry on Friday 2 December at 19:30. This is very exciting because we haven't been in

Sawtry for a while, we look forward to seeing our faithful friends and some new ones also, we hope!

Our second concert this year is at a new venue, St Andrews Church, Alwalton Friday 9 December at 19:30. If you can't manage to see us in Sawtry, you are welcome in Alwalton if you can get there.

We are pleased to say that we have some new members since last year and we are happy to see the choir swell again after such a difficult period over the past few years. As you know, the pandemic has seen choirs lose valuable members through illness and some choirs have not restarted due to a lack of singers.

Whilst Sawtry Chorale has seen some members not returning, we have been fortunate to retain enough support across the choir to continue as a viable group. If your choir has recently disbanded or you are new to the area, we are always looking for new members please come along and 'try us out'. Previous singing experience is necessary due to the level of music that we now perform within our repertoire. We meet every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry from 19:45 – 21:30.

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

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

For more information, please call 07870 248897 or visit www.sawtry.chorale.co.uk



SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, we come to the end of another season, and the hard work begins to put the Green to bed until next Spring. This year's weather conditions have taken a toll, and some hard work is needed to turn the Green back into being one of the best in the area.

However, whilst the Green did not fair too well, the bowling did. In the last edition mention was made of a number of qualifiers for the National Championships at Skeggy and Learnington Spa. And didn't they do well.

Whilst Malcolm Scott and Derek Deller waited all week to play, they lost in a tight game in the first round. Our triple of Matt and Sam Nickerson, and Toby Furzeland made it all the way to the semi-final, where they lost on the last end to a strong team from Suffolk. Emma Gardiner also reached the semi-final in her Champion of Champions. Toby faired one better in his Champion of Champions, and Under 25 singles, but unfortunately lost in both finals. However, both Toby and Emma went on to win their other event to become EBF National Mixed Pairs Champions. Well done to Emma and Toby and all the other qualifiers, and those from near and far that supported them.

Toby then rocked up to Leamington where he played in the Junior Singles of the Bowls England National Finals. Having won all three games on the first day, Toby narrowly missed out in his quarter- final. However, getting to the last 8 of bowlers from around the country is no mean achievement.

Someone recently reminded me that Toby started to play in our coaching sessions at the age of 9, and now look at the player he is. Sam and Matt Nickerson also started to play through these sessions, as have a number of our junior members, who have gone on to win Club Competitions, as detailed below this season. Emma started to play after watching her children in these sessions — and caught the bug big time. We continue to run these sessions on a Wednesday after school during the season, and our thanks go to Nib Bowkis (a newish member in his own right) for making the time to run these sessions, helped by a couple of others when possible.

So, onto this year's Club Competition winners (those with a * came through our junior sessions):

Ladies' 4 Wood Singles	Emma Gardiner
Men's 4 Wood Singles	Toby Furzeland *
Ladies' 2 Wood Singles	Maddy Leader *
Men's 2 Wood Singles	Thomas Whitaker *
Over 60's Singles	John Gunnell
Open 4 Wood Singles	Matt Nickerson *
Carpet Bowls Singles	Leo Pitcher *
U18's Singles	Alfie Gardiner *

John Gunnell
Karen Leader
Lewis Lawman * and Toby Furzeland *
Karen Leader and James Bowers
Nib Bowkis and Sam Nickerson *
Roger Albone and Malcolm Scott
Samuel Bate *, Hugh Nimmo and Malcolm Scott

Well done to the winners, and commiserations to the runners-up. See you all on 19 November to pick up your trophies. In team events, our Ladies Maroon team narrowly missed out on winning their league, and the Over 60s A team missed out by one point on gaining promotion. However, the men won the Tatman Cup (organised by another local club) for the

second year running, and we also won the Sykes Vase – a competition we run, which other clubs compete in as well.

My personal thanks to everyone for their support this year, and it's always nice to welcome new and enthusiastic members. We look forward to seeing members at our out of season events, and hope everyone has a good winter.

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

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

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

Or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'



Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072

Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers & Y.L) - 07342 046564 / 07704 875881

Village Groups

Sawtry Camera Club - 07494 067666

Sawtry Chorale - 07870 248897

Sawtry Gardening Club - 07598 431308

Sawtry History Society - 07584 501534

Sawtry Motorcycle Club - 834190

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

Sport Clubs

Merton Kenpo Academy I MKA - 07753 228439

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740

Sawtry Colts - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk

Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Fishing Club - 07436 016188

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 830581

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 07732 805103

Sawtry Tang Soo Do (Karate) - 07783 674797

Sawtry Walking Group - 832407

Sawtry Walk To Run - 07861 740040

Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough - 01733 230464

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School - 01487 833010 / 07483 942826

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies - 0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

Other Services

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre - 0345 045 5225

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon - 0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740

Sawtry Social Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797

Sawtry WI Hall - 07763 438409

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

CARESCO

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

Community Support - 07873 187843

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487

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